

CHICAGO DEANERY REPORT

Annual Diocesan Assembly - October 2019

Meeting Structure and content

Since the last Diocesan Assembly, the Deanery has met three times for full meetings and one short meeting to discuss where the Annual Paschal Family celebration would be held. We continue to follow the same meeting format that has served us so well for many years: Opening prayer followed by a reading and discussion of Scripture lessons for the coming Sunday for homily preparation. Deanery business follows with reports from the Secretary (Minutes of the past meeting) Treasurer and Dean. We have had one ministry related presentation by Fr. John Baker on Prison Ministry, discussed current ecclesiastical situations and events and also started planning for our Deanery celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the OCA's Autocephaly which takes place on February 7 and 8 in 2020. Following meetings the host parish provides a luncheon.

Pastoral Changes

Fr. John Segvich was appointed acting rector of Archangel Michael in Burbank, IL effective October 1, 2018

Fr. William Bass, returned from a medical leave of absence (requested in August of 2018) from St. Elizabeth the New Martyr in Chesterton, IN on February 3 of this year. He served for about one month and then requested retirement from the parish from Bishop Paul. After discussion with His Grace, Fr. William's request was honored and he retired St. Elizabeth effective, May 26.

Fr. Steven Hrycyniak retired from active parish ministry last February in order to take on a full-time chaplaincy at a hospital near Kenosha. On April 1, Fr. Hrycyniak announced to Bishop Paul and me that he and his wife were leaving the Orthodox Church to rejoin the Roman Catholic Church. Since he could not be dissuaded, he was suspended by Bishop Paul and other appropriate ecclesiastical actions have been taken.

Fr. Constantine Bodien was appointed acting rector of St. Nicholas effective March 1.

Sub-deacon **Jan Farral** was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Paul on May 19 and serves at St. Nicholas Church in Kenosha, WI.

Fr. Anastasy Richter, former rector of St. Peter the Aleut church in Minot, ND was appointed acting rector at St. Elizabeth parish effective August 4.

Sadly, after a six month struggle with cancer, our brother, the **Archpriest John Matusiak** fell asleep in the Lord on the Feast of Dormition. He had a long and fruitful career in the OCA, and in particular in the Chicago Deanery, founding and serving as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Wheaton for 30 years. Funeral services and Divine Liturgy were held at St. Joseph Church, on August 19 and 20, led by Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop Paul. More than 20 priests from the Deanery and Diocese concelebrated. May Fr. John's memory be eternal.

Deanery Lenten Vespers

This past Great Lent, we held our customary Sunday evening Lenten services, beginning on March 24 and continuing to April 14. On Sunday, April 21, we gathered at Holy Trinity Cathedral for the first

Bridegroom Matins service. The theme for the homilies focused on prophecies of Christ in the Old Testament. Preachers included Fr. John Segvich, Deacon Mark Roosien, Fr. Jacob Van Sickle, Fr. Elijah Mueller and Bishop Paul at the Cathedral. The homilies were well-prepared and excellent. Other host parishes were The Protection of the Virgin Mary in Merrillville, IN Archangel Michael in Burbank, Holy Resurrection in Palatine, St. Nicholas in Kenosha, WI and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Paschal Family gathering

Annually the Deanery gathers for a Paschal family get-together so that we can share food and fellowship. This year we met on Sunday, May 19 at the home of Fr. Herman Kincaid and his wife Jessica in Lemont. Bishop Paul was present for this with a number of clergy families in attendance.

Deanery summer and winter camp program

Once again the Deanery had both a winter youth camp and a summer camp in 2019. Both utilized the YMCA Edwards Camp outside East Troy, WI. This is an excellent camp in terms of facilities, variety of activities, a beautiful natural lake for swimming and boating, and a very mellow, cooperative staff. We had youth from seven parishes, one mission, and two chapels. The camp was coordinated by Fr Tom Mueller and Protodeacon George Potym of SS Cyril & Methodius in Milwaukee, assisted as counselors by Pat Labun, Helen Metanchuk, and Kendra Standish (junior counselor) from St Joseph in Wheaton. Attendance at our 3-day winter camp in February was up, while the 4-day summer camp in July was down a bit, due to family summer vacation issues. We had great activities, engaging education sessions, and daily services and prayer. We thank His Grace Bishop Paul for spending three days with us in the summer. (We thank Fr. Tom Mueller for this report on summer and winter Deanery Camps)

