

CHICAGO DEANERY REPORT – DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY, OCTOBER, 2014
Archpriest Thomas Mueller, Dean

TRANSITIONS

Father Peter Bodnar retired in June, creating a vacancy at Protection of the Virgin Mary in Merrillville, IN. Father Fred Janecek has served continuously as a supply priest on Saturdays and Sundays since that time. We are still seeking a permanent rector for the parish. Father Myron Manzuk retired as well, completing his service at St Panteleimon in Summit, IL. at the end of July. Father Andrew Bartek transferred from St Nicholas in Joliet, IL. to St. Panteleimon effective August 1st. This leaves a vacancy at St Nicholas, where Fr. Luke Nelson has been serving regularly since July. We are very grateful to both of these supply priests for the excellent service they have rendered, traveling very long distances each week to provide pastoral care for the Merrillville and Joliet parishes. Fr Luke also provides continual in-home care for his wife who is in poor health. Please remember Matushka Miriam in prayer, as well as those who been widowed in recent years, Matushka Vera Mironowicz and Fr John Kuchta. I know from experience how grievous and unrelenting this experience is.

We thank Fr Peter Bodnar and Fr Myron Manzuk for their long and dedicated service and pray that God grant them and their families “Many Years”!

LENTEN VESPER

The homily theme for the Sunday Vespers was “Death in the Gospel.” Homilists were Reader Daniel Manzuk, and Fathers John Adamcio, Maximus Cabey, Fred Janecek, and Thomas Mueller. The services and fellowship meals were hosted by St. Luke in Palos Hills, Holy Resurrection in Palatine, St Joseph in Wheaton, SS Cyril & Methodius in Milwaukee, and Holy Trinity Cathedral. We continue to keep the local tradition of Sunday Lenten services, which help to foster a bond of mutual love and support among our parishes, and we stress the importance of broad participation in them.

DEANERY MEETINGS

These take place on a bimonthly basis from September through June at various parishes. They include discussion of the lessons for the coming Sunday and a sharing of ideas on some issue or topic of concern as well as a 45 minute review of current business, concluding with lunch. Again we stress the importance of this presbyteral fellowship and seeking common cause rather than parochial introversion

YOUTH CAMPS

Once again we sponsored winter and summer camps at the excellent Edwards YMCA Camp facility near East Troy in Southeastern Wisconsin. Both camp periods included a Sunday, and so we bussed to Holy Theophany Chapel at William's Bay (Lake Geneva) for Liturgy and lunch, provided by the Chapel. Holy Theophany also paid for a boat cruise of Geneva Lake for our summer campers. The camps afford a wide range of outdoor activities (swimming, boating, 'banana boat', tower climbing, ropes course, campfires, tube slide in summer and winter, archery, hiking, marsh walk, nature museum, arts and crafts, skiing, sledding, and skating); we provide services, prayer, and religious education. This summer we broke up into small - groups based on age - to study, think about, and discuss one of four different Gospel events. Each group then produced art representing their Gospel account (which will be on display at our Lenten Vespers services) and made an interpretative presentation to the whole group incorporating those art materials. Parishes sending youth included those in Wheaton, Milwaukee, Kenosha, Joliet, Burr Ridge, and Chicago (St. Macarius, Holy Trinity, Christ the Savior). We thank our counselors: Pat Labun, Helen Metanchuk, Julia Pietrowski (St Joseph); & Adela Raicu, Fr Tom Mueller, Daria Mueller, Andy Haug, Brandon Redmann, and Protodeacon George Potym (SS Cyril & Methodius) for their work devotion, and care. We also thank Holy Theophany Chapel for hosting us, providing meals and activities, and sponsoring campers financially. The camps are under the direction of the dean.

SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Deanery continues to provide small scholarships to deanery seminary students.

