

CHICAGO DEANERY REPORT – September, 2015

Submitted by Father Thomas Mueller, Dean

Fr. Joseph Kopka, Treasurer Fr. John Adamcio, Secretary

TRANSITIONS

Fr. John Russin to Protection of the Virgin Mary, Merrillville, IN , 1/15

Fr. John Beal to St. Nicholas, Joliet, IL, 1/15

Fr. Justin Foster retired 11/15

Fr. Frederick Janecek to Protection of the Virgin Mary, Royalton, IL, 3/15

Fr. John Matusiak retired 1/30/15

Fr Joseph Kopka to Rector, St Joseph, Wheaton, IL 2/1/15

Fr. Andrew Harrison, retirement pending 12/15

Fr. Paul Jannakos to St Luke, Palos Hills, IL, pending 12/15

**Fr. John Jones to Priest-in-Charge of Holy Theophany Chapel,
William's Bay, WI (remains satellite chapel of SS Cyril and
Methodius, Milwaukee, WI, serviced and supervised by parish clergy)**

Deacon Theophan Warren, attached to Christ the Savior, Chicago 6/15

**Deacon John Segvich, ordained to diaconate and attached to St Luke, Palos
Hills, IL 10/14**

DEANERY MEETINGS

These are held on a bimonthly basis, generally well-attended. The three-part agenda includes a 30-40 minute study of the lessons of the coming Sunday, a business meeting, and then an open discussion on some topic or issue of common interest. Lunch at a nearby restaurant is provided by the host parish.

LENTEN SERVICES

We serve Vespers on the 2nd through 5th Sundays of Great Lent at various parishes, and Matins on Palm Sunday evening at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Deanery parishes are expected to close their parishes Palm Sunday evening in order to join with their Bishop and brother clergy at the beginning of Passion Week. Various deanery clergy and sometimes qualified lay people offer talks or homilies after each service. The talks this year were based on passages from Isaiah, which are appointed to be read on Lenten weekdays. On one of the Pascha Sundays, we have a clergy family Paschal meal, and we try to have a Christmas clergy family meal at St Joseph in Wheaton.


YOUTH CAMPS

Both camps use the facilities and staff of Edwards YMCA Camp at East Troy, WI., an excellent and most accommodating camp about twenty miles west of I-94 in Southern Wisconsin. The winter camp, with about 20 campers, took place from February 14 – 16. The summer camp was held from June 27 to July 1. We had Sunday Liturgy both times at Holy Theophany Chapel in William's Bay, a twenty mile drive. The Chapel provided lunch and a boat cruise of Geneva Lake (at the summer session). 27 youth and 7 counselors took part in the summer, coming from 7 deanery parishes. We are regrouping in terms of youth community, as many older youth have moved on and younger kids (11 and up) join in. The religious ed theme for the summer camp was "Reflecting the Image of the Loving God." We are grateful to our hard working counselors: Pat Labun and Helen Metanchuk from Wheaton, Protodeacon George Potym, Fr Tom Mueller, Daria Mueller, and Said Hamideh from Milwaukee, and Nick Moore from Burr Ridge.

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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 September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Two visits from Bishop Paul: first visit on our parish feast day (prior to his consecration). Second visit on Lazarus Saturday.2. Annual Paschal BBQ saw the highest attendance yet. This event began three years ago and is looked forward to as a way to break the Fast. Father Gregory supplies the meat and mans the grill, with everyone else bringing sides and desserts. An egg hunt also takes place for the younger children.3. Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social – Held Annually after the Dormition Fast (8/23 this year), we had a wonderful turnout from the neighboring parishes.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">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. Participated in FOCUS North America’s Operation: Lace Up4. Fr. Gregory attempts to be visible in the community whenever possible.	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">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. While experience and institutional memory can be a blessing, it can also prove a hindrance when thoughts drift to “what was”.	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016

1. 106th Anniversary of the Parish
2. Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social – August 2016 (Sunday after Dormition)


	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	35	30	30
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	45	30	25
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	30	26	20
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	4	1	2
Number of Catechumens	0	0	0
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	0	0	0
Funerals	1	2	2
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled *	0	0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating **	0	0	0

*: The only children in the parish are Fr.'s, who are taught at home as part of their homeschool curriculum. Should more children enter the parish in the future, there are capable and prepared teachers available.