Respectfully submitted,

Archpriest Alexander Kuchta, Dean

Parish Name

Archangel Michael Church - Burbank, IL

Date Submitted

09/19/2019

Submitted By

Rev. John Segvich

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Community Name

Archangel Michael Orthodox Church

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	John	Segvich

Committees / Societies

Parish Council
"O" Club

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

Hosted Chicago Deanery Vespers on Sunday, March 31, 2019
Celebrated Great Feasts with our sister southwest suburban Quad Parishes
Celebrated annual parish feast day banquet on Sunday, November 11, 2018

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Support Burbank-area food pantry via quarterly monetary donations
Participate in Burbank-based Garden Center ministry to intellectually challenged clients with St Luke Parish

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

- Limited evangelical and charitable outreach potential due to demographics and geography
- Shrinkage due to death, demographics, and distance
- Major property expenses anticipated in the next few years
- Parish infrastructure oversized for current community

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
11/03/2019	Annual Parish Feast Day Banquet

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

24

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

17

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

15

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

0

Number of Catechumens

0

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

0

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

1

Number of Children's School Participants

0

Number of Adult Education Participants

8

Parish Name

SS. Peter and Paul Church - Burr Ridge, IL

Date Submitted

09/15/2019

Submitted By

Rev. Herman Kincaid

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Community Name

St. Peter & St. Paul Orthodox Church

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Herman	Kincaid
Rev. Dn.	John	Kornafel
Rev. Dn.	Mark	Sauskojus
Rev. Dn.	David	Kenny

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
Prosphora Bakers, Men's Fellowship Group

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

14th Annual Fr. Stephen Karaffa Golf Tournament (September)
Mission Trip to New Mexico's Navajo Nation (July)
Igniting the Flame Workshop with Bill Marianes (March)

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Our parish has monthly charity collections and supports others by budget line item.

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

2019 DOM Assembly

Increasing weekly attendance. Developing and staffing parish ministries. Outreach to the surrounding community.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
04/20/2020	88th Anniversary

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

130

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

75

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

70

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

10

Number of Catechumens

1

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

5

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

1

Number of Marriages

2

Number of Funerals

5

Number of Children's School Participants

40


Number of Adult Education Participants

10

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2019

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Christ the Savior 927 N. La Salle Dr Chicago, IL 60610	
Clergy	
Archpriest John Baker, Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Choir	
Since September 2017	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Over 40 children from 3 different parishes participate again in our summer VCS program. 2. We continue to foster an active life in Christ through participation in the liturgical life of the Church, participation in the sacraments and Christian fellowship. 3. We have been active in preparing for the potential transition of the property from the diocese to the parish. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Looking forward to the 9th Annual Little Village Thanksgiving meal. We also increased our outreach this past August by providing backpacks and school supplies for 200 children in the Little Village Neighborhood and we plan to sponsor a number of families for Christmas as we have in past years. 2. Our parish hosted the neighborhood block party in August. 3. A percentage of our operating budge continues to support our parish tithe to those in need. 4. Streaming of the Sunday Divine Liturgy and Feast Day services live continues to draw listeners on Ancient Faith Radio. 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As I have stated for several years past, I believe that parish growth continues to be hindered by insufficient space for fellowship. We also have outgrown the allotted space we have for our growing church school program with 40 children participating this year with a total of 62 children in our parish. 2. Volunteering with alacrity by the majority of the parish is lacking. 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019	

Father John's 15th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood as well as 15 years of ministry at Christ the Savior parish.

