

## US CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Catholic marriages are down 55% since 1990
- Baptisms went from 986,000 to 694,000 (-30%)
- 1 in 5 children baptized do not receive 1<sup>st</sup> communion
- 2 in 5 children baptized are not confirmed
- 85% of children confirmed stop practicing their faith by age 21
- Millennials are less religious than preceding generations

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

- **27% Decline in Mass attendance:** 150,000+ fewer people attend Mass each Sunday compared to 20 years ago.
- **Significant population shifts:** Areas of Chicago that were once predominantly Catholic with a parish for each ethnic group now have fewer people and fewer Catholics but often the same number of facilities as in the past.
- **Fewer priests to serve our communities:** More than 160 priests will reach retirement age in the next decade with fewer priests being ordained per year (5-6 in each of the past two years) to replace them.
- **An aging infrastructure:** Many parishes are **significantly under-investing** in building repairs, leading to challenges with building upkeep that take time and resources away from ministry.
- **Insufficient resources to invest in ministry:** Over 40% of parishes in the archdiocese do not have a full-time staff member dedicated to ministry except for the priest.

**OUR PARISH GROUPING-** St. Agnes Parish and School (Chicago Heights), St. Ann Parish and School (Lansing), St. Irenaeus Parish (Park Forest), St. James Parish (Sauk Village), St. John Parish (Glenwood), St. Kieran Parish (Chicago Heights), St. Lawrence O’Toole Parish (Matteson), St. Paul Parish (Chicago Heights)

### Local Area Demographic Notes

- In the geographic area covered by the eight parishes, total population grew 2.4% between the 2000 Census and 2010 Census and declined ~3% since 2010. If St. Lawrence O’Toole’s territory were excluded from the numbers, total population declined ~3% between 2000 and 2010, and an additional 3.4% since 2010.
- In the territory covered by St. Kieran, total population declined <1% between 2000 and 2010 and an additional 3.3% since 2010.
- The racial / ethnic composition of the total area is estimated to reflect:

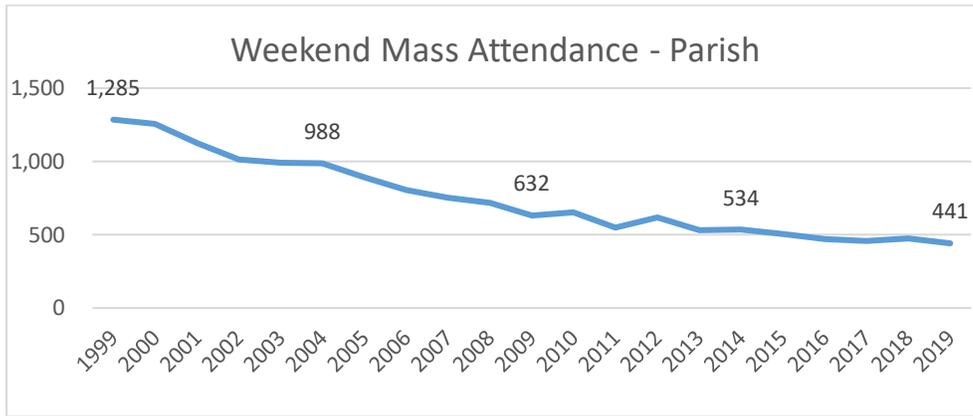
Race / ethnicity	Total Grouping Area	St. Kieran territory
White Alone	38%	47%
Black Alone	50%	39%
Hispanic origin (any race)*	17%	18%

\*Note: The way demographic data is currently collected and reported counts Hispanic origin ethnicity in addition to race. I.e., someone of Hispanic Origin may also be counted within the three racial categories noted above. This is why totals may exceed 100%.

- Approximately 85% of local residents across the whole grouping speak only English. Within St. Kieran’s territory, approximately 83% of local residents speak only English. 12% speak Spanish and English well. ~1% speak Spanish and do not speak English well.
- The local area around St. Kieran is slightly older than the archdiocese as a whole. The average age in St. Kieran’s territory is 39.1. The average across the whole archdiocese is 37.1.



**ST. KIERAN PARISH**



- Parish Mass attendance:**
- As reported in the annual October Count, weekend Mass attendance is about 66% lower than in 1999 and 17% lower than 2014.
  - Average attendance by Mass in October 2019:
    - Sat 5pm: 147
    - 8am: 119
    - 10am: 175

*Sacraments and Funerals July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019*

	Parish	Median in diocese (2018-19)	Highest 25% in diocese (2018-19)
<b>Baptisms &lt; 7 yrs old</b>	9	46	81
<b>First Communion &lt; 18 yrs</b>	2	46	82
<b>Confirmations &lt; 18 yrs</b>	3	42	80
<b>Weddings</b>	3	8	15
<b>Funerals</b>	28	29	48

*Financial information*

- In Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019), Parish reported:
  - Sunday / Holy Day / Christmas / Easter collections of \$333,882
  - Inclusive of the collections noted above, \$407,563 of operating revenue, excluding any rent / lease income. Rent / lease income was an additional \$1,104.
- **Sunday collections are currently averaging XX% of pre Covid totals.**
- Parish had \$34,466 on deposit with the archdiocesan bank as of end February 2020 (pre Covid).
- As of end February 2020, parish had accumulated unpaid operating bills of \$481,323 for past church operations. The former school represents over \$950,000 of past debt.

*Facility information*

- A facilities assessment will be conducted by a firm contracted by the archdiocese. Their report will identify potential needs across the campus for the next seven years. The findings of that report will be shared as soon as possible.

Note: More information about the other parishes in our grouping will be shared as we evaluate scenarios at our next parish RMC conversation. This data sheet is intended to focus on the demographics of the grouping's shared territory and our individual parish's current situation to establish a baseline understanding of where we are.