

Minneapolis Deanery  
59<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Assembly, October 5-8, 2020  
Archpriest Paul Wesche, District Dean

These are headlines for the Minneapolis Deanery for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

We continue to look for a candidate to serve the faithful of St Peter the Aleut in Minot, ND, as full-time priest. St Peter the Aleut has been without a full-time priest for almost a year now. The faithful are served by the Minneapolis Deanery about once a month.

There also is an active group of about 30 dedicated faithful in Bismarck, ND, about an hour south of Minot, that meets weekly for Reader services. They represent a number of different Orthodox jurisdictions: Ukrainian, Greek, Russian, Antiochian, OCA. Their desire is to be established as a mission that serves in English and that is an American, not an 'ethnic', mission.

If the schedule allows, the priest from the deanery, when he serves St Peter the Aleut on a Saturday evening and Sunday morning, may go down to Bismarck on Saturday morning to serve the Divine Liturgy with the Bismarck faithful.

At this time, since we are not able to send a full-time priest to Bismarck or Minot, it may be worth noting that the Antiochian Archdiocese is exploring the possibility of establishing this group of Orthodox faithful in Bismarck into an Antiochian mission. The standards of the Antiochian Archdiocese for ordaining men to the priesthood are more flexible than the OCA's, especially as it pertains to mission and evangelization. There is a man in Bismarck who is a viable candidate for ordination, who has completed the necessary degrees from the Antiochian House of Studies; but, obligations of family and job make attending an Orthodox seminary for a year impossible. Once the threat of the current pandemic has passed, the Dean of Missions for the Antiochian Archdiocese will visit Bismarck to assess the possibility of ordaining this young man to the priesthood and establishing a mission in Bismarck. I visited Bismarck in November or so, over a year ago. (Goodness, was it just last Fall? Maybe it was two years ago!) Bishop Paul and I advocated strongly for acknowledging the extraordinary circumstance Bismarck presents, and the extraordinary opportunity to establish an OCA mission in Bismarck if the prevailing requirements for ordination to the priesthood were suspended or negotiated with greater flexibility. Our efforts failed.

A year ago, in October, Holy Myrrhbearers in St Cloud, MN was assigned a new priest, Fr Andrew Jaye and his wife, Brenda. The growth of what is currently a chapel, attached to St Herman's in Mpls, both in terms of numbers and spiritual morale, is wonderful to see. A report from St Cloud would show at least 10 catechumens who have been received into the Church this last year alone. This is on top of a number of baptisms as well. Needed repairs and improvements of both the temple and the parsonage have been addressed and completed. The cost of these repairs is in the neighborhood of \$50k, all of which funds have been raised by donations and offerings from parishioners and supporters. The turn-around of Holy Myrrhbearers speaks to the spiritual vitality of the faithful and to the sound pastoral leadership of their pastor and his wife. The Dean is very, very proud of them!

Holy Resurrection in Fargo, ND, we are delighted to report, was elevated from mission to full parish status last October.

Our mission in Dundas, MN (Northfield), about ¾ of an hour south of the Twin Cities, was closed in late March. The relocation for different reasons of many of the pillars, leaving the burden of sustaining the mission on two families, one of which was the priest's, proved too great to bear. Fr Christopher Maciolek and his wife are commended for their faithfulness and for the quality of their pastoral

guidance. Fr Christopher is now attached to the altar of St Herman's and is helping significantly with services and our Church School program.