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Archangel Michael Orthodox Church 8301 S. LeClaire Ave. (5037 W. 83rd Street – Rectory) Burbank, IL 60459	
Clergy	
Priest Gregory Bruner – Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Choir Altar Servers Readers “O” Club/Jr. “O” Club	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1. Participated in the annual Quad-Parish Picnic. 2. Held a very successful rummage sale that not only contributed greatly to the general fund, but also brought many in the neighborhood to our front door. In truth the primary purpose was to show people where we are. 3. Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social – Held Annually after the Dormition Fast (8/17 this year), we had a wonderful turnout from the neighboring parishes.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
1. Donations are regularly made to the local food pantry. 2. Grocery cards are on hand to give to those looking for help buying food. 3. Assembled IOCC Hygiene Kits as joint project with St. Panteleimon Church. 4. Fr. Gregory attempts to be visible in the community whenever possible.	
Major Challenges Faced	
1. With 3 OCA churches, as well as 5 other canonical Orthodox Churches (3 GOA, 1 AOCA, 1 UOC), in the immediate vicinity, the mission field is somewhat saturated. We are in the process of determining what makes our parish stand out from our neighbors. 2. Overcoming invisibility in the community. Many who live in the immediate area have no idea our parish exists even though it has been in its current location for over 30 years. 3. An aging parish population.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
1. 105th Anniversary of the Parish 2. Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social – August 2015 (Sunday after Dormition)	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		35	30
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		45	30
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		30	26
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		4	1
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		1	2
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		N/A	N/A

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Peter & St. Paul Orthodox Church 6980 S. County Line Road Burr Ridge, IL. 60527 630-323-3525 www.stpeterandstpaulorthodoxchurch.com	
Clergy	
Rev. Herman Kincaid, Rector Rev. Dn. John Kornafel, Parish Deacon	
Committees/Societies	
FOCA Chapter 96, Outreach & Evangelism, Charity, Property, Capital Improvements, Community, Education, Women's Fellowship Group, Children's Choir, Greeters, Maintenance, Altar, Church Beautification Crew	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Bell Tower Restoration Project Annual Fr. Stephen Karaffa Golf Tournament, August 2014 Annual Christmas Youth Play/Yolka (December)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
+Archbishop JOB Seminarian Scholarship Fund – Full seminary scholarship (tuition & board) for Alex Koranda. Monthly Charity Collections Monthly Married Student Seminarian support at St. Tikhon's (\$250 monthly) Weekly support of West Suburban Food Pantry Monthly Healing Service Quarterly Evangelism, Outreach & Parish Stewardship (EOPS) Newsletter Annual Holiday Cookie Sale	
Major Challenges Faced	
Our bell tower restoration project as well as capital improvements/maintenance. Inspiring our members to combat their worldly schedules in order to grow closer to Christ in prayer and worship.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
St. Philip's Fast/Pre-Advent Family Potluck, November 8, 2013 Annual Holiday Cookie Sale, December 13, 2013 Annual Godparent/Godchild Blessing & Luncheon, January 2014 Annual Parish Meeting, February 2014 Annual Parish Picnic/Kermesh, July 2014 Annual Fr. Stephen Karaffa Golf Tournament, August 22, 2014	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		160	125
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		135	115
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		85	75
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		20	15
Number of Catechumens		3	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	2
Funerals		4	4
Marriages		2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		65	58
Adult Education/Number Participating		20	20

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St Elizabeth the New Martyr Orthodox Church location: 545 W Indiana Ave, Chesterton, IN 46304 mailing: 438 S 3rd St, Chesterton, IN 46304	
Clergy	
Fr William Bass	
Committees/Societies	
Charitable Deeds Committee	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Participation in our town's "Hometown Christmas" Celebration - fund raising committee hosted booth of ethnic baked items; exposure & interreaction with community & fund raising, parish information/flyers given out. Began holding Sat eve Vespers at local nursing home (Addison Pointe) once a month during the summer. Plan is to continue monthly throughout the year.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Westchestert Food Pantry	
Major Challenges Faced	
Reparis/refurbishing of basement to allow for adequate classrooms for our Sunday School and a working kitchen. We do have some workers, but not needed finances at this time.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		28	27
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		31	30
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		22	22
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		7	6
Number of Catechumens		1	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	1
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		10	12
Adult Education/Number Participating		5	n/a

