

# DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>Christ the Savior/Holy Spirit Orthodox Church</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Very Rev. Steven C. Kostoff	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council St. Katherine Sisterhood Stewardship Committee Kairos Prison Ministry	
<b>Since September 2014</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Increased the membership of our Kairos Prison ministry to four male members of the parish.</li><li>2. Started up a Planned Giving/Legacy Program with three appointed legacy stewards to oversee the program.</li><li>3.</li></ol>	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Full sponsorship of a child at the San Miguel del Lago home for children in Guatemala.</li><li>2. Parish donations to the St. Nicholas Uganda Fund and to Jeffrey McDonald for his ministry to Albania through OCMC.</li></ol>	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	

1. Fuller liturgical participation.
2. Responding effectively when the parish reaches a certain “plateau” level of growth.
3. Keeping the parish informed and aware of the Church’s position on certain moral/ethical issues that dominate the popular culture.

**Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016**

	<b>As of September 1, 2013</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	127	141	139
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2013</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	115-125	125-140	125-140
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	70-90	80-90	85-100
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>15-20</b>	<b>15-20</b>	<b>15-20</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	8	6	5
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2013</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	7	9	3
<b>Funerals</b>	1	2	0
<b>Marriages</b>	4	2	2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	8	5	4

<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	65	70	75
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	10-15	15-20	15-20

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<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 Sdn. Michael Wilson Reader Micah Wilson	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Church School Youth Group	
<b>Since September 2014</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Guest Speaker Events: Paul Abernathy from FOCUS Pittsburgh (1/15), and Fr. David and Mat. Rozanne Rucker from OCMC.</p> <p>This year continued a “baby boom” at St. Stephens. We had six baptisms including our first baptism of twins this year.</p> <p>We conducted a local “Mission School” based on the training Fr. Joel received during his training in Detroit. This included a Parish Life Survey and a series of classes/discussions on parish mission, parish health, and priorities.</p>	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Ongoing collection for local food pantry (FISH) and women’s residential housing (Pam’s Promise) Annual special appeal for Women’s Resource Center	

<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>
<p>Having adequate space. We will be revisiting the potential of expanding our building, which is quickly becoming too small a space for continued growth. This is especially a challenge in light of still owing a significant amount on our last expansion.</p> <p>Expanding our church school/youth program. Right now we have the wonderful challenge of having over 15 very young children/babies in our parish. We have begun the process of planning for this group as they get older. Our plan is to expand our current church school program into three age groups instead of two. This, however, will pose the challenge of finding parish volunteers to train as teachers. We are also exploring our options of training a dedicated youth group leader for the older kids.</p> <p>Determining priorities for outreach. We have many great ideas, and, many parishioners individually do a great deal of volunteer/outreach work in our community. However, there is a growing desire to establish some sort of shared outreach/charity work at our parish. Determining what the greatest need in our community and what is practically do-able is our challenge now.</p> <p>Finding ways to facilitate greater participation in non-Sunday activities. Possibilities include having additional Bible/Book Studies during a weekday (our usual time is Wed. evening) morning or afternoon for the sake of the many young mothers in our parish. Another is to look into ways to provide child care.</p>
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016</b>
<p>Bishop Paul archpastoral visit: October 9-11.          Begin use of completed St. Maria House for Youth Group and Outreach Activities          Fall IOCC "Health Kit" Drive</p>

	<b>As of September 1, 2013</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	36	37	36
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2013</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>

<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	40	42	50
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	35	37	43
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	3	0	0
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2013</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	3	4	6
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	1	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	7	4	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	15	15	19
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	10	7	8

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<b>St Paul the Apostle, 4451 Wagner Rd, Dayton, OH 45440</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
V. Rev. Theodore Bobosh, rector Dn. Stephan Gresh	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<b>Since September 2014</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Established a program for catechetical and diaconal training, taught by Fr. Silviu Bunta. As many as 25 members have attended the Scripture lectures.</li><li>2) Reorganized and revitalized the parish volunteer workers to get more volunteers and to insure all needs are met in the life of the parish.</li><li>3) Established a training program with Hospice to train members in visiting the sick, the grieving and the dying.</li></ol>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Parishioners help prepare meals at St. Vincent de Paul, have worked with Project Mexico and the OCMC, have raised money to help unwed mothers who choose life over abortion, have supported seminarians, gave \$25,000 to charities in the course of the year, have had members volunteer to work at many local charities.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Getting enough trained volunteers for the church school program, need more classroom space for the church school, need more space for adult education activities.	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016</b>	
Parenting Training Workshop October 23-24, Fr. Timothy Pavlatos, speaker.	