	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019
Supporting Membership Count	55	61	81
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	85	100	90
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	60	80	80
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	25	35	40
Number of Catechumens	4	6	1
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Baptisms	9	10	10
Funerals	0	2	1
Marriages	1	2	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	3	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		43	40
Adult Education/Number Participating		9	

Parish Name

Holy Trinity Cathedral - Chicago, IL

Date Submitted

08/30/2019

Submitted By

Rev. Alexander Koranda

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Community Name

Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	+PAUL	
Rev.	Alexander	Koranda
Rev. Dn.	Thomas	Keith

Committees / Societies

St. Martha & St. Mary Sisterhood
Building & Restoration
"O" Club

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

Visit of the miraculous icon of St. Anna
Homeless outreach going from monthly to weekly service

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Cathedral's Kitchen (weekly meal to the poor), St. Tabitha Circle, Food Pantry, AA groups (3), Lecture/ Retreats, Pilgrimages, Open House Chicago, Saturday Tours, Project Mexico Mission Team, Young Adult (monthly meetings), Bible Study (3)

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Majority of parishioners live 40 minutes away (without traffic)

2019 DOM Assembly

Ongoing restoration expenses

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
10/31/2019	25th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. John of Chicago
02/08/2020	50th Anniversary of OCA Celebration

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

100

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

95

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

60

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

15

Number of Catechumens

6

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

3

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

1

Number of Marriages

2

Number of Funerals

4


Number of Children's School Participants

17

Number of Adult Education Participants

6

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Makarios the Great Orthodox Mission 5216 S. Blackstone, Chicago 60615	
Clergy	
Fr. Elijah Mueller Deacon Mark Roosien (temporarily on loan to Diocese of New England)	
Committees/Societies	
Sunday School OCF and Student Chaplaincy at University of Chicago	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
3 successful defenses of dissertations, doctoral degrees (2 in theology) awarded to student members. Successful ongoing Bible Study at parishioners' home, regular individual catechesis. Choir practices with fellowship, Choir recording. Parish Festal celebration, liturgical and social.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Work with local interfaith community organization to raise funds for free clinic. Meal delivery with night ministry. Providing meals to new parents. Angel Tree, presents for children of incarcerated parents.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Still need own property for services. Need to raise more money over-all.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2019 to September 2020	
Representing Orthodoxy at the Orientation Events at the University of Chicago 12 th Annual New School Year student welcome cookout at faculty member's house Christmas and Paschal Parties Speaker on the Orthodox Church in Alaska	

	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019
Supporting Membership Count	13	19	20
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	January 1 thru September 1, 2019

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	~34	~34	~32
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	~28	~30	~28
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	8	9	7
Number of Catechumens	4-6	4	5
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	1	3	5
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	0	2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	3	2 adult baptisms
Church School/Number Enrolled	7	6	6
Adult Education/Number Participating	26	34	20

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT
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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St Matthew Orthodox Church 607 Ravenswood Drive Green Bay, WI 54302 920-455-0744	
Clergy	
V.Rev Eugene Wozniak father.wozniak@gmail.com 910-467-7467	
Committees/Societies	
Mission Team Facilities Team	
Since September 2019	
Highlight of Top Activity	
Move iconostasis and paint	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
OCMC general support and special support our missionary stewards House of Hope collections for local families in need Quarterly Benevolence Drive IOCC collections quarterly and for special needs Food Pantry Collection for local food pantry 40 DAYS FOR LIFE prayers/walk Adopt-a-Family annual collection of food and household goods Warm the Children	
Major Challenges Faced	
New Roof before winter! Finance Driving distance for parishioners especially in bad weather	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2019 to August 2020	
St Matthew day Annual Open House/Gyro Sale/Bake Sale Sister Bay Cleanup and service	

	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019
Supporting Membership Count	40	45	42
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2017 thru August 2018
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	50	50	60
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	40	50	48
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	20	15	15
Number of Catechumens	2	2	2
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Baptisms	4	0	4
Funerals	1	1	0
Marriages	0	0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	6	2	1
Church School	12	12	9?
Adult Education/Number Participating	10	10	9

Parish Name

St. Nicholas Church - Joliet, IL

Date Submitted

09/14/2019

Submitted By

V. Rev. Mykola Bodnarchuk

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Community Name

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Mykola	Bodnarchuk
V. Rev.	John	Kuchta
Rev. Dn.	David	Hanneman

Committees / Societies

Parish Council
Choir
Sunday School
Ladies Aid

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

Annual Picnic
Christmas and Easter bake sales
St. Nicholas children presentation

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Annual Christmas gift giving to Morning Star Mission
Quarterly Pantry Donations for the Homeless