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Christ the Savior Church 927 N La Salle Dr Chicago, IL 60610	
Clergy	
Priest John Baker Deacon Theophan Warren	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council St Juliana's Ladies Group Choir Greeter Ministry Sunshine Ministry Property Management & Maintenance Ministry	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1. On May 2-4, we were blessed by the visit of the Miracle-working Icon of Saint Anna, brought here by Igumen Sergius, Abbot of Saint Tikhon's Monastery. Father Sergius gave a richly edifying retreat, the Akathistos was sung, a procession was made, and hundreds of parishioners and visitors were graced by venerating the blessed icon and by being anointed with precious myrrh from her. This was truly one of the most enriching and reinvigorating experiences in the life of our parish. 2. This past month, Father Theodore Jurewicz arrived to complete the Icon of Christ in Hades. This icon, the largest of all the work in the church, resides in the area which once was home to a large pipe organ. The icon was donated by faithful throughout the diocese in memory of Archbishop Job, who founded the parish in August 1997 and initiated the iconography project in November of 2008. While Archbishop Job lived only to see two of the icons adorn the temple, we look forward to the completion of the project in 2015 and give thanks to God for the continued support of the faithful of our parish and of the diocese as we continue to do our best to bring to fruition the vision that Archbishop Job had for Christ the Savior Church. 3. In conjunction with Ancient Faith Ministries, the Divine Liturgy will be streamed live on Ancient Faith Radio every Sunday, live from our parish, beginning October 5, 2014.	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
1. Continuing our commitment to build fellowship between our parish and the residents of the Little Village neighborhood, three major events took place since last year. First was a game night with the teens of the neighborhood. Next, we provided a Thanksgiving meal to residents of the neighborhood. More than 100 people gathered at St Agnes Catholic Church Hall, located in the neighborhood, to partake of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. While a meal was provided, fellowship and relationships were the theme of the evening with over 20 parishioners from our parish not only serving, but mingling, talking, and laughing with the residents of the neighborhood. Games were played with the teens and crafts were done with the children. The most powerful and moving experience, however, came in July as Father John and faithful from the parish participated in a march for peace in the Little Village neighborhood. Carrying icons, we processed for three hours through the gang ridden territories of Little Village and Pilsen neighborhoods singing hymns, reading from the Holy Gospels and offering prayers with residents. Many of the participants were mothers whose sons were murdered at the various sites along the path where we stopped to pray. At these sites, Father John offered words of encouragement to the suffering and called upon the bystanders along the route, many of them gang members, to end the bloodshed and to be a source of peace, not terror, to the community in which they live. Our presence at this march and the willingness to share in the suffering of the people gathered during this march was appreciated by the residents and furthered their trust in us as a parish community while making evident our dedication to the people of Little Village. 2. Annual Taqueria Festival Fundraiser to benefit the Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage in Guatemala. 3. A percentage of our operating budget continues to go to our “parish tithe.” Preference is given, but not limited to local recipients who this past year included: having water turned back on in a home for a single mother with two children; Providing funds for state ID and birth certificate to an ex-felon to help him obtain employment; paying a months rent for a woman who was facing eviction. 4. Active prison ministry at local federal prison, Metropolitan Correctional Facility. 5. Seminarian support for 3 parishioners attending St Tikhon’s Seminary.
Major Challenges Faced
1. Transient nature of living in Chicago. There are only 2 individuals from the parish who were at CTS 10 years ago. 2. Busy urban living affects participation in Feasts of Church. 3. Roughly 20% of parishioners carry 90% of operating budget. 4. Lack of parking. 5. Lack of meeting space for fellowship and church school. 6. Funds needed to purchase van or small bus to bring teens from Little Village to church.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
October–An evening with our Authors. Celebrating the publishing of two of our parishioners’ works. Possible consecration of new diocesan hierarch to be held at our parish. 5th Anniversary of Vacation Church School

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Supporting Membership Count		50	58
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		60	85
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		50	60
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		25	30
Number of Catechumens		11	9
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		7	5
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		3	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	3
Church School/Number Enrolled		24	32
Adult Education/Number Participating		Varies	Varies

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Holy Trinity Cathedral 1121 N. Leavitt St. Chicago, IL 60622	
Clergy	
Archpriest John S. Adamcio Deacon Thomas Keith	
Committees/Societies	
Sts. Martha and Mary Sisterhood St. John Kochurov Society	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Docents and Tours of the Cathedral Retreats (parishioners and Church School) Fundraising (dinners, sales, etc.)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Food collection for Onward House Peace Fellowship	
Major Challenges Faced	
Maintenance of Cathedral and hall Fund raising Attracting new members/supporting existing members	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
20 th Anniversary of St. John of Chicago glorification Arts and Craft Sale Cookie Walk Resale Extravaganza	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		97	100
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		85	85
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		70	72
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	10
Number of Catechumens		0	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	3
Funerals		2	3
Marriages		1	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		25	23
Adult Education/Number Participating		7	7