**: While a formal adult education program does not exist (lack of interest/commitment to travel for such in the evenings), education does occur within the bulletins & informal Q&A.

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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 Rev. Dn. Mark Sauskojus, Parish Deacon	
Committees/Societies	
FOCA Chapter 96, Choir, Church School (Pre-K through High School), Sunshine Committee, Outreach & Evangelism, Charity, Property, Capital Improvements, Community, Education, Women's Fellowship Group, Children's Choir, Greeters, Maintenance, Altar Servers, Church Beautification Crew, Handmaidens, Prospora Bakers	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<u>Community</u> : Ordination of Dn. Mark Sauskojus (June); Reception of Haak Family (May) <u>Temple</u> : Bell Tower Restoration/ Re-Dedication (Feb.); Iconography Project (May-June) <u>Liturgical</u> : Gift of the True Cross relic from +Fr. Raphael & Mat. Kathleen Biernacki (Feb.)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Monthly collections in support of various charities: Wounded Warriors, cancer research and awareness (Illini 4000), domestic and sexual abuse prevention (Mutual Ground), +Fr. Matthew Baker Family Fund, IOCC, Martha & Mary House, Fr. Stephen Karaffa Scholarship Fund at St. Tikhon's Seminary, St. Tikhon's Monastery, Holy Dormition Monastery, St. Tikhon's Married Student Housing Project, St. Herman's Seminary, Me Agape/Ark of Hope, St. Innocent's Orphanage in Mexico, OCMC; Monthly Healing Service, 2 Adult Education Series; weekly support of the West Suburban Food Pantry; Quarterly Evangelism, Outreach & Parish Stewardship (EOPS) Newsletter; Youth volunteer service project at the Northern Illinois Food Pantry.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Attracting new members through community focused outreach programs. Formatting a parish mission statement. Understanding the needs of our community. Increasing participation in attendance at divine services, worship and prayer as we follow the word of Christ.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016	
St. Philips Fast Pre-Advent Family Potluck (Nov. 2015) Annual Greek Dinner, Greek Town (Jan. 2016) Annual Godparent/Godchild Blessing & Luncheon (Jan. 2016) Annual Parish Meeting (Feb. 2016) Pre-Lenten Banquet (March 6, 2016) Maslenitsa Celebration (Cheesefare Sunday, 2016) Annual Parish Picnic/Kermesh (July 2016) Annual Fr. Stephen Karaffa Golf Tournament (Aug. 20, 2016)	

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	160	125	130
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	135	115	115
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	85	75	80
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	20	15	15
Number of Catechumens	3	2	10
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	3	2	7
Funerals	4	4	3
Marriages	2	1	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	1	3
Church School/Number Enrolled	65	58	54
Adult Education/Number Participating	20	20	25

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St Elizabeth the New Martyr Orthodox Church location address: 545 W Indiana Ave, Chesterton IN 46304 mailing address: 438 S 3rd St, Chesterton, IN 46304	
Clergy	
Fr William Bass	
Committees/Societies	
Charitable Deeds Committee	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Held a more traditional Yolka event this year with potluck, group singing and children's play; participation across all age groups. Chesterton Hometown Christmas Bake Sale at local Art Gallery and Craft Fair at Valparaiso Expo Center	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Continued donations to Westchester Food Pantry Currently making Hygiene kits per IOCC donation program for Syrian refugees	
Major Challenges Faced	
Physical building refurbishing for classrooms, kitchen, second bathroom.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016	
March 2016 will be 20th anniversary	

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	28	27	30
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	31	30	32
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	22	22	24
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	7	6	6
Number of Catechumens	1	3	4
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	0	1	1
Funerals	0	0	1
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	10	12	12
Adult Education/Number Participating	5	n/a	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 September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In June 2015 the iconography project which began six years ago at the request of Archbishop Job was completed. The icons were blessed in August following the Divine Liturgy and a Molieben of Thanksgiving.2. The entire courtyard of the Diocesan Center was remodeled. All funds were contributed by the parishioners of Christ the Savior Church.3. Successfully completed our first year of steaming the Divine Liturgy live every Sunday on Ancient Faith Radio.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	

