

Report of the Indianapolis Deanery

The Indianapolis Deanery is in transition. Fr. Ted Bobosh retired as Dean as of September 1. Fr. Joel Weir has been appointed as the new Dean.

The Deanery had one joint event in January, a WebEx video conference with Bishop Paul discussing the Diaconate in the Church today. Questions discussed included: What is the unique role of the deacon in the parish? What does a parish lose or miss if there is no deacon serving in the parish?

Bishop Paul noted the deacon does have some unique roles in the parish: No other parishioner but a deacon can help distribute Communion on Sunday or take Communion to the sick during the week. The Deacon has the unique role of leading the liturgical service when the hierarch is present. It is the deacon's role to make sure all goes smoothly for the hierarchical liturgy. Deacons might also be involved in the pastoral outreach of the parish – taking Communion to the sick, visiting the sick and anointing the sick (though not with formal Unction). Deacons may give sermons and help with parish administration. They can coordinate charity activities and parish outreach, as well as they may be involved in parish education and catechesis. Deacons are not to serve as elected members of the Parish Council. They have no vote on Parish Council because they might then actually vote against the priest and this shouldn't happen as their ministry is to assist the priest in the parish. The Liturgy was written assuming a deacon would be serving and it improves the experience of the parishioners to have a deacon. Deacons can assist by choir directing or helping in the choir when needed. Deacons can help organize parish ministries and charitable work. In the Liturgy, the deacon is helping lead the community in prayer.

There were three deacons ordained recently in the Deanery: Johnathon Sauer in Cincinnati, Darrell Rentsch in Indianapolis and David Abshear in Dayton.

Fr. Ted Bobosh retired after being the parish priest for 33 years at St Paul Church in Dayton. Dn Gregory Ealy is to be ordained as a priest and assigned to St Paul as the new parish rector before the end of the year.

St Stephen's Church in Lima remains without a permanent rector. The parish is currently served by Fr. Joshua Coolman from Indianapolis.

Fr. Ted Bobosh, Dean

Indianapolis Deanery

30 August 2019

Parish Name

Christ the Savior / Holy Spirit Church - Cincinnati, OH

Date Submitted

09/26/2019

Submitted By

V. Rev. Steven Kostoff

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Community Name

Christ the Savior/Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Steven	Kostoff
Rev. Dn.	Paul	Gansle
Rev. Dn.	Johnothon	Sauer

Committees / Societies

St. Katherine Sisterhood

Financial Stewardship Committee

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

Lenten Retreat with Kh. Krista West

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

St. Miguel de Lago - Guatemala

Lydia House in Norwood

City Gospel Mission in Cincinnati

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Still working on a complete kitchen remodeling project.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
10/05/2019 2019 DOM Assembly	Retreat on the Shroud of Turin

Community Numbers**Supporting Membership Count**

134

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

125

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

115

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

20

Number of Catechumens

5

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

10

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

6

Number of Marriages

1

Number of Funerals

2

Number of Children's School Participants

60

Number of Adult Education Participants

25

Parish Name

St. Stephen Church - Crawfordsville, IN

Date Submitted

09/03/2019

Submitted By

Rev. Joel Weir

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Community Name

St. Stephen the First Martyr Church

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Joel	Weir
Rev. Dn.	Michael	Wilson

Committees / Societies

Church School
Parish Life Committee
Building Committee

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

In August our Parish received a Clergy Renewal Grant from the Lilly Endowment. We are excited to be able to have guest speakers and a kids retreat while Fr. Joel goes on a renewal retreat to Scotland, Ireland, England and several monasteries in the US next summer.
Over the spring and summer our Parish did the necessary work for our new "Annex" space (purchased in late 2018) to be used for Church School and Special Events.
In October we were blessed to have an Archpastoral visit from His Grace Bishop PAUL.

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Benevolence Fund/Outreach continues to address needs that arise in our local community, including helping to pay for rent/utilities/food. Our parish raised \$1100 for a refugee family. Regular donations are made to local food bank and transitional housing. In August, a team from St. Stephens participated in an IOCC homebuild in Houston. We continue to have an outreach ministry to the neighborhood nursing home.

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Navigating the best way to move forward/timetable with using our new Annex space. We have moved Liturgy to a later 2019 DOM Assembly

time in order for Church School to be able to meet during the last half hour of Matins, which cuts down on the overall crossing the street/logistic issues of two buildings. We continue to deal with the challenge of needing more space for worship and fellowship hour. A plan is in place to do slight changes to our building in order to ease this a bit while we pay things down enough to move to our next phase of expanding the Annex for Fellowship Hour and making our existing building a larger temple.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
06/21/2020	Clergy Renewal Grant/Fr. Joel's leave begins
09/17/2019	Anniversary of Consecration of St. Stephens (2011)
09/15/2019	Anniversary of St. Stephens Reception into OCA (2002)