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ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL 917 N. WOOD STR. CHICAGO, IL 60622	
Clergy	
ARCHIM. VLADIMIR	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
CHURCH MADE TOTALLY ACCESSIBLE. INTERIOR REMODELING OF ENTIRE TEMPLE.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
SCHOOL SUPPORT OF ANSELMO AT ST. INNOCENT ORPHANAGE. MAJOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF A MAN FACING FORECLOSURE.	
Major Challenges Faced	
MONEY	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
CENTENNIAL – OCT. 2015	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count			55
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			50
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			8
Number of Catechumens			—
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms			4
Funerals			—
Marriages			—
Receptions into Orthodoxy			—
Church School/Number Enrolled			20
Adult Education/Number Participating			—

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St. Makarios the Great Orthodox Mission	
Clergy	
Priest Elijah Mueller	
Committees/Societies	
Charitable Outreach Mission Committee Choir	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Chrismation of Parishioner New Iconostasis	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Work at Su Casa Catholic worker house prisoner re-entry program	
Major Challenges Faced	
Need to find more permanent space. Growing in numbers, adding more parishioners. Continuing /figuring out more ways to reach university students. Keeping up fund raising	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
Preliminary talk of running a conference on Middle Eastern Orthodox communities. OCF activities planned.	

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Supporting Membership Count		~12	13
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		32+ during school year	32+ during school year
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		~22	~24
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		12+ during school year	10+ during school year
Number of Catechumens		2	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2	0
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		5	6
Adult Education/Number Participating		15	20+

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St. Matthew Orthodox Church 607 Ravenswood Drive Green Bay, WI 54302	
Clergy	
Fr. Maximus Cabey, Rector Dn. James Ellis	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
• Purchase of a new building, moving into it and having our first services there on may 17th, 2014 • The ordination of one of our parishioners to the diaconate on December 22nd 2013 • Fall/Nativity Parish Retreat led by Fr. Tom Mueller on November 9th, 2013- Fr. Tom gave our parishioner a heart felt and deeper insight into the mystery of death and the hope that we have as Orthodox Christians through Christ's own death and resurrection.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Wednesday evening Bible Study – draws several non-Orthodox Octoberfest fundraiser in Appleton- it gives us a chance to interact with thousands every year. We collect none perishable food items every week to be distributed to 2 area food pantries.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Continued growth Funding our new building. Funding outreach	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

The 33rd anniversary of parish's founding on November 16th 2014 – with dinner following Liturgy.

Lenten Retreat every Wednesday during Lent after celebration of the Liturgy of the Presanctified gifts (March 4th - April 1)

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		32	44
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		50	70
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		45	55
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		15	20
Number of Catechumens		1	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2	2
Funerals		1	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		3	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		6	15
Adult Education/Number Participating		30	60

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St. Nicholas Church 4313 18 th Ave Kenosha, WI 53140 www.stnickskenosha.org	
Clergy Rev. Stephen J. Hrycyniak, Rector V. Rev. Alexis W. Fedec, Rector Emeritus Rev. Basil Aden, Attached	
Committees/Societies St. Nicholas Brotherhood Holy Trinity Sisterhood Fellowship of St. Maria of Paris St. Nicholas Parish Council	
Since October 2013 Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1. Funded and Completed Handicapped Accessibility Project w/Help from NC Parish 2. Adopting Uniform Parish By-Laws, Incorporating, and Transferring Property Ownership 3. Completely Redesigned Parish Web Presence.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
1. Sandwich Sunday—we make 48 bag lunches once a month for a local shelter 2. Jesus Prayer Group—weekly communal practice, which draws folks from outside the parish. 3. Bradley Nassif Lecture about the Importance of a Personal Commitment to Christ	
Major Challenges Faced We still hover around breakeven financially with respect to our stewardship, and building maintenance and personnel costs may eventually outpace our stewardship.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		50	49
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		48	46
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		32	30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		7	8
Number of Catechumens		3 inquirers	3 inquirers
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	2
Funerals		5	2
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	1 Chrismation
Church School/Number Enrolled		13	15
Adult Education/Number Participating		8	10