1. Parishioners provided and served food for a second time at our annual Thanksgiving meal helped provide a meal and fellowship to those in need in the Little Village Neighborhood. We were joined by bishop-elect Paul who greeted folks and helped to serve the food.
2. In February, Father John led a small mission team from the parish went to San Miguel de Lago Boarding School (formerly Hogar Raphael Ayau Orphanage) in Guatemala.
3. The parish sponsored Giselle. A seven year old at San Miguel. We will provide funds throughout the year to provide for her needs while at the boarding school.
4. Our food pantry continues to help feed those in need who come to our doors.
5. A group of Coptic Orthodox youth continue to meet in the Diocesan Center on a weekly basis.
6. A percentage of our operating budget continues to go to our "parish tithe." Preference is given, but not limited to local recipients.
7. Active prison ministry at local federal prison, Metropolitan Correctional Facility.
8. Seminarian support for 2 parishioners attending St Tikhon's Seminary.

Major Challenges Faced

1. Undefined, confusing, and impractical relationship between parish community and diocese/ diocesan center.
2. Transient nature of living in Chicago. There are only 2 individuals from the parish who were at CTS 10 years ago.
3. Busy urban living affects participation in Feasts of Church.
4. Roughly 20% of parishioners carry 90% of operating budget.
5. Lack of parking.
6. Lack of meeting space for fellowship and church school.
7. This past year we lost seven very solid families/ individuals known for their liturgical involvement and stewardship to the parish.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016

1. Annual Thanksgiving meal in Little Village neighborhood.
2. Mission trip to Guatemala

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	50	58	58
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	60	85	75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	50	60	55

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	25	30	19
Number of Catechumens	11	9	2
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	7	5	10
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	3	0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	3	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	24	32	29
Adult Education/Number Participating	varies	varies	varies

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Holy Trinity Cathedral 1121 N. Leavitt St. Chicago, IL 60622	
Clergy	
Archpriest John S. Adamcio, Dean Deacon Thomas Keith	
Committees/Societies	
Sts. Martha and Mary Sisterhood St. John Kochurov Society	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
St. John of Chicago Day	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Support Outward House Support Northwest Settlement No Kid Hungry Bake Sale Supply space for 5 AA meetings throughout the week	
Major Challenges Faced	
Stewardship Restoration Membership	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016	
Patronal Feast of Cathedral (Pentecost) St. John of Chicago Day	

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	100	100	100
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	70	68	73
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	62	61	65
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	7	7
Number of Catechumens	3	2	8
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	5	0	7
Funerals	2	4	4
Marriages	2	6	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	2	3
Church School/Number Enrolled	18	18	20
Adult Education/Number Participating	5	6	5

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Makarios the Great Mission c/o Fr. Elijah Mueller 1100 E. 55th St Chicago, IL 60615	
Clergy	
Fr. Elijah Mueller	
Committees/Societies	
Heavily involved in St. Macrina Orthodox Institute and St. Catherine Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, support Three Hierarchs University of Chicago OCF.	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
+ Began and concluded much larger, more successful Sunday school this year. + Engagement of two of our parish alumni, who met in parish + broader connection of parish scholars with Church life through talks and involvement in Church organizations (St. Macrina Institute, St. Catherine Institute, other conferences)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
charitable work with Catholic Worker and Heartland Alliance	
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 - September 2015 to August 2016	
Parish feast day January 19 th , with invited speaker Large number of Orientations for University of Chicago	


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Supporting Membership Count	~12	13	13
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	32+ during school year	32+ during school year	~32 during school year
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	~22	~24	~24
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	12+ during school year	10+ during school year	~10 during school year
Number of Catechumens	2	1	0
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	2	0	1
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	1	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	5	6	8
Adult Education/Number Participating	15	20+	~20

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Matthew Orthodox Church 607 Ravenswood Drive, Green Bay, WI 54302	
Clergy	
Father Maximus Cabey (Rector) Deacon James Ellis Subdeacon Mark Massopust Reader William Morgan Reader Lars Odman Reader Bernard Olson	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Mission and Outreach committee	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
April 2 nd , 2015 Funeral service for Archpriest Michael Herrick March 21 st - March 22 nd 2015 Visit by Bishop Paul September 6 th , 2015 70 th Wedding Anniversary for Bronnie and Annabelle Stroud (2 of our parishioners)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday evening & Thursday morning Bible Studies – draws several non-Orthodox • Fundraising and collecting non-perishable food items, toiletries, school supplies and Christmas gifts for IOCC, OCMC, Paul's Pantry, St. Joseph Food Program, Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse, House of Hope. 	



Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued growth Funding our new building. Funding outreach Most of our members drive in excess of 35minutes each way to Church. 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 6th, 2015 70th Wedding Anniversary for Bronnie and Annabelle Stroud (2 of our parishioners) 34th Anniversary as a Parish (November 16th 2016) <p>Lenten Retreat every Wednesday during Lent after celebration of the Liturgy of the Presanctified gifts.</p>	

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	32	44	41
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	50	70	65
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	45	55	55
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	15	20	15
Number of Catechumens	1	3	2
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	2	2	2
Funerals	1	0	2
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3	2	1

Church School/Number Enrolled	6	15	15
Adult Education/Number Participating	30	60	50

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St. Nicholas Orthodox Catholic Church 1000 Barber Ln. Joliet, IL 60435	
Clergy	
Rev. John C. Beal, Acting Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Ladies Aid Parish Council	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Ladies Aid Fall Luncheon Parish Picnic Christmas and Easter Bake Sales	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
IOCC Hygiene Kits Morning Star Mission - Mitten Tree Donation for roof repair: St. Michael Archangel OCA parish, St. Louis Continual Donation of Non-perishables to Community Food Pantry	
Major Challenges Presently Faced	
Small Parish issues (demographic crisis)	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries September 2015 to August 2016	
Christmas Bake Sale Picnic Easter Bake Sale Valentine Card & Bunco Party Chili or Spaghetti Dinner Blini Luncheon	

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count			35
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			24
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			6
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			6
Number of Catechumens			0
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms			1
Funerals			3
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			0
Adult Education/Number Participating			4

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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church 4313 18th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140	
Clergy	
Archpriest Stephen Hrycyniak Archpriest Basil Aden, Attached Archpriest Alexis Fedec, Retired Emeritus	
Committees/Societies	
St. Nicholas Brotherhood Holy Trinity Sisterhood	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Bishop Paul's pastoral visits twice in calendar year 2015. Parish picnic at Pringle Nature Center Lecture about saints by Fr. Serafim Baltic, Lisa Gassin, and Katja Yurschak. We also transferred parish property from Brotherhood to parish and are now in conformity with diocesan bylaws.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Sandwich Sunday—we continue to feed the hungry at a local shelter once a month.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Strictly financial—we continue to dip into savings as we run a deficit. We're responding by preparing to have the pastor transition to hospital chaplaincy to reduce payroll expenses.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016	
Parish Oktoberfest on October 4, 2015.	

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count			50
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			50
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			35
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			5
Number of Catechumens			1
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms			2
Funerals			0
Marriages			3
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			12
Adult Education/Number Participating			35

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PROTECTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH 8600 Grand Blvd. Merrillville, IN 46410 219-947-4748 – Church 219-947-5750 – Priest's Office	
Clergy	
Priest John S. Russin, Acting Rector Protopresbyter George Havrila, Retired Hiermonk John (Merrick), Retired	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council PTVM Choir St. Mary's Sodality ("Altar Society") O'Club (Outreach & Missions) Parent-Teacher Council (Church School) Bookstore	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Assignment of Fr. John Russin – January 2015 Annual Fashion Show Golf Outing	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Open House (cf. "Upcoming Events") "Feed the Flock" (providing Saturday lunches for local needy on a quarterly basis, in participation with other local community churches) Continued participation in the Winfield Food Pantry Continuing sponsorship of Missionaries in Mongolia Food Drive for Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage Holiday Bake Sales Sodality Rummage Sale(s) "Pet Drive" for area Humane Society	
Major Challenges Faced	
Continuing paying balance on our mortgage Adapting of Parish to a new Pastor	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016
Open House on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015 targeting 2 recently closed Orthodox parishes in nearby Hobart, IN, as well as lapsed parishioners from our own parish Patronal Feast Day (Sept. 30/Oct. 1) with His Grace, Bishop PAUL 104 th Anniversary & Patronal Feast Day (Oct. 3-4, 2015) Annual Fashion Show Golf Outing