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

44

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

70

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

60

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

15

Number of Catechumens

2

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

4

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

Number of Marriages

1

Number of Funerals

0

Number of Children's School Participants

25

Number of Adult Education Participants

10

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2019

email completed form to chancery@domoca.org by September 15

Parish Name and Address	Photo
St Paul Orthodox Church 4451 Wagner Rd Dayton, OH 45440	
Clergy	
Deacon David Abshear	
Committees/Societies	
Social Committee, Risk Committee, Greeters, Capitol Improvement	
Since September 2018	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Volunteers from the parish helped families clean up their properties destroyed by the May tornadoes which ripped through Dayton. 2) The establishment and growth of social groups for women, men, and mothers which meet on a regular basis. 3) Twenty two baptisms including 9 adults. Six women currently pregnant. 4) A wonderful retirement party for Fr Ted Bobosh, leaving the parish after 33 years of service to the parish. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Besides collecting money for numerous charities throughout the year, the parish gives \$1900/month to various charities. Parish families help parish families in need with meals and financially. Parish helps make lunches at St. Vincent de Paul charity center.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
The transition to a new priest.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2019 to August 2020	
<p>October 26 – Fr. Silviu Bunta who just completed a fresh translation of the Divine Liturgy will talk about what he learned through doing the translation.</p> <p>November 1 - Arrival of Dn Gregory Ealy as the new priest of our parish.</p>	


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	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019
Supporting Membership Count	130	111	140
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	110	105	110
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	90	90	90
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	10	12
Number of Catechumens	4	7	4
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Baptisms	4	10	22
Funerals	1	2	1
Marriages	1	4	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy	7	10	5
Church School/Number Enrolled	55	50	60
Adult Education/Number Participating	20	25	25

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2019

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. John the Forerunner Orthodox Church 1421 S. Blaine Ave. – Church 1621 W. Howard St. – Mailing Address Indianapolis, IN 46221	
Clergy	
Priest Zachariah Trent – Rector Archpriest David Maroney – Attached Archpriest Joseph Gibson – Retired – Attached Priest Joshua Coolman - Attached	Deacon Peter Rentsch Subdeacon Luke Seraphim Beecham
Committees/Societies	
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
Since September 2016	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>The annual fall retreat was held. The speaker was Dr. Philip Mamalakis. Dr. Mamalakis is a professor at Holy Cross and a practicing marriage and family therapist.</p> <p>A discussion group was held in July and August concerning the C.S. Lewis book <u>The Screwtape Letters</u>. The study was well received.</p> <p>Deacon Peter Rentsch was ordained to the Diaconate after completing the Diaconal Vocation program.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Weekly collections for the Mary Rigg Community Center food pantry.</p> <p>Raise and Restore; a community outreach ministry operating out of St. John facilities has continued to host a Friday evening dinner open the neighborhood in our annex building. The dinners are currently held on two evenings a month with plans to go to weekly. The volunteers have been largely St. John’s parishioners.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>We have been facing the challenge of being in the world but not of it.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2019 to August 2020	
<p>Another multi-parish retreat is scheduled for October. The speaker will be Dr. Philip Mamalakas. The theme will be on the family.</p>	

	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019
Supporting Membership Count	90	94	98
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	80	80	80
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	70	70	70
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	15	15	15
Number of Catechumens	3	5	4
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Baptisms	3	2	2
Funerals	1	0	0
Marriages	3	0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	2	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	28	28	28
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	23	12

Parish Name

St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Kokomo, IN

Date Submitted

09/05/2019

Submitted By

Rev. Philip Lashbrook

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Community Name

St Thomas the Apostle

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Philip	Lashbrook
Rev.	DN Raphael	Fadil

Committees / Societies

Building Committee
Hospitality Committee
Church School Committee

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

Relay for Life
Harvest Party at Hartman's
Preparing for 25th Anniversary

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Prison Ministry at Miami Correctional Facility
Relay for Life

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

No major challenges

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
2019 DOM Assembly	

Community Numbers**Supporting Membership Count**

22

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

28

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

25

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

9

Number of Catechumens

6

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

2

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

1

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

1

Number of Children's School Participants

3

Number of Adult Education Participants

8

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2019

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>St Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox Church</p> <p>3560 Shawnee Rd Lima Oh 45806</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Subdeacon Joshua Hodges Reader Jonathan Wey Reader Daniel Hodges</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council Catechism Class Womens Group Men's Group</p>	
Since September 2017	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Theophany blessing of the water at one of our reservoirs.</p> <p>Cookie Walk</p> <p>Feast Day picnic</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Ongoing Alms gathering, for people who walk in, in need.</p> <p>Advent canned goods drive.</p> <p>Christmas donations for local women's shelter</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Financial need.</p> <p>Growth.</p> <p>No full time Priest yet.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019	

Annual Cookie Walk.

	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019
Supporting Membership Count	13	13	13
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	35	36	32
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	35	36	32
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	20	16	20
Number of Catechumens	3	3	2
	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019
Baptisms	2	0	2
Funerals	1	0	0
Marriages	1	0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	3
Church School/Number Enrolled	11	11	13
Adult Education/Number Participating	1	1	2