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PROTECTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH 8600 GRAND BOULEVARD MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA 46410 219-947-4748 – CHURCH 219-947-5750 – PRIEST’S OFFICE	
Clergy	
OUR PARISH IS CURRENTLY VACANT, AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF FATHER PETER BODNAR. VERY REV. GEORGE HAVRILA, RETIRED HIEROMONK JOHN MERRICK, RETIRED BOTH OF THE ABOVE CLERGY ARE ELDERLY AND NOT IN THE BEST OF HEALTH. THEY ATTEND SERVICES AS THEIR HEALTH PERMITS.	
Committees/Societies	
PARISH COUNCIL MERRILLVILLE “O” CLUB ST. MARY’S CHOIR ST. MARY’S LADIES SODALITY	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
RETIREMENT OF FATHER PETER & CYNTHIA BODNAR.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
QUARTERLY OUR PARISH PARTICIPATES IN THE “FEED THE FLOCK” LOCAL PROGRAM OF PROVIDING SATURDAY LUNCHESES TO THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY. EVERYTHING IS TAKEN CARE OF BY PTVM, PREPARING THE FOOD, SETTING UP, CLEANING UP, SERVING, AND PAYING OF ALL EXPENSES. WE ALSO ASSIST THE WINFIELD FOOD PANTRY ON A MONTHLY BASIS BY PROVIDING NON PERISHABLE – CANNED AND BOXED GOODS FOR THE NEEDY.	

Major Challenges Faced
1) MEETING THE BALANCE OF THE REMAINDER OF OUR MORTGAGE - \$ 600,000. WE RENT OUT OUR ORTHODOX CENTER FOR EXTRA INCOME, WE SPONSOR A GOLF OUTING AND FASHION SHOW EACH YEAR, AND YET OUR PEOPLE ARE STILL WORN OUT AND SEE NO END IN SIGHT. 2) FATHER PETER BODNAR ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL AT ITS MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. HE SUBSEQUENTLY RETIRED THE LAST SUNDAY OF JUNE. SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE BEEN SERVED EVERY WEEKEND BY A SUPPLY PRIEST FOR BOTH GREAT VESPERS AND DIVINE LITURGY. HOWEVER, OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH ARE NOT AT PREVIOUS LEVELS. THIS IS NOT AN INDICATION OF THE QUALITY OF THE SUPPLY PRIEST. HOWEVER, THE PARISH DOES FEEL “LET DOWN” BY THE APPEARANCE OF A LACK OF REAL EFFORT IN PROVIDING THE PARISH WITH A QUALITY REPLACEMENT PRIEST.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
OCTOBER 4 -5, 2014 – OUR 103 rd ANNIVERSARY AND PATRONAL FEAST DAY

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count			103
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Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			72
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			54
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			6
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms			5
Funerals			2
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			2
Church School/Number Enrolled			22
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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Saints Cyril & Methodius 2505 South 30th Street Milwaukee, WI. 53215-2829	
Clergy	
Archpriest Thomas Mueller, Rector Priest John Jones, Associate Protodeacon George Potym Priest Frederick Janecek, attached	
Committees/Societies	
No parish organizations; we plan and carry out activities as a whole community. Included in our broader community is Holy Theophany Chapel in William's Bay (Lake Geneva), WI. We have a close mother/sister relationship with the chapel and provide services and pastoral care for its members. The Chapel hosts us and a total of 100 people at its nameday celebration on the Saturday after Theophany, with Liturgy, Blessing of Water, Blessing of Geneva Lake, and a lavish brunch at a local resort. St Herman Ch, apel in West Bend, WI. is also under our parish umbrella. We participate in an interfaith social justice organization Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope, concerned with issues like jobs, urban education, transportation, AODAand immigration; but we are currently reviewing our continued participation in this organization.	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Holy Week and Paschal cycle observed with fullness, intensity, and faith. Seven baptisms and three chrismations, with another pending. Annual Liturgy and Picnic in the Park, at Hawthorn Glen Nature Preserve, a property of Milwaukee Public Schools. A beautiful setting and Liturgy and a mellow afternoon with Fr Paul Gassios as our guest. Fr Paul spent the afternoon circulating among parishioners, engaging and reaching out to them.	