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count		103	100
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		72	71
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		54	42
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		6	8-10
Number of Catechumens			0
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms		5	4
Funerals		2	7
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		22	20
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS 2505 SOUTH 30TH STREET MILWAUKEE, WI 53215 Satellite Chapel: Holy Theophany N2107 State Hwy 67 Walworth, WI 53184 (Actual location: William's Bay WI)	
Clergy	
Archpriest Thomas Mueller Priest John Jones (Priest in charge, Holy Theophany Chapel) Protodeacon George Potym (Chapel Pastoral Team)	
Committees/Societies	
Marquette And UWM OCF chapters; active membership in Clergy Syndesmos of Wisconsin	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Holy Week and Services of Pascha through Pentecost Parish Block Party and Liturgy/Picnic on the Park (7/19 and 8/30 respectively) New wooden front steps for church. Holy Theophany Chapel: Holy Theophany Nameday Celebration in January Holy Theophany Chapel – new carved iconostas installed, icons to be installed by December. New Pantocrator installed.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Considerable charitable appeals at the rectory door – assistance through our Gina Mueller Memorial Charitable Fund Provision and serving of meal every month at Women's/Children's Shelter Provide and keep up children's playground on church property for neighborhood and parish children Annual summer neighborhood Block Party in 16th year Assistance to teachers in public schools; advocacy for higher education funding Participation in MICAH, interfaith social-economic justice organization OCF Chaplaincies: Marquette Univ. (Fr John Jones) and Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Fr Tom Mueller) – Several possible catechumens at Marquette	

Major Challenges Faced
Urban membership, with modest financial resources Challenges to quality of urban life through hostile and unsupportive governance Aging property Participation in feast day services needs to improve Practice of Confession
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016
International Harvest Dinner November 8 Holy Theophany Patronal Feast and Blessing of Geneva Lake January 8, 2016 Annual Block Party July, 2016 (date still to be set) Annual Liturgy and Picnic in the Park August, 2016 (date still to be set) Pan-Orthodox Conference in Cedarburg, WI. 10/31/15: "The Strength of Christianity in the Islamic World – Historical Realities, Theology, and Current Crisis"


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Supporting Membership Count	107	106	107 (plus 45 children)
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	80-90	80-90	80-90
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	60-70	60-70	60-70
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	17	17	10
Number of Catechumens	3	2	2
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	5	7	7
Funerals	1	0	1

Marriages	0	3	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	4	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	36	30	26
Adult Education/Number Participating	12	10	5

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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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and Growth Committee • Library and Bookstore • Hospitality – social activities • Christian Education • Choir and singing 	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Dn. David Gresham by ISU to spend a sabbatical year at St. Tikhon Seminary • Pastoral hierarchical visit of Bishop Paul July 3- 5, 2015 • Acquired new donated PC and WI-FI access for Sunday school and Church use 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing food for Clare House for the homeless • Collecting food items at Church in “Feed the Hungry” basket • Assisting needy families in the church and overseas 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 - September 2015 to August 2016	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting catechist and pre-marriage classes • Annual Church celebration for the Feast of Holy Apostles 	

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	20	23	25
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	30-35	35-40	40
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	30	35	35
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	3-5	5-7	6-10
Number of Catechumens	4	3	3
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	4	2	1
Funerals	0	0	1
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	2	6
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	11	14
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	One-on-one	One-on-one

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Resurrection Church 1449 N. Quentin Road, PO Box 421 Palatine, IL 60078	
Clergy	
Archpriest Alexander Kuchta	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Women's Ministry Choir Emmaus Adult study Growth Team Stewardship ministry	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Weekly Church School and Adult Education Annual Hearts on Fire Dinner-Social Parish Feast Day-Steak Fry on St. Thomas Sunday Parish Ministry Fair	
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	
Working on parish ministries and generosity	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016	
None for the coming year.	

