



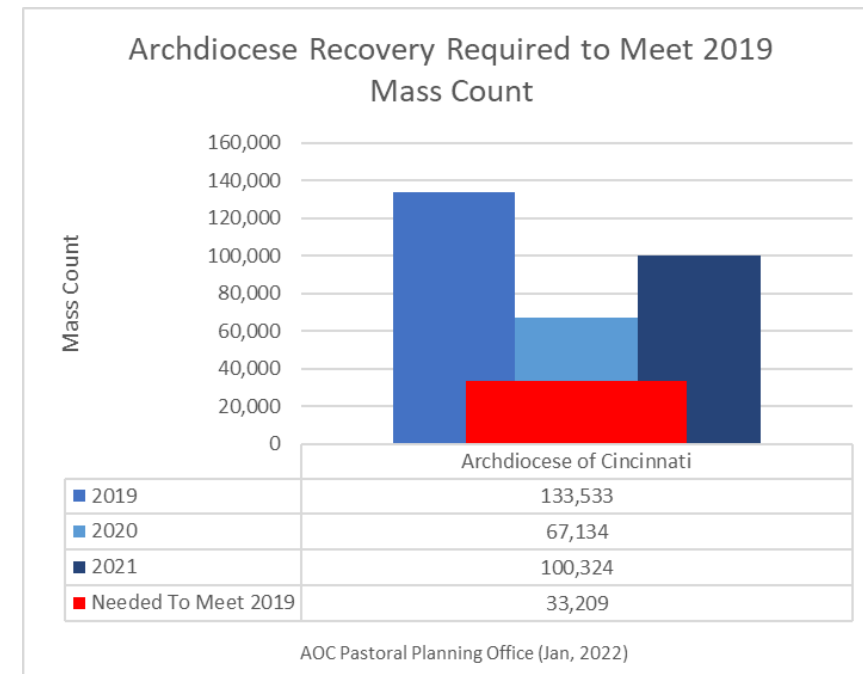
2021 Mass Counts, Parish Utilization, and Priest/Mass Ratio
Data Analysis

2021 Mass Count Data

In summary, the Archdiocese has seen in 2021 a 50% increase in Mass attendance from last year (2020). In 2020, because of COVID restrictions we declined to about half of our 2019's numbers with only 67,134 attending in person in the month of Oct 2020. This year we saw an increase of about half (50%) of that number or 33,444 returning which brought us up to a total for 2021 of 100,324. Certainly, a significant number of people returning. Though this is a very positive message we should be cautious and remember that the 2021 numbers were counted in October before the Omicron variant hit.