Outreach and Charitable Activities

15th annual block party, hosting neighbors and friends in front of our church: free food, lively musical entertainment, moonwalk, games, art activity, and church tours. July 20, 2014.

Monthly meal prepared and served at a women's and children's homeless shelter, Cathedral Center in downtown Milwaukee. We provide and prepare a good hot meal and prepare cold lunches for the clients to take out the next day. In December, we prepare a more festive meal and provide gifts for the 60 residents. We have been able to draw another local Orthodox church and a pan-Orthodox women's organization into taking their own turns in working at Cathedral Center.

Fr. John Jones serves as chaplain for a thriving OCF at Marquette University, a major private university with 12000 students. He conducts monthly services on campus. This has been long been a ministry of the parish. Fr Tom Mueller serves as chaplain for an OCF at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a major state university with 27,000 students. Several of our parishioners founded this OCF and two of them serve as President and Treasurer. The UWM OCF hosted a very beautiful and moving lecture and slide show by Wisconsin iconographer David Giffey in March. This program attracted a considerable number of non-Orthodox. Both OCF groups assist with the homeless shelter work.

Active participation in Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope – work on urban education and public transportation issues. Participation in regular prayer vigils at homicide sites.

Beginning last summer, the parish has sponsored English as Second Language classes for Mexican-American neighbors and for a few of our own Ethiopian immigrant members. The spring session was taught by one of our new converts, Fr Tom's son-in-law, Said Hamideh.

We participate actively in pan-Orthodox activities. Fr Tom has been serving as President of the local clergy group. This group sponsors an annual Youth Day, drawing about 100 parents and kids from Metro Milwaukee parishes. Three of our young women, Laura and Ana-Maria Raicu and Daria Mueller, have won one of the annual scholarships offered by the Orthodox Christian Women's Association to undergrads and graduate students., Fr John has addressed this group's annual conference, and Daria was the featured speaker at this year's scholarship dinner.

Major Challenges Faced

Achieving financial stability with aging buildings and looking toward future pastoral compensation needs.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

Possible hosting of pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers.
Clergy Appreciation dinner at a parish family's home being planned for October.

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Supporting Membership Count		107	106
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		80-90	80-90
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		60-70	60-70
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		17	17
Number of Catechumens		3	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		5	7
Funerals		1	0
Marriages		0	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	4
Church School/Number Enrolled		36	30
Adult Education/Number Participating		12	10

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Holy Apostles Orthodox Church 1670 West Hovey Avenue Normal, IL 61761	 http://www.holyapostlesbn.org/
Clergy	
Fr. Danial Doss Dn. David Gresham	
Committees/Societies	
• Development and Growth Committee • Library and Bookstore • Hospitality – social activities • Christian Education	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
• Granted a Church status (instead of a Mission) in January 2014 • Ordination of sub-deacon David Gresham to the diaconship in March 2014 • Issuing an e-weekly Church bulletin	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
• Attending the ISU's Festival to promote the OCF chapter • Providing food for Clare House and help with soup kitchen • Collecting food items at Church in "Feed the Hungry" basket • Assisting needy families in the church	
Major Challenges Faced	
• Attracting new members to the Church • Attracting college students to the Church and getting them involved • Accelerated pay down on mortgage to be completed in three years	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
• Welcome gathering to the OCF college students, holding a weekly typical Vespers, and planning a trip to an Orthodox Monastery • Annual Church celebration for the Feast of Holy Apostles	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count	20	20	23
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	25-30	30-35	35-40
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	25	30	35
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	3-5	3-5	5-7
Number of Catechumens	2	4	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms	1	4	2
Funerals	1	0	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	2	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	0	11
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	0	One-on-one

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Holy Resurrection Church 1449 N. Quentin Road, POB 421 Palatine, IL 60078	
Clergy	
Archpriest Alexander Kuchta	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Women's Ministry Growth Team Stewardship ministry Emmaus Adult Group	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Annual Hearts on Fire dinner on Friday of Publican/Pharisee week Octoberfest in the fall Parish Feast Day on St. Thomas Sunday	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Monthly Parish Charity collection for parish members in need Christmas gifts for DCFS foster kids Annual pre-Lent dinner with collection for clergy widow Participation in PADS dinners Food collection for Palatine Township food pantry Various other collections: SOS, IOCC, etc.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Stewardship ministry formed to increase awareness of need for generosity/parish support	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
None	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		93	86
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		70-100	70-100
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		70-100	70-100
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		12	12
Number of Catechumens		4 adults 4 children	2 adults 2 children
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	
Funerals		2	1
Marriages		2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		3	
Church School/Number Enrolled		20	26
Adult Education/Number Participating		12	12