Memorial donation for Fr. John Matusiak

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Church building updates and upgrades
Increasing membership count of our parish.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
09/22/2019	112 anniversary
12/08/2019	St. Nicholas patron celebration
09/15/2019	Annual Christmas gift giving to needy children through the Morning Star Mission
12/21/2019	Christmas Bake Sales
04/05/2020	Easter Bake Sales

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

36

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

36

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

20

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

5

Number of Catechumens

0

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

11

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

2

Number of Children's School Participants

8

Number of Adult Education Participants

5

Parish Name

St. Nicholas Church - Kenosha, WI

Date Submitted

08/31/2019

Submitted By

Rev. Constantine Bodien

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Community Name

St Nicholas Orthodox Church

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Constantine	Bodien

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

start of my ministry in March 2019, ordination of Jan Farrall as deacon and upcoming beer tasting

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

none

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

transition between Fr Stephen Hrycyniak and myself and another challenge is amount of funding available

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
10/19/2019	Beer tasting and dinner

Community Numbers**Supporting Membership Count**

100

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

50

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

40

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

10

Number of Catechumens

2

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

2

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

0


Number of Children's School Participants

3

Number of Adult Education Participants

5

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Parish Name and Address		Photo	
Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church 8600 Grand Blvd. Merrillville, IN 46410			
Clergy			
Rev. Jacob N. Van Sickle – Rector Unattached but serving on a regular basis: Dn. Nicholas Denysenko			
Committees/Societies			
Parish Council Hall Committee Women’s Sodality O-Club PTC (Church School) Iconography Committee Greeters ministry			
Since September 2018			
Highlights of Top Three Activities			
107th Anniversary (Oct 1) Archpastoral visit w/installation of new rector (Feb 9-10) Mortgage Burning (July 27)			
Outreach and Charitable Activities			
Feed the Flock (provide a free meal 3x/year) Fam Jam (cooperative outreach day to the community with two neighboring churches) Assist the Valpo OCF Food pantry collection O-Club supports seminarians at SVS & STS, Northwest Indiana Meals-on-wheels, and the FOCA United Fund Gas and grocery gift card hand-outs to those in need who call			
Major Challenges Faced			
Establishing ministries for our young people			
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019			
Parish Feast Day (Pokrov) and 108th anniversary on Oct 1 Fashion Show on March 22			
	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019

Supporting Membership Count	63	64	91
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	45	60	70
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	30	40	55
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	8	6	9
Number of Catechumens	0	0	4
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Baptisms	5	2	1
Funerals	3	5	4
Marriages	1	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	6	0	14
Adult Education/Number Participating	7	6	27

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
SS Cyril and Methodius 2505 S 30th St Milwaukee, WI 53215-2829	Check website orthodoxmilwaukee.org
Clergy	
Archpriest Thomas Mueller. Rector Priest John Jones Protodeacon George Potym	
Committees/Societies	

Parish is a committee of the whole for any particular need.

We are active members of the local Orthodox Clergy Syndesmos, of which Fr Tom Mueller is president. We participate in Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers (this past year unfortunately at two separate churches at different times), an annual youth picnic, and an IOCC fundraiser.

Since September 2018

Highlights of Top Three Activities

Lenten, Holy Week and Pascha cycles – Pre-Sanctified Liturgies were very well-attended and moving. For the third year we have done the Washing of Feet Service within Holy Thursday Matins on Wednesday evening. This has become a very beloved service and it is also profoundly meaningful for priest and flock.

Youth Mission Trip to SS Peter and Paul in Detroit – see comments under “outreach” below.

Our annual Liturgy and Picnic in the Park, which we have been doing for 34 years at the lush and peaceful Hawthorn Glen Nature Center, a facility of Milwaukee Public Schools. Our attendance at this event this year equaled that of Pascha. It’s a very mellow, late summer parish celebration of our faith and our community.

Outreach and Charitable Activities

Neighborhood outreach: hosting local community organization; cohosting free Block Party with that organization; neighborhood playground on church property

Monthly hot meal prepared and served at women’s homeless shelter – youth & adults assist.

Participation in faith-based social justice network, Milwaukee Inncercity Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH). Working on lead abatement crisis here.

