

Indianapolis Deanery Report

This past year in the Indianapolis Deanery, as with everything in 2020, was marked most with the onset and response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Since March of 2020, most news and developments centered around this new challenge. I am pleased to report that parishes in the deanery met the challenge adaptively and patiently. Most parishes have now returned to a good percentage of attendance able to meet safely. Work continues to provide opportunities for safe, outdoor fellowship as well as adaptive church school and other ministries.

Notable prior to the pandemic was the retirement of the Archpriest Ted Bobosh at St. Paul's in Dayton. The deanery wishes to express its gratitude for the years of faithful service and example as priest, mentor, and dean for so many years. His replacement Fr. Gregory Ealy was appointed as rector of St. Paul's in June of 2020 and has been settling in well as pastor there.

There were many participants from our deanery in the St. Macrina Program in the past year. Also, two outreach ventures have begun in Muncie and South Bend, IN with encouraging results.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Autocephaly, to be held in Cincinnati, was canceled.

Rev. Joel Weir
Dean, Indianapolis Deanery
Rector, St. Stephen the First Martyr, Crawfordsville, IN

Parish Name

St. Stephen Church - Crawfordsville, IN

Date Submitted

09/29/2020

Submitted By

Rev. Joel Weir

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Community Name

St. Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox Church

Attached Clergy

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

Committees / Societies

Parish Life Committee
Building Committee
Church School
Technology Committee
Community Outreach and Resource Committee
Garden Committee

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

Our parish received a Lilly Clergy Renewal Grant. During the end of 2019 the parish worked on planning activities, booking speakers, etc. Unfortunately these events had to be postponed due to COVID. However we will be able to use the Grant in 2021.

Continuing Education/Training: Six parishioners attended the Artefact Conference in Louisville in February. Additionally we have several parishioners involved in continuing education via the St. Macrina Institute and via courses offered by Fr. Silviu Bunta.

Our Parish received a Technology Grant with which we purchased and installed a new camera/audio system to better our ability to livestream and record services and events.

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

We continue to have a relationship with various ministries in our community including Pam's Promise Transitional Housing, Achaius Ranch (operated by parishioners at St. Stephens) and Women's Resource Center.

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

COVID. Of course, this is something every parish has faced. I believe our parish has mostly weathered this storm so far very well, adapting to changes and bearing with the struggles together.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
06/13/2021	Beginning of Clergy Renewal Leave
09/13/2020	End of Clergy Renewal Leave

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

39

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

70

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

60

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

15

Number of Catechumens

0

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

0

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

1

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

0

Number of Children's School Participants

20

Number of Adult Education Participants

5

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2020

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

Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Paul the Apostle 4451 Wagner Rd Dayton OH 45440	
Clergy	
Fr. Gregory Ealy Dcn. David Abshear	
Committees/Societies	
Mission Committee Risk Committee Social Committee Building Committee Education Committee Choir	
Since September 2019	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Dr. Peter Bouteneff retreat "How to be a Sinner" on February 1. More than 15 adults have been coming regularly to catechism classes. Fr. Vladimir Klizmo from Davydovo, Russia presented on the work his parish does with autistic and special needs adults on February 9.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Parishioners volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul to make meals. The parish give \$2000 per month to various charities and families in need.	
Major Challenges Faced	

Keeping a sense of community during the pandemic.
 Accommodating new parishioners or people interested in the Church during the pandemic.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2020 to August 2021

	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019	As of September 1, 2020
Supporting Membership Count	111	140	149
	September 2016 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	105	110	115 pre-pandemic 40 pandemic
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	90	90	90 pre-pandemic 38 pandemic
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	10	12
Number of Catechumens	7	4	11
	September 2016 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Baptisms	10	22	13
Funerals	2	1	1
Marriages	4	2	0

Receptions into Orthodoxy	10	5	8
Church School/Number Enrolled	50	60	60
Adult Education/Number Participating	25	25	20

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2020

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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	
Archpriest Zachariah Trent – Rector Archpriest David Maroney – Attached Archpriest Joseph Gibson – Retired – Attached Priest Joshua Coolman - Attached	Deacon Peter Rentsch
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 2019	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>The annual fall retreat was held. The speaker was Fr. Justin Patterson. Fr. Justin spoke on parish life and especially those things that have worked in his parish.</p> <p>During a July Archpastoral visit Fr. Zachariah was elevated to the rank of Archpriest.</p> <p>Much of our normal activity outside of worship has been curtailed due to the impact of the Coronavirus.</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. In order to provide these services safely, pre-packaged have been served on a to-go basis.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>With the necessary restrictions imposed by the pandemic, we have been working with using social media sites to accommodate live-streaming of services.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2020 to August 2021	
<p>Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic, the decision has been very recently made to cancel the annual Fall retreat. This event has been popular and well attended.</p>	

	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019	As of September 1, 2020
Supporting Membership Count	94	98	105
	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	80	80	80 (*25)
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	70	70	70 (*22)
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	15	15	15 (*10)
Number of Catechumens	5	4	5
	September 2017 thru August 2018	September 2018 thru August 2019	September 2019 thru August 2020
Baptisms	2	2	2
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	0	1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	2	4
Church School/Number Enrolled	28	28	28 (*0)
Adult Education/Number Participating	23	12	0

* During the Pandemic

Parish Name

St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Kokomo, IN

Date Submitted

09/09/2020

Submitted By

Rev. Philip Lashbrook

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Community Name

St Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church

Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Philip Vernon	Lashbrook
Rev. Dn.	Raphael Gary	Fadil

Committees / Societies

Building Committee
Hospitaliy Committee
Church School Committee

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

25th Anniversary of the Parish, Oct. 2019
Harvest Party

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Sponsor a family via OCMC

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

COVID-19
High Unemployment

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
09/22/2020	Elevation to Archpriest

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

22

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

32

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

28

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

7

Number of Catechumens

3

Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

1

Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

1

Number of Marriages

0

Number of Funerals

1

Number of Children's School Participants

4

Number of Adult Education Participants

7

Parish Name

St. Stephen the First Martyr Mission - Lima, OH

Date Submitted

09/14/2020

Submitted By

Johannah Barhorst

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Community Name

St Stephen Orthodox Mission

Community Photo

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Attached Clergy

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Philip	Lashbrook

Committees / Societies

Parish Council
Womens Group
Mens Group

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

Theophany Blessing of the Water at one of our Reservoirs
Cookie Walk
Virtual VBS

Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

ongoing alms for people who walk in, in need
advent canned food drive
Christmas donations for women's shelter

Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Financial challenges.

We have been without a full-time priest for more than 3 years.

Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
12/27/2020	St Stephen Feast Day

Community Numbers

Supporting Membership Count

12

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

35

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

35

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

15

Number of Catechumens

0

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

14

Number of Adult Education Participants

9