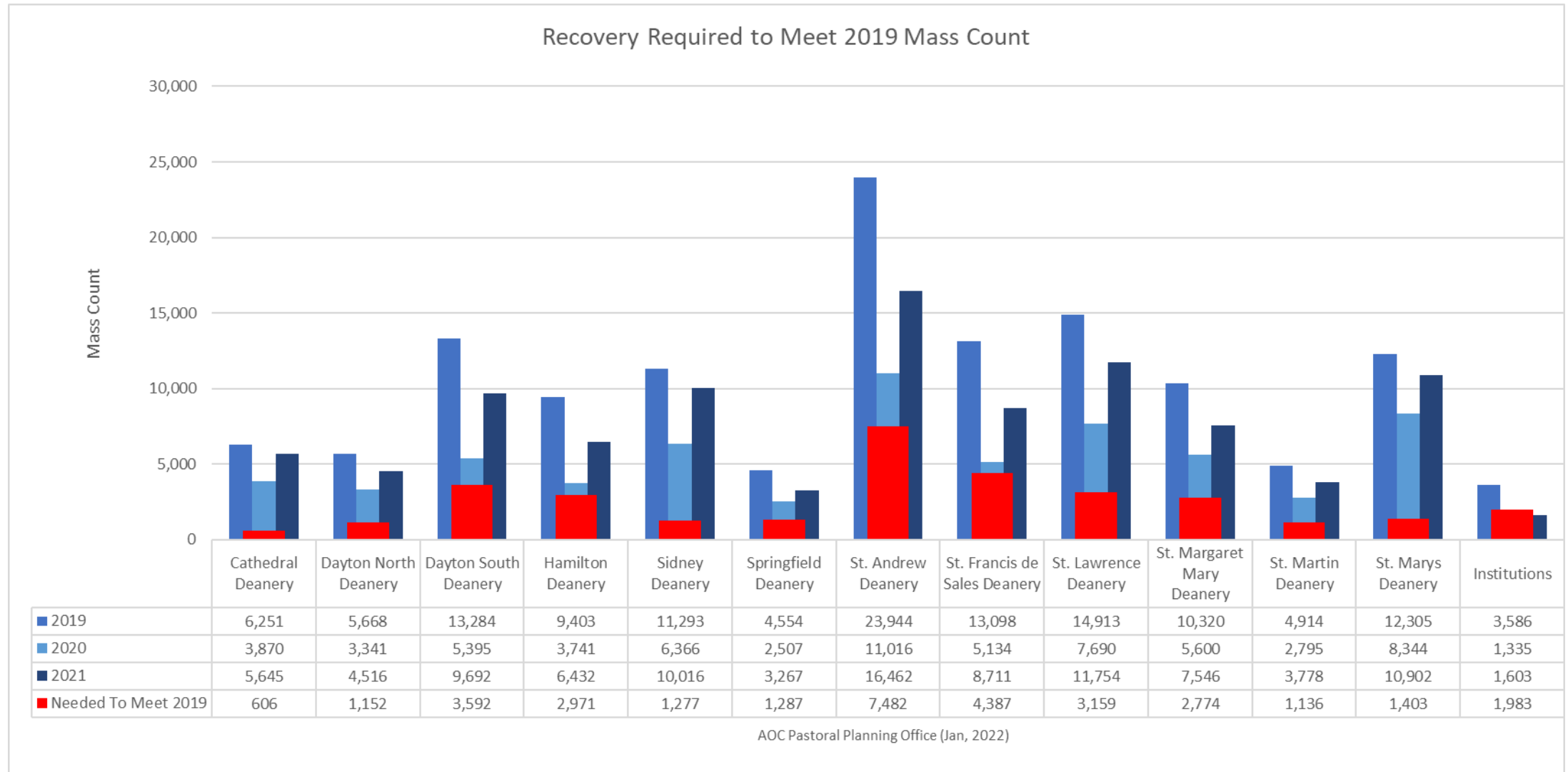
The question might be asked about how we stand in 2021 compared to 2019 or before COVID hit. Have we returned to our 2019 numbers? Between 2019 and 2021 we had a total decline of 32,955 in attendance or -25%. This is a staggering number compared to past years. Our 10-year average change has generally been -3% or -4500 people each year. Our losses since 2019 are equal to about 8 years' worth of decline in basically one year. The question then remains, will we see next years Mass count grow because of more people returning as we pass beyond COVID, or will we see the normal -3% decline as we have for the last 10 years since we may continue to face the same root issues that have encouraged people to leave in the first place.

Total Mass Counts by Deanery	2019	2020	2019-2020 Loss	2021	Needed To Meet 2019
Cathedral Deanery	6,251	3,870	2,381	5,645	606
Dayton North Deanery	5,668	3,341	2,327	4,516	1,152
Dayton South Deanery	13,284	5,395	7,889	9,692	3,592
Hamilton Deanery	9,403	3,741	5,662	6,432	2,971
Sidney Deanery	11,293	6,366	4,927	10,016	1,277
Springfield Deanery	4,554	2,507	2,047	3,267	1,287
St. Andrew Deanery	23,944	11,016	12,928	16,462	7,482
St. Francis de Sales Deanery	13,098	5,134	7,964	8,711	4,387
St. Lawrence Deanery	14,913	7,690	7,223	11,754	3,159
St. Margaret Mary Deanery	10,320	5,600	4,720	7,546	2,774
St. Martin Deanery	4,914	2,795	2,119	3,778	1,136
St. Marys Deanery	12,305	8,344	3,961	10,902	1,403
Institutions	3,586	1,335	2,251	1,603	1,983
Archdiocese of Cincinnati	133,533	67,134	66,399	100,324	33,209



2021 Mass Count Data

Below is how the total of 33,209 parishioners required to return to 2019 counts would be split out by deanery. The total needed for some of the individual deaneries/regions exceeds what we normally lose annually (4,500) for the whole Archdiocese.