Youth Mission Trip to SS Peter and Paul in Detroit in August – 9 youth and 4 fathers. Mission education component with Fr Paul Albert, attending services at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral, working in community garden, serving the weekly Sunday free meal. Very assist exciting and educational for the kids and adults. We’re the first assisting parish group from outside Michigan.

Campus ministry at Marquette University by Fr John Jones, on faculty there.

Proposed renewal of campus ministry at University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (UWM), major research university with 27000 students. We may try to combine this with some outreach to the 25% of our parishioners who live in a 3-mile radius of this east-side campus, where we also have faculty and students.

Holy Theophany Chapel at Walworth, WI (Lake Geneva), served by Fr John Jones and Protodcn George Potym: Sunday services in their own well-appointed chapel; annual nameday celebration and brunch after blessing of Geneva Lake. This began as an outreach project conceived and

coordinated by Fr Tom Mueller and continues as such with Fr John as priest-in-charge. This is a small but growing and active community.

Major Challenges Faced

The Ethiopian Church started a mission in Milwaukee, with a visiting priest on Sundays. This limits a field of potential membership growth for us. We have had up to 35% of our membership Ethiopian. They haven't been 'guests' but fully invested in the parish as council members, Sunday School, etc. I personally regret the introduction of another jurisdiction based on ethnicity into Milwaukee. However I am thankful that our longtime solid Ethiopian members and their children are staying with us, because (I think) they value what they have found here and appreciate the bonds of friendship they and their children have forged within the parish and with other deanery youth campers.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2019 to August 2020

	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019
Supporting Membership Count	96	102	103
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	75-80	75-80	75-80
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	65-75	65-75	65-75
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	15	12	16
Number of Catechumens	4	18	2
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019

Baptisms	3	4	6
Funerals	0	1	2
Marriages	2	1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	5	6	17
Church School/Number Enrolled	24	29	29
Adult Education/Number Participating	10	19	Pending

Note: the above statistics include numbers from Holy Theophany and St Herman Chapels. (3 chrismations and one baptism from these two communities in 2019.)

Previous years' reports can be found at the bottom of domoca.org/downloads

Parish Name

Holy Apostles Church - Normal, IL

Date Submitted

09/17/2019

Submitted By

Rev. David Gresham

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Community Name

Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	David	Gresham

Committees / Societies

Myrrh-bearers (service group)

Building Committee

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

Baptized and/or chrismated 9 people into the Faith and our parish.

Purchased a new building with 3.5 acres of land and moved in. First liturgy was on our feast day: Synaxis of the Holy Apostles on June 30.

Completed revamped and updated parish website: www.holyapostlesbn.org**Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report**

Service: Served meals at Safe Harbour Homeless Shelter in July and packed meal boxes at Midwest Food Bank in March and October.

Children visited McLean County Nursing Home (December and May).

Charity drives during fasts: food drive for St. Vincent DePaul food pantry (Nativity & Great Lent) & The Mary and Martha House (Dormition).

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Trying to sell our old church building and property.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
06/30/2020	1 year anniversary in our new building!

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

31

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

48

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

38

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

14

Number of Catechumens

9

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

4

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

5

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

0

Number of Children's School Participants

20

Number of Adult Education Participants

8

Parish Name

Holy Resurrection Church - Palatine, IL

Date Submitted

09/05/2019

Submitted By

V. Rev. Alexander Kuchta

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Community Name

Holy Resurrection

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Alexander	Kuchta

Committees / Societies

Parish Council
Women's Ministry
Stewardship Ministry

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

Feed My Starving Children
Toys for Cook County Department of Children and Family Services for Christmas
Collection of Food for Palatine Township Food Pantry

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Monthly Parish Charity Collection for a variety of causes/needs

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Families moving because of economic reasons
Attrition due to death

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
10/17/2020	Parish 50th Anniversary

