

**Dean's Report: Indianapolis Deanery**

I became Dean on July 1, and since that time we have not held any Deanery meetings. I have been working with St. John the Forerunner parish in Indianapolis as they transition from having Fr. Joseph Gibson be their priest to having him become the assistant priest with Fr. Zachariah Trent now the assigned rector of the parish. No other deanery business to report at this moment.

Respectfully,

Fr. Ted Bobosh, Dean

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>St. Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox Church</b> <b>802 Whitlock Ave.</b> <b>Crawfordsville, IN 47933</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Rev. Joel Weir, Rector	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council, Children of Thunder (Youth Group), Church School, Beautification/Garden Committee, Burial Society (joint society with Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church (ACROD)).	
<b>Since October 2012</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p><b>Reception of New Converts/Catechumens</b> St. Stephens was blessed to receive seven new converts to the Orthodox faith, as well as three new catechumens and regular visitors/inquirers.</p> <p><b>Lenten Speakers Series</b> This year we focused on the theme of Matthew 25 - Getting to know where the need is in our neighborhood and community, and where opportunities are to serve. We invited in speakers from our greater community with volunteer and work experience in foster care, youth mentoring, substance abuse counseling, and other local charity organizations. The series opened the doors to many volunteer opportunities for parishioners, as well as sharpening our focus on what kinds of outreach and event we want to do as a parish to reach out to those in need in our community.</p> <p><b>Near Completion of St. Maria House</b> This year we continued work on the St. Maria House, which will be dedicated as a hub for youth and young adult ministries as well as outreach events. The House was funded by a Parish Health Grant from the Diocese of the Midwest. Progress has been steady, relying on volunteer work by parishioners, including members of the youth group, and supervised/headed-up with the generous donation of time from Jewell and Jay Jeffries of Roachdale Building Supply. In September we had our first event, a "Back to School Cookout" which utilized the front porch "stage" of the House.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>St. Stephens has an ongoing donation/contribution to the local food pantry (F.I.S.H.) Fr. Joel is connected to a local/regional network of charitable organizations which communicates need and services of various churches/organizations. St. Stephens supports and refers needs that come to our attention to this network. We also support several outreach activities headed up by parishioners, including Achaius Ranch, a horse rescue youth ministry. Beginning in October, our Youth Group and older Church School class will be doing outreach ministry twice a month to our neighborhood nursing home. We also host a monthly "open stage" night for music and poetry readings, which is advertised in the community. We host occasional "cookouts" and public events for the neighborhood. In October, we will begin a monthly molieben service for healing and anointing of those suffering from cancer and other serious or chronic illnesses.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>If St. Stephens continues to grow we will soon face space issues, especially with our fellowship hall. We are currently investigating what, if any, obstacles we would face in the future for parking lot/building expansion on our current property, even though there are no plans to expand until we have paid off our current mortgage.</p> <p>The other challenge is finding and maintaining the balance between the desire to engage in more outreach in our community and increase activities at the parish and the realistic limitations of time/energy/work and family obligations of parishioners.</p>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014</b>	
<p>October 12-13 – Visit from Bishop Gregory (ACROD) to Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Crawfordsville. St. Stephens will be present to welcome the bishop of our sister parish here in town. We will also join with the prayers of consecration of a new cemetery at Holy Transfiguration, which St. Stephens is partnering in developing and maintaining.</p> <p>St. Nicholas Family Game Night – date tba. We will be hosting a game night near the feast of St. Nicholas. We will be inviting foster family and mentor program participants to join us for this event.</p> <p>Lenten Speaker Series – date/subject tba.</p> <p>Official Opening of St. Maria House – We hope to officially open St. Maria House, most likely in the early spring of 2014.</p>	

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	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>			36
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>			40
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>			35
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>			15
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>			3
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>			3
<b>Funerals</b>			0
<b>Marriages</b>			0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			7
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>			15
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>			10

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<b>St. Paul the Apostle</b> <b>4451 Wagner Road, Dayton, OH 45440</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
V. Rev. Theodore Bobosh Dn. Stephan Gresh	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<b>Since October 2012</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
Parish hosted a series on the Dead Sea Scrolls in December, 2012, led by Bishop Alexander and Fr. Silviu Bunta, followed by a parish bus trip to visit the exhibit at the Natural History Museum in Cincinnati. Parish hosted a scripture workshop led by Fr. Elijah Mueller and Sarah Hosted a mission team to Project Mexico.	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Parish budgets \$1200/month to be given to charity and supports other special charity needs as well. Serves lunch at St. Vincent de Pauls. Hosts an Angel tree and other charities at Christmas. Does occasional food or clothing drives.	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
Need more classroom space, parking spaces, more volunteers to work in the church school	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014</b>	
Planning an Orthodox Marriage Enrichment Weekend	

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<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>			130
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>			120
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>			100
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>			10
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>			7
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>			9
<b>Funerals</b>			4
<b>Marriages</b>			1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			5
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>			43
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>			20