In Christ

Fr Paul Wesche  
Minneapolis Deanery District Dean

# DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

As of September 1, 2020

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>Holy Trinity</b> <b>523 1<sup>st</sup> Street</b> <b>Clayton, WI 54004</b>	
<b>Clergy</b> Arpr. Christopher Wojcik Deacon Jack Rogers Pr. Thaddeus Nielsen, retired	
<b>Committees/Societies</b> Council, Sisterhood, Choir, Youth Group, Sunday School, Cemetery	
<b>Since September 2019</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 Baptisms</li> <li>- Installation of Cameras &amp; Livestreaming hardware by a college student in parish</li> <li>- Outdoor Liturgy beginning at Pentecost to accommodate worship during pandemic</li> </ul>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jointly run a food pantry with local churches.</li> <li>- Rector meets with area non-Orthodox clergy regularly to discuss spirituality and local pastoring.</li> <li>- Collet clothes and blankets for FOCUS of the Twin Cities</li> </ul>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pandemic</li> <li>- Geographically scattered membership. More than 2/3 of parish drive over 30 miles one-way.</li> </ul>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2020 to August 2021</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Three Baptisms anticipated this winter</li> <li>- Two weddings anticipated this fall</li> </ul>	

	As of September 1, 2018	As of September 1, 2019	As of September 1, 2020
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	64	64	65
	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>	<b>September 2019 thru August 2020</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	70	75	35
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	60	65	30
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	4	4	0

<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	0	1	1
	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>	<b>September 2019 thru August 2020</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	2	2	2
<b>Funerals</b>	5	1	2
<b>Marriages</b>	1	0	1
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	1	0	1
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	27	26	25
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	40	40	0

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church  1603 5th St N Fargo, ND 58102	
Clergy	
Fr. William Rettig, rector  Fr. Oliver Herbel, attached	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council	
Since September 2019	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Celebrated ten years of ministry as Holy Resurrection Orthodox Mission; hosted Bp. Paul for anniversary celebration and change of status to 'parish.'</li><li>2. Moved to a new building, more centrally located in Fargo/Moorhead and near North Dakota State University</li><li>3. A dedicated group of volunteers in the parish rallied around a young parish family to meet all of their legal and material needs following a family disaster, as well as form an ongoing phone-in/drop-in 'support network' for the following 6+ months.</li></ol>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Monthly bonfires/barbeques after Saturday great vespers (2019, until winter)  Ongoing contributions to Dorothy Day House (Moorhead), FOCUS MN, IOCC, OCMC missionaries in South Korea  'Souper Bowl' food drive, spearheaded by our parish youth  Hosted a large homeschooling co-op for a tour of our nave and a Q&A session with an Orthodox priest	
Major Challenges Faced	

COVID-19

Moving immediately before COVID-19 (March 16)

The interruption to liturgical life and loss of sense of community as a result of the above

**Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2020 to August 2021**

Nothing planned - on hold as we wait to see how COVID-19 pans out. However...

Parish college students have organized an OCF chapter, to include students from North Dakota State University and Minnesota State University, Moorhead (and any students from Concordia College)

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Plans are in the works to renovate the new building, to include classroom space and a lift to improve accessibility.

	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2019</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2020</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	35	28	I'm waiting to hear from parish council members on these numbers - TBD how they will count COVID-19 numbers
	<b>September 2016 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>	<b>September 2019 thru August 2020</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	63	65	
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	47	49	
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	14	15	
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	3	2	4
	<b>September 2016 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>	<b>September 2019 thru August 2020</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	4	6	3
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	1	0	0

<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	2	2	2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	23	28	
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	10	8	4-6

**Parish Name**

Holy Assumption Church - Lublin, WI

**Date Submitted**

10/05/2020

**Submitted By**

Rev. Hermann Klarr

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**Community Name**

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

**Attached Clergy**

Title	First Name	Last Name
Rev.	Hermann	Klarr
Rev. Dn.	James	Ellis

**Committees / Societies**

Ladies Aid
Parish Council

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

Archpastoral visit this past February
Christmas Caroling at local nursing homes

**Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report**

Monetary donations to various Orthodox Charities
Food and clothing donations made to local families
Monetary and Food donations to local food shelves

**Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report**

- Balancing needs of parish with COVID-19 guidelines
- Major mold remediation project

**Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020**

Date	Event / Anniversary
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08/15/2021