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	<b>As of September 1, 2013</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>			125
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2013</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>			110
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>			100
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>			<b>12</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>			4
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2013</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>			11
<b>Funerals</b>			2
<b>Marriages</b>			5
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			9
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>			50
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>			40



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St. John the Forerunner Orthodox Church 1421 S. Blaine Ave. – Church 1621 W. Howard St. – Mailing Address Indianapolis, IN 46221	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Priest Zachariah Trent - Rector Priest David Maroney – Attached Archpriest Joseph Gibson – Retired - Attached Subdeacon Peter Rentsch Subdeacon Luke Seraphim Beecham	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Book Corner Ministry Benevolence Ministry Hospitality Ministry Adult Education Ministry Finance Ministry Library Ministry	Childrens Education Ministry Worship and Liturgical Ministry Buildings and Grounds Ministry Parish Life Ministry St. John’s Camp Ministry
<b>Since September 2014</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
Inaugural West Indianapolis Kids Day Festival in October brought out over 100 neighborhood kids and parents participated. Fun was had by all.  Fall multi-parish retreat with Fr. Stephen Freeman.  St. John the Forerunner was honored with an Archpastoral visit by His Grace Bp. Paul in July. There was a community picnic which provided the faithful with the opportunity to have fellowship with His Grace.	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Weekly collections for the Community food pantry.  FOCUS Indianapolis has begun to host a breakfast open the neighborhood in our annex building. As of the writing of this report the activity has happened for three months. There have been many volunteers from multiple parishes including St. John. All are encouraged and hopeful for the future.	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
Life at St. John has been relatively peaceful without any major challenges in the last year.	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016</b>	
Another multi-parish retreat is scheduled for October. The speaker will be Fr. Silviu Bunta.	

	<b>As of September 1, 2013</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	107	93	92
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2013</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	75	75	80
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	65	65	70
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	12	15	15
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	2	3	3
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2013</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	3	2	4
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	1
<b>Marriages</b>	0	3	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	6	1	3
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	17	24	26
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	0	20	22

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<b>Clergy</b>	
Rev. Philip Vernon Lashbrook Deacon Raphael Gary Fadil	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Building Committee Hospitality Committee Church School Committee	
<b>Since September 2014</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
Relay for Life – St Thomas booth – raised more than \$1,000.00 Harvest Party at the Hartman's Baptized Jesse White's son and Chrismated his daughter	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Prison ministry at Miami Correctional Facility Relay for Life	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
We have purchased a house adjacent to our parking lot that will be raised, and expand the parking lot. A house west of the church is coming available to purchase, but we lack the funds to purchase.	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016</b>	


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<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	21	22	21
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2013</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	33	29	29
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	28	26	25
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	9	10	10
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>			
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2013</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	1	4	2
<b>Funerals</b>	1		1
<b>Marriages</b>			1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>			
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	4	4	2
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	9	9	7

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<b>ST STEPHEN THE FIRST MARYTR MISSION</b> <b>3560 SHAWNEE RD</b> <b>LIMA OH 45806</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
FR MARK HODGES, PRIEST IN CHARGE	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP BUILDING MINISTRY CHARITIES COMMITTEE SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATING COMMITTEE INTERCESSOR MINISTRY HOLY BREAD / WINE / HOSPITALITY / INTERIOR CLEANING MINISTRIES	
<b>Since September 2014</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
BIDDING & BUYING OUR PARSONAGE, & FIXING IT UP COOKIE WALK LAST DEC., OUR FEASTDAY IN AUG. & EPIPHANY GT. OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATERS CONFERENCE HOSTED FOR ST SIMEON BROTHERHOOD IN MAY	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
FOOD DRIVES & CHRISTMAS FAMILY SPONSORSHIPS "OPEN GATE" MINISTRY TO THE NEEDY NURSING HOME VISITATION PRISON VISITATION HOSTING VARIOUS CLERGY ASSOCIATIONS' MEETINGS HELPING LEAD NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	
Major Challenges Faced	
STARTING "CELL GROUP" GET TOGETHERS IN HOMES FINANCIAL –supporting our new parsonage, still not able to support full time priest EVANGELISM –establishing OCF chapters at area colleges, reaching out to Limaland! BUILDING –need an office and social area, as well as Sunday School rooms	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2015 to August 2016</b>	
COOKIE WALK DECEMBER CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP ST NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON D.C. JANUARY EPIPHANY OUTDOOR BLESSING, PASCHA, ETC.	

	<b>As of September 1, 2013</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2014</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2015</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>		33 adults (10 adults tithing – that’s five households; an additional two households give and two more households make a rare token donation)/16 youth	10 tithers (5 households), 2 households give, 3 more give a small amount
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2013</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>		41	43
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>		24 adults, 15 children	30
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>		3	4
	<b>September 2012 thru August 2013</b>	<b>September 2013 thru August 2014</b>	<b>September 2014 thru August 2015</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>		1	1 adult, 1 baby
<b>Funerals</b>		0	1
<b>Marriages</b>		0	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>		0	4 (inc. bap.)
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>		7	8
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>		3	11