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

90

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

75

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

68

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

12

Number of Catechumens

1

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

2

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

2

Number of Marriages

1

Number of Funerals

2

Number of Children's School Participants

8


Number of Adult Education Participants

12

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>St Panteleimon Orthodox Church 7549 West 61st Place Summit Argo, IL 60501-1617</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Priest Esteban Vázquez, Rector Protodeacon Robert Northrup, Assigned</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council Parish Sisterhood Church School</p>	
Since September 2018	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Spanish-language services have been scheduled on a monthly basis since November 2018 as part of the effort to become more visible to our neighbors as a place of prayer open to all.2. Bishop Paul's pastoral visit (January 12-13), which included the installation of Fr Esteban as rector, and the Synodal award of the kamilavka to Protodeacon Robert for 20 years of outstanding diaconal service.3. Our patronal feast weekend (July 26-28), featuring the participation of the Chicago Deanery Male Choir at the Festal Divine Liturgy on Saturday, and our 26th Annual Lamb Roast on Sunday.	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hispanic community outreach in the local neighborhood 2. Giving Tree ministry to generate gift cards for those in need
Major Challenges Faced
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A dwindling and aging membership, compounded by long commute distances for most, increasingly pose a challenge to the planning of liturgical, educational, administrative, maintenance, and fundraising activities. 2. Our parish's lack of visibility in our neighborhood calls for a strong ministry of presence, but for the reasons outlined above, our people resources for this are limited. 3. Continued, intentional, and effective ministry collaboration with our sister parishes in our immediate geographical area is critical to the viability and flourishing of our communities.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2019 to August 2020
<p>Celebration of the 80th anniversary of the consecration of our church building in 1940 as the first Orthodox Church in Southwest Chicago and its suburbs.</p>

	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019
Supporting Membership Count	26	24	24
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	—	20	20
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	—	16	16
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	—	5	5
Number of Catechumens	—	0	1

	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Baptisms	1	2	0
Funerals	2	0	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	—	6	5
Adult Education/Number Participating	—	—	—

Parish Name

St. Joseph Church - Wheaton, IL

Date Submitted

09/05/2019

Submitted By

V. Rev. Joseph Kopka

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Community Name

St Joseph Orthodox Church

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Joseph	Kopka
Rev.	Jonathan	Lincoln
Rev. Dn.	John	Coleman
Rev. Dn.	Lawrence	Dugoni
Rev. Dn.	Jerzy	Pietrowski

Committees / Societies

No formal structures of this sort other than the Parish Council and the Sunday School staff. All ministries are organized and developed in a fluid manner based on the nature and duration of the outreach effort.

Previous Year & Upcoming Year**Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report**

1. Addition of Fr Jonathan Lincoln as our new Associate Priest in Sep 2018
2. Death & Funeral of our founding long time Rector Archpriest John Matusiak
3. Due to FEMA rezoning, St Joseph's is no longer in a federal FEMA flood plain. This has enabled us to eliminate mandated FEMA flood insurance with a savings of \$13,000 annually in deductible cost.

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

- Monthly food distribution at the Peoples Resource Center
- Quarterly household & personal hygiene products for Bridge Communities

Quarterly volunteer efforts at Feed My Starving Children

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Coordinating funeral arrangements for Fr John Matusiak

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
10/17/2019	Young Families Dinner & Social
11/08/2019	St Joe's Adults Night Out
11/16/2019	Diocesan Youth Retreat
09/08/2019	Back To School Picnic

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

329

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

330

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

260

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

20

Number of Catechumens

6

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

12

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

3

Number of Marriages

2

Number of Funerals

7

Number of Children's School Participants

131

Number of Adult Education Participants

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2018

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Herman of Alaska Chapel 135 S. 6th Ave West Bend, WI 53095	
Clergy	
Archpriest Gregory Madlom	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Sunday School: Matushka Elizabeth (Glenda) Madlom	
Since September 2018	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
St. Herman of Alaska serves a Moljeben for victims of abortion, parents and abortionists during the 40 Days for Life. Services are held on Saturday mornings for six weeks. There are two 40 Days for Life – in Spring and Fall Adult study group continues. A family has started attending and preparation for Chrismation are planned.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Our youth have made 12 Emergency School Kids for the IOCC. Plants are in place to receive and distribute foods and clothing for the needy in West Bend.	
Major Challenges Faced	
The Church as a number of families that are gone for an extended period over the summer months. Makes attends often low.	

The Church family is rather scattered and finding the time for social gathers.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019

Baptism of Mia Joy in October 2018.

	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018
Supporting Membership Count	13	13	13
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	17	18	18
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	17	18	18
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	0	0	0
Number of Catechumens	0	2	
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
Baptisms	1	0	1
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	6	6	6