Parish Utilization

Parish utilization is calculated by dividing the 2021 Oct Count into the sum of the facility capacity times the number of Masses provided on a weekend. Current worship guidelines suggest that when utilization drops below 50% a review should be done to determine if a reduction in the Mass schedule is required. Across our Archdiocese we currently providing 561 Masses.

If we provide some flexibility regarding the 50% rule and only highlight those parishes that have a utilization of 40% or less, we still have 138 or 66% of our parishes providing Masses well below 40% utilization and even as low as 4.4%. 49 or 24% of our parishes have less than 20% utilization. The numbers are only worse if we use 50% as our bar. Also, if we remove any parish that is currently providing only 1 Mass on the weekend from the 138 number this still leaves us with 128 parishes and opportunities to reduce the overall number of Masses. All of the 128 parishes could certainly reduce by 1 Mass but there are many that could reduce by even more to bring their utilization above 50% in 2022.

One thing to consider is this is not primarily a result of COVID. Yes, COVID has impacted utilization because it has impacted the base October Counts, but we have had similar utilization issues for the last few years and certainly before COVID ever hit. Addressing utilization and reducing the Mass schedule is something the current pastor could review and work on prior to July. It is also a critical element of reducing the demand on our priests.

% Util	# Parishes	% Total Parishes
0%-9.9%	6	2.9%
10%-19.9%	43	20.7%
20%-29.9%	55	26.4%
30%-39.9%	34	16.3%
40%-49.9%	29	13.9%
50%-59.9%	13	6.3%
60%-69.9%	8	3.8%
70%-79.9%	9	4.3%
80%-89.9%	7	3.4%
90%-100%	4	1.9%

Deanery	# Parishes Below 40% Utilization	# Parishes to Remove 1 Mass (If Parish has 2 or more)
Northwest A	2	2
Northwest B	8	7
Northeast A	22	20
Northeast B	18	15
Central A	7	7
Central B	5	5
Southwest A	6	6
Southwest B	15	15
South A	17	15
South B	21	20
Southeast A	12	12
Southeast B	5	4
Total	138	128

Priest/Mass Ratio

The priest to Mass ratio is a simple comparison of the number of projected priests to be assigned (pastor and parochial vicar) who each, as a max, could do 3 weekend Masses and the total number of Masses currently reported by each parish in the Family. This allows us to see situations prior to July 1, 2022 ranging from a green state where we have the appropriate number of priests assigned to a red state which indicates that there is more work than simply reducing Masses and adding priests.

Here is a legend for the coloring below:

- Those in dark green have enough priests to meet the current number of Masses for the Family.
- Those in light green will need to reduce a Mass in each parish that has a utilization below 40% and where the parish has more than 1 Mass.
- Those in yellow will not only need to reduce the appropriate Masses below 40% but also may need assistance from weekend help or a retired priest.
- Those in red will need special attention to resolve the issue. They may need another priest or significant Mass rescheduling or both.

Priest/Mass Ratio	# Families	# Parishes Involved	% Total Families
No Issue	17	45	29.8%
Need Mass Reduction	21	78	36.8%
Need Reduction and Weekend/Retired Priest	15	65	26.3%
Significant Issue	4	20	7.0%

Priest/Mass Ratio by Deanery

Deanery	Families-No Issue	# Parishes	Families-Need Mass Reduction	# Parishes	Families-Need Reduction and Weekend /Retired Priest	# Parishes	Families-Significant Issue	# Parishes
Northwest A	1	7	1	5	1	5	1	8
Northwest B	0	0	0	0	4	20	0	0
Northeast A	3	10	2	7	2	7	0	0
Northeast B	0	0	2	10	2	12	0	0
Central A	2	7	1	5	0	0	0	0
Central B	1	1	2	3	1	2	0	0
Southwest A	1	3	1	1	1	4	0	0
Southwest B	1	1	2	7	1	5	1	5
South A	4	7	3	13	0	0	1	5
South B	3	7	3	11	2	6	0	0
Southeast A	1	2	2	7	1	4	0	0
Southeast B	0	0	2	9	0	0	1	2
	17	45	21	78	15	65	4	20