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<b>St John the Forerunner Orthodox Church</b> <b>1421-27 Blaine Ave.</b> <b>Indianapolis, IN 46221</b>														
Clergy														
Rev. Fr. Zachariah Trent – Acting Rector Rev. Fr. Joseph Gibson – Associate Priest Rev. Fr. David Maroney - Attached														
Committees/Societies														
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Since October 2012														
Highlights of Top Three Activities														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vacation Bible School lasting one week attend by 20 children</li> <li>- Reception at parishioner's home for 7 new members</li> <li>- Two more parishioners preparing to go into a mission field in Mongolia</li> </ul>														
Outreach and Charitable Activities														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support of neighborhood food pantry</li> <li>- Festal offerings given to local charities and to World Vision</li> <li>- Financial and prayer support for missionaries</li> </ul>														
Major Challenges Faced														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transition to new acting rector</li> </ul>														
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completion of 2009 capital campaign for new temple</li> <li>- Demolition of old Church building</li> <li>- Beginning a new capital campaign to build the parish hall</li> </ul>														

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<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>			107
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>			70
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>			65
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>			12
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>			2
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>			3
<b>Funerals</b>			0
<b>Marriages</b>			0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			6
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>			17
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>			N/A

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<b>St Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church</b> <b>914 W. Taylor St.</b> <b>Kokomo, IN 46901</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Rev. Philip Vernon Lashbrook Deacon Raphael Gary Fadil	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Building Committee Hospitality Committee Church School Committee	
<b>Since October 2012</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
Hayne's Apperson Festival – St Thomas booth Harvest Party at the Hartman's Farm Lenten Retreat held by Fr. Joel Weir	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Prison ministry at Miami Correctional Facility Relay for Life	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
High unemployment	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014</b>	



	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>			21
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>			33
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>			28
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>			9
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>			
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>			1
<b>Funerals</b>			
<b>Marriages</b>			
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>			4
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>			9

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<b>ST STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR MISSION</b> <b>3560 SHAWNEE ROAD</b> <b>LIMA OH 45806</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
FR MARK HODGES, PRIEST IN CHARGE	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
OCF (being started) at ONU NURSING HOME VISITATION YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUNDS COMMITTEE GREETERS MINISTRY INTERCESSOR MINISTRY HOLY BREAD / WINE / HOSPITALITY / INTERIOR CLEANING MINISTRIES	
<b>Since October 2012</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
<p>(besides Pascha and a major Wedding)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ANNUAL CONFERENCE: "From Pornography to Purity" WITH DR. ALBERT ROSSI – very good local press coverage; anticipate helping many (it's this weekend).</li> <li>2. "TARGET SUNDAY" NAMEDAY FESTIVAL / WHITE ELEPHANT SALE (to benefit our campers) – every member tried to bring at least one person to church (we had 68, which is the most attendance we've ever had for a non-hierarchical and non-Paschal Sunday liturgy); lots of music, dancing, food, etc. at the largest park pavilion in Lima. Very successful.</li> <li>3. AFTER TRYING FOR A DECADE, WE HAVE A STUDENT WHO IS EAGER AND DEDICATED TO STARTING AN O.C.F. BRANCH AT OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY. I HAVE CONTACTED AND GOTTEN THREE WILLING FACULTY SUPERVISORS, AND SHE IS FILLING OUT THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK WITH O.N.U.</li> </ol>	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Target Sunday, Nursing Home monthly visitation, Cookie Walk, Chicken Dinner cookout fundraiser, charity basket brings food to needy regularly, charity drive for local thrift shop (for needy), close involvement with four area clergy groups, leadership in National Day of Prayer, led Prolife Memorial 2013, two articles in The Lima News, clergy prayer (shared monthly) at St Stephen's, led group to March For Life in Washington D.C., etc.	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
<p>This year more than any in the past five years, we have been financially challenged. Though we've added wonderful members, we have many handicapped members, or on disability, or out of work, or on welfare. The scandal of the past year negatively influenced two households, and though they are both now back (part time), we have yet to receive their usual giving. We have gotten way behind on our assessments, and after repeatedly discussing it in council and to the congregation as a whole, we had a special collection to help begin to pay what we owe, and the people coordinated a chicken dinner barbeque fundraiser to help pay assessments. These did not garner as much as we hoped (the chicken dinner was a wonderful success for the people coming together and working for a common cause, but two other groups had chicken dinner cookout sales, one less than a block away in a busy intersection and the other at the biggest Protestant</p>	

“church” only a few blocks in the other direction).

A second challenge is our mid-week service: we’ve tried many things, and can’t seem to get folks to come. Our latest attempt was a Bible Study, but again only one person came.

**Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014**

WE HAVE APPLIED TO AND HOPE TO HOST THE 2014 ANCIENT CHRISTIANITY CONFERENCE, PUT ON BY FR. MOSES AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST MOSES THE BLACK. TO THAT END, WE ARE CONTACTING ALL AREA BLACK PASTORS (most are my friends for many years) AND COORDINATING.

	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Supporting ??? (you mean adult members, or just count those who give money?) Membership Count</b>			<b>28 adults (not all give), 13 children</b>
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>			<b>39</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>			<b>20 adults, 13 children</b>
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>			<b>13</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>			<b>4</b>
	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2011</b>	<b>Reported for Calendar Year 2012</b>	<b>January 1 thru September 1, 2013</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>			<b>2 adult baptisms, 2 adult chrismations, 4 children baptized</b>
<b>Funerals</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>Marriages</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			<b>Just the 2 adult chrismations</b>

<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>			<b>4</b>
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>			<b>4</b>