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	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	93	86	93
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	70-100	70-100	70-100
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	66-96	66-96	66-96
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	10	10
Number of Catechumens	4 adults, 4 children	2 adults, 2 children	3 adults, 2 children
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	6	4	4
Funerals	1	4	5
Marriages	3	1	-
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3	3	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	20	26	22
Adult Education/Number Participating	12	12	12

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Luke the Evangelist Orthodox Church 10700 S Kean Ave Palos Hills IL 60465	
Clergy	
Archpriest Andrew Harrison Proto Deacon. Andrew Werbiansky Deacon. John Segvich	
Committees/Societies	
Property Ministry Team Outreach Ministry Team Education Ministry Team Community Ministry Team Liturgical Ministry Team	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1) Celebrated 30 th anniversary with Bishop Irene of Canada and Bishop elect Paul. 2) Provide Food & Shelter for the Homeless (PADS) Total 480 Women and Children housed and fed during season once a week from October to May. PADS food teams from 3 Orthodox churches and 2 from other Christian Churches. 3) 2 Missions Teams of 3 and 9 to Hogar Raphael Orphanage Guatemala, Drug and alcohol counselling for the orphans and mission activities with a group of 5 parishes seeking Orthodoxy in Atitilan Guatemala. Mission team of 9 to the Navajo Reservation, YOCAMA sponsored	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Donations given to the following: Flight 93 Memorial Fund, OCMC - Guatemala mission, Brekic triplets, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, St. Luke Mission fund, OCMC, Clergy family in need, IOCC, Mission Priest in Kenya, Ancient Faith Radio, Seminarian at St. Tikhon's, Local Abortion prevention organization, Will begin "expanding the mission" by reaching out in the south suburban area by holding services and fellowship and inviting seekers using social media and advertising	
Major Challenges Faced	
Correct building exit codes and expand the present church building. Projected cost \$375,000 The Issues with the Forest Preserve Land have been resolved. The building committee has submitted the plans to the Cook county building dept. for approval Fr Andrew will retire on December 1 st . The new priest has not been named at this time.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016	
Annual St. Luke Feast day celebration Fr. Andrew's retirement event to be held on January 24, 2016	

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	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	117	124	126
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	101	112	97
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	101?	112?	97
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	10	10
Number of Catechumens	6	0	1
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	4	6	0
Funerals	2	5	2
Marriages	2	3	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	1	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	66	67	64
Adult Education/Number Participating	29	35	30

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Parish Name and Address		Photo
Protection of the Holy virgin Mary Orthodox Church 112 N. Fairdale Royalton, IL 62983		
Clergy		
V. Rev. Fr. Frederick Janecek Rector		
Committees/Societies		
Parish Council Choir Altar Servers		
Since September 2014		
Highlights of Top Three Activities		
Annual Cabbage Roll Dinner fundraiser Completely revised & updated website & newsletter		
Outreach and Charitable Activities		
-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		

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	36	31	30
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			39 adults 12 children
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			45-50
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			10
Number of Catechumens			
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms			1
Funerals			2 members 2 non-members
Marriages			2
Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			12
Adult Education/Number Participating			—

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Pantelimon Orthodox Church 7544 West 61st Place Summit, IL 60501-1617	
Clergy	
Fr. Andrew Barten - parish priest Very Rev. Anthony Spengler - attached parish Providence - Robert Northing	
Committees/Societies	
Sisterhood, Choir, Church School New committees for upcoming year: 1) Youth Director 2) Home Team / Fundraising Director 3) Mother / Daughter group 4) Father Son group 5) Children's Sunday	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1) Held 1st Annual Community picnic 2) Stabilized Fin. situation 3) Annual Paternal Feast Lamb Roast	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
we will be having: 1) 1st Orthodox classes for community 2) Bible study for community 3) Annual community picnic 4) Orthodox Christians for Life 5) Warm For Life Chicago 6) Warm & Holy Motherhood 7) MS walk 8) OCCA Christmas Toy Drive	
Major Challenges Faced	
1) Continue to work on Fin. + spiritual stewardship 2) continue to be visible to community 3) capital improvements in upcoming year	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016	

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	32	29	29
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	25-30	24-25	31
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	54-1	20	23
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	7	8
Number of Catechumens	0	0	0
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	2	1	1
Funerals	0	3	2
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	21	15	8
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	0	10