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St. Luke the Evangelist Orthodox Church 10700 S Kean Ave Palos Hills IL 60465	
Clergy	
Archpriest Andrew Harrison Proto Dn. Andrew Werbiansky Subdn. John Segvich	
Committees/Societies	
Property Ministry Team Outreach Ministry Team Education Ministry Team Community Ministry Team Liturgical Ministry Team	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1) Provide Food & Shelter for the Homeless (PADS) Total 480 Women and Children housed and fed during season once a week from October to May. Food teams from 5 Christian Churches. 2) Mission Team of 11 to Hogar Raphael Orphanage Guatemala, Mission team of 8 to Montana Blackfeet reservation YOCAMA sponsored 3) 3 men went on a Pilgrimage to Mt Athos.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Donations given to the following charities through offering and 100 % matching grants: Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Mission Fund, IOCC, Ancient Faith Radio, PADS Floyd Franz long term Missionary in Romania, Assisting Wounded Vets, Coptic Orphans, St. Jude's Hospital, Prevention Abortion South Suburban, Journey Hub, YOCAMA Indian Mission team, St. Elisabeth Convent-Belarus, Hogar Raphael Orphanage-Guatemala total \$17,000+given	
Major Challenges Faced	
Correct building exit codes and expand the present church building. Projected cost \$375,000 The Project is on hold until the encroachment issue with the Forest Preserve Land is resolved Building mortgage was paid off as of Sept 1.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
St. Luke Feast day and 30th Anniversary planned for October 18-19 with ordination of John Segvich to Deaconate, Peter Tatoolas to Subdeaconate. Readers Toncher, Mark Olson, Steve Hansen, Annual September 11 Memorial	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		117	124
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		101	112
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		101?	112?
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	10
Number of Catechumens		6	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		4	6
Funerals		2	5
Marriages		2	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		66	67
Adult Education/Number Participating		29	35

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Protection of the Holy virgin Mary Orthodox Church 112 N. Fairdale Royalton, IL 62983	
Clergy	
Rev. Justin Foster, D.Min Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Choir Altar Servers	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser Annual Cabbage Roll Dinner fundraiser Completely revised & updated website & newsletter	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
-Mission Boxes by Church School children for Orphanage in Guatemala. -Annual December parish project of collecting canned goods for local food bank along w/Lion's Club -Annual SOS! Fund Raisers in September (each week) -Monthly collections for local charities and food banks -FOCUS	
Major Challenges Faced	
-No public transportation in area to service surrounding communities or the university -Bring in and retain new parishioners & catechumens -Inspiring our members to combat their worldly schedules in order to grow closer to Christ in prayer and worship.	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

Celebrating 100th anniversary of parish, October 1, 2014 (celebrate in 2015)

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		42	40
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		39	35
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		40	35
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		8	7
Number of Catechumens		12	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	2
Funerals		5	6
Marriages		2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		6	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		12	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		4	0

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St. Panteleimon Church 7545 W. 61st Place Summit, IL 60501-1617	
Clergy	
Priest Andrew Bartek Protodeacon Robert Northrup Priest K. Anthony Spengler, attached/retired Reader James Tilghman	
Committees/Societies	
Choir, Church School, Altar Sisterhood, Parish Council	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
75 th Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Alexander Father Myron Manzuk retirement celebration together with our Patronal Feast Lamb Roast Christmas Yolka with Sunday School Christmas Story Play	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Orthodox Christians for Life-Chicago Martha & Mary Maternity Home MS Walk OCCA Christmas Toy Drive	
Major Challenges Faced	
Relationship with the Village of Summit Reorganization of parish with new rector Financial stewardship	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		32	29
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		25-30	20-25
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		same	20
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	7
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2	1
Funerals		0	3
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		21	15
Adult Education/Number Participating		0	0