112th Parish Anniversary

## Community Numbers

### Supporting Membership Count

26

### Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

18

### Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

15

### Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

8

### Number of Catechumens

1

### Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

2

### Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

0

### Number of Marriages

0

### Number of Funerals

1

### Number of Children's School Participants

8

### Number of Adult Education Participants

10

**Parish Name**

St. Herman Church - Minneapolis, MN

**Date Submitted**

10/09/2020

**Submitted By**

V. Rev. Paul Wesche

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**Community Name**

St Herman's Orthodox Church

**Attached Clergy**

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Kenneth Paul	Wesche
Rev.	Christopher	Maciolek

**Committees / Societies**

None

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

Our choir director retired after nearly 40 years of service

**Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report**

FOCUS MN & Holy Dormition Monastery

IOCC

ZOE

**Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report**

Pandemic (Numbers below reflect averages before the imposition of restrictions in response to the perceived threat of the pandemic)

**Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020**

Date	Event / Anniversary
11/22/2020	Episcopal visit in November

## Community Numbers

### Supporting Membership Count

67

### Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

90

### Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

75

### Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

30

### Number of Catechumens

1

### Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

10

### Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

6

### Number of Marriages

1

### Number of Funerals

0

### Number of Children's School Participants

29

### Number of Adult Education Participants

20

**Parish Name**

St. Mary's Cathedral - Minneapolis, MN

**Date Submitted**

10/07/2020

**Submitted By**

V. Rev. Andrew Morbey

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**Community Name**

St Mary's Cathedral

**Attached Clergy**

Title	First Name	Last Name
V. Rev.	Andrew	Morbey
Rev.	Benjamin	Tucci
Rev.	Richard	Flom
Rev.	William	Neuman
V. Rev.	John	Schroedel
V. Rev.	Myron	Manzuk
V. Rev.	Gregory	Krutchek
V. Rev.	Gregory	Grivna
V. Rev.	Eugene	Tarris
Rev. Dn.	Mark	Griffin
Rev. Dn.	Gregory	Krutchek
Rev. Dn.	David	Kostick
Rev. Dn.	Philip	Wagner
Rev. Dn.	Alexey	Dupay
Rev. Dn.	Michael	Tarris
Rev. Dn.	Jason	Ketz

**Committees / Societies**

As in previous years

**Previous Year & Upcoming Year**

### Highlights of Top Three Activities Since the Last Report

Managing worship in the pandemic

Managing church school in the pandemic

### Outreach and Charitable Activities Since the Last Report

Work with FOCUS MN

### Major Challenges Faced Since the Last Report

Pandemic issues - attendance, fellowship

### Upcoming Special Events / Anniversaries Between Now & August 2020

Date	Event / Anniversary
	None scheduled

### Community Numbers

#### Supporting Membership Count

387

#### Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance

90

#### Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants

75

#### Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance

25

#### Number of Catechumens

3

#### Number of Baptisms with Chrismation

14

#### Number of Chrismations (without Baptism)

6

#### Number of Marriages

8

#### Number of Funerals

29

#### Number of Children's School Participants


**Number of Adult Education Participants**

90

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>St. Nicholas Mission 518 E. Oskaloosa Street, Pella, IA 50219</p> <p><i>church mailing address:</i> P.O. Box 402, Pella, IA 50219</p> <p><i>priest mailing address:</i> 1675 Cordova Ave, Pella, IA 50219</p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
V.Rev. Bartholomew Wojcik	
Dn. Spyridon Roegner	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council	
<b>Since September 2018</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moved to a new, handicap accessible, and visible location with its own parking.</li> <li>• Visit of our hierarch two weeks after moving in to the new location.</li> <li>• Pascha: midnight service, full church with visitors followed by pot-luck <i>agape</i> meal, then the <i>Agape</i> Vespers that day followed by an open house party at the president's &amp; choir director's house.</li> </ul>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>On-going</i> support of the local food pantry.</li> <li>• Two to three times per year visits to local nursing facilities to serve a <i>Molieben</i> on a Sunday afternoon as part of our participation in the Pella Ministerial Association's schedule of churches providing services to nursing homes.</li> <li>• Fr. Bartholomew participated in the local ministerial association's book club as often as possible within his time constraints.</li> </ul>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fr. Bartholomew works a full-time side job-- much of it mandatory over-time for the past year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2019 to August 2020</b>	
We are likely to have an community outreach open house in late summer or early fall.	