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Diocesan Assembly

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Herman of Alaska Chapel	
Clergy	
Fr. Gregory Madlom	
Committees/Societies	
Sunday School: Matushka Elizabeth (Glenda) Madlom	
Since October 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
St. Herman of Alaska served Moljebens for victims of abortion, parents and abortionists during the 40 Days for Life. Services are held on Sunday afternoon for six weeks. There are two 40 Days for Life – in Spring and Fall	
Bp. Paul's visit and Fr. Gregory elevation to Archpriest.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Major Challenges Faced	
Number of persons who have retired.	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016			


	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	7	8	8
	September 2012 - August 2013	September 2013 - August 2014	September 2014 - August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	12	12	18
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	12	12	18
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	0	0	0
Number of Catechumens			
	September 2012 - August 2013	September 2013 - August 2014	September 2014 - August 2015
Baptisms			
Funerals			
Marriages			

Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled	3	7	7
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St Joseph Orthodox Church 412 Crescent Street Wheaton, IL 60187 708.519.0663 josephkopka@sbcglobal.net	
Clergy	
Archpriest Joseph Kopka Archpriest Mykola Bodnarchuk Archpriest John Matusiak Protodeacon John Coleman Deacon Lawrence Dugoni	
Committees/Societies	
No formal structures of this sort other than parish council and the staffs of the two Sunday Schools. Two separate sessions are held each week after both the 930a and 1130a Liturgies. All ministries are organized in a fluid manner based on the nature of a given ministry.	
Since September 2014	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The parish has its share of financial upheaval. A mortgage refinance was required after the existing mortgage holder, Chase, decided against renewing ours due to a reduction in community based services. This refinance required us to procure two additional surveys. Additionally, FEMA remapping of flood plains in the area required us to procure a flood insurance policy through FEMA (for building structures, not contents). The policy premium is an astounding \$11,000.00 annually, which must be paid in a single payment.2. The parish was flooded again for the sixth time in June 2015. Though the flooding was minor compared to previous experiences, clean up costs were approximately \$2500, all of which had to be borne by the parish.	

3. The founding rector, Fr John Matusiak, retired from active ministry in January 2015, after twenty five years at St Joe's.

Outreach and Charitable Activities

1. The parish supports the efforts of Peoples Resource Center, a local food bank and social services agency. We provide ten volunteers monthly for food distribution assistance. We also collect non perishable food items, which are donated on regular intervals. Volunteers also support Feed My Starving Children and PADS.
2. We continue to attract individuals from other countries. Since October 2014, we have seen an increase of Moldovan families, of which we performed three baptisms and two marriages. The Polish immigrant community continues to grow as well. Many of their children have now become school age and we have added five bilingual teachers for the 1130a Sunday School to accommodate the growth.
3. Wheaton College students continue to visit and attend St Joseph's on a regular basis. Currently, five students are considered "regular" attendees. Two are interested in instruction in the Orthodox faith.

Major Challenges Faced

The biggest challenge has been the retirement of our long time rector, Fr John Matusiak, and the ensuing transition. Making sure the change in pastoral leadership was seamless and that the life of the parish would be "business as usual" was priority for most of the first half of 2015. Overall parish growth was not affected, Nine new families have joined the parish since February 2015.

The costs of the mortgage refinance and the mandatory FEMA flood insurance was a significant financial burden.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016

1. Annual Back to School picnic on Sunday, 13 Sep 2015
2. Fall Social / Restaurant evening out – early November 2015
3. Possible visitation by Bishop Paul for the old calendar Nativity celebration on 7 January 2016.

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	As of September 1, 2015
Supporting Membership Count	301	290	300
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	8a – 25 - 35 930a – 200-275 1130a – 50-80	8a – 20-25 930a – 200-250 1130a – 40-80	8a- 15-25 930a – 200-250 1130a – 40-80
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	No formal count is taken. Most at 930a, less at 1130a, least at 8a	Same	Same
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	20-30	15-25/30	15-25
Number of Catechumens	9	7	3
	September 2012 thru August 2013	September 2013 thru August 2014	September 2014 thru August 2015
Baptisms	10	11	15
Funerals	4	1	8
Marriages	6	5	4
Receptions into Orthodoxy	8	7	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	930a – 121 1130a - 22	930a – 107 1130a - 31	930a – 118 1130a - 30
Adult Education/Number Participating	Varies	15-25	15-25