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St. Herman of Alaska Chapel		
Clergy		
Fr. Gregory Madlom		
Committees/Societies		
Sunday School: Matushka Elizabeth (Glenda) Madlom		
Since October 2013		
Highlights of Top Three Activities		
Have several visitors from Texas, Alaska and two from Moscow, who were studying at Nashotah House.		
Outreach and Charitable Activities		
St. Herman Of Alaska has led Molyeben for Victims of abortion during the 40 Days for Live.		
Major Challenges Faced		

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		7	8
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		12	12
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		12	12
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		5	7
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms			
Funerals			
Marriages			
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled		3	7
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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St. Joseph Orthodox Christian Church 412 Crescent St. Wheaton, IL 60187	
Clergy	
Archpriest John Matusiak Archpriest Joseph Kopka Archpriest Mykola Bodnarchuk Protodeacon John Coleman Deacon Lawrence Dugoni	
Committees/Societies	
No formal structures of this sort other than the parish council and staffs of the two Sunday Schools. [Two separate sessions are held each week after both the 9:30 and 11:30 Liturgies.] All ministries are organized in a fluid manner based on the nature of a given ministry.	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1. Parish celebrated its 25th Anniversary in May 2014. Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop Alexander were present for Saturday Great Vespers and Sunday Liturgy. A banquet followed the Divine Liturgy. A parish photo directory featuring pictures of over 600 adults and children was published in conjunction with the event. 2. Unpredictable expenses from the winter of 2013-2014, specifically plowing and salting, heating bills, replacement of numerous plants and shrubs lost due to snow and salt, etc., totaled nearly \$20,000.00 from October 2013 through mid-2014. These expenses had not been — and could not be — budgeted for. 3. At the request of parish teens, a special beginner iconography class will start in November just for them. An adult beginner class met on weekdays during the summer and was quite successful. Some of the iconography class “graduates” assist in iconography projects around the parish. Work on the iconostasis continues as time permits.	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
1. While several families have retired or had job transfers, leading them to move out of state, new faces have appeared during the past year, many through conversion. 2. Monthly parish charities collections continue to assist our parishioners who are experiencing financial difficulties. During the past year some \$20,000.00 had been distributed to needy members of the parish. 3. We continue to attract individuals from other countries, including Iraq and Syria. Amongst the substantial Polish immigrant community, there are many newcomers, mostly young professionals who speak English. Most recently, we have had a number of families from the former Soviet Republic of Moldova attending services, most of whom will probably become members. Not all of the Moldovans speak English, however. 4. Outreach to students from Wheaton College and other institutions continues. An average of 6 college students are received into the Church each year. 5. Two of our parishioners, Mike and Diane Oravec, participated in an OCMC sponsored mission trip to Kenya, where they helped to build a church in a village.
Major Challenges Faced
1. Ever-present threat of flooding in the basement. We have been flooded out five times between 2002 and 2013. Unusually heavy rainstorms have been plentiful since then, but the church has not been effected, in part due to precautions we have taken to ensure minimal flooding in the future and in part due to upgrading of the neighborhood's antiquated sewer system several months ago. We are confident that with these precautions, we will not experience additional flooding. 2. We are presently in the process of consolidating the mortgages on the church and hall at a lower rate of interest. 3. Paying down the aforementioned unexpected expenses encountered during the winter of 2013-2014. 4. Space is always a consideration, especially during the school year.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
1. Father John and Barbara Matusiak's 40th wedding anniversary was celebrated in September 2014. 2. Father John Matusiak's 40th ordination anniversary will be celebrated in January 2015. 3. Pre-Nativity Fast social gathering/dinner/basket raffle.

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Supporting Membership Count		301	290
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		8:00 – 25-35 9:30 – 200-275 11:30 – 50-80	8:00 – 20-25 9:30 – 200-250 11:30 – 40-80
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		Most people at 9:30, less at 8:00 and 11:30	Most people at 9:30 and 11:30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		20-30	15-25/30
Number of Catechumens		9	7
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		10	11
Funerals		4	1
Marriages		6	5
Receptions into Orthodoxy		8	7
Church School/Number Enrolled		9:30 – 121 11:30 – 22	9:30 – 107 11:30 – 31
Adult Education/Number Participating		We don't count	Varies 15-35