	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2019</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	18 (financially)	18 (financially)	18 (financially)
	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	About 17	About 20	About 22
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	About 17	About 19	About 22
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	About 12-14	About 13-15	About 13-15
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	1	2	1
	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	0	0	0
<b>Funerals</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	0	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	0	1
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	2	2	2
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	N/A†	N/A†	N/A†

† After virtually every service, Fr. Bartholomew has a whole-church open forum Q&A where he fields questions and/or presents questions to be answered. In addition to the Saint or Feast of the day which he discusses after Liturgy, occasionally Fr. Bartholomew also gives a presentation on some churchly subject.



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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 956 Forest Street Saint Paul MN 55106</p>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
<p>Archpriest Jonathan Proctor (assigned) Archpriest Thaddeus Wojcik (retired, attached, moving to Pella, Iowa in September 2020) Archpriest Nathan Kroll (attached) Deacon Daniel Bassett (assigned) Deacon Luke Freeman (assigned) Deacon Kelsios Willis (attached) Fr. Philip Ramstad (ROCOR) prior to the Pandemic he was frequently in attendance.</p>	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<p>Parish Council, meets monthly Archangel Michael Hall managing board Men’s Fellowship, meets monthly Mom’s Group, meets weekly Community Garden—planting, tending and harvesting Archangel Michael Hall Rain Garden Group—maintenance of Rain Garden and grounds Church greeters/monitors—present during Vespers and Sunday services. During Pandemic this includes additional surveillance and record keeping. Hospitality—Coffee Hour Group—suspended during Pandemic Bring them a Meal—Holy Trinity members providing meals to invalids &amp; families with newborns.</p>	
<b>Since September 2019</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Keller Lake Summer Picnic &amp; Bike Ride—Parish Feast Day, Holy Pentecost (annually)* Carpenter Nature Center Fall Excursion (annually in October) <i>undetermined in 2020 due to Pandemic</i> East Side Harvest Festival—local community event with parish participation, summer* *Cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19 Pandemic</p>	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
<p>Sunday food shelf in Church Hall—outreach to our surrounding community, suspended during Pandemic. FOCUS participation—Parish prepares a FOCUS meal quarterly (Holy Trinity members prepared a FOCUS meal for August 2, 2020. We will resume more active participation after the Pandemic.)</p>	

<p>Community Service—Ham and turkey distribution to our neighbors at Thanksgiving and Christmas.</p> <p>Hall Use program—sharing our church hall space with members of the neighboring community. (Suspended use due to Pandemic beginning in March 2020)</p> <p>Harvest Sunday—three times annually the entire Sunday collection is donated to dedicated missions and charities’ funds.</p>
<p><b>Major Challenges Faced</b></p> <p>Preserving volunteer energy while still moving ahead.</p> <p>Dealing with the Pandemic—maintaining service schedules, complying with regulations and discerning ways to keep our community connected.</p>
<p><b>Physical Plant—Safety &amp; Security</b></p> <p>We installed lighting to illumine the grounds around Holy Trinity and Archangel Michael Hall; we installed land line phones in Holy Trinity and Archangel Michael Hall for effective communication between the two buildings and to deal with any unforeseen emergency; we reinforced exterior doors and installed new locks.</p>
<p><b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2020 to August 2021</b></p> <p>Undetermined due to Pandemic. We hope to celebrate Fr. Jonathan &amp; Matushka Vera’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ordination and arrival to Holy Trinity (1990) in 2021. (Our plans for this event were cancelled in 2020 due to the Pandemic.)</p>

	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2019</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2020</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	113	120	118
	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>	<b>September 2019 thru August 2020</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	104	110	Before Pandemic 110 During Pandemic 40
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	90	95	Before Pandemic 95 During Pandemic 38
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	25	<b>35</b>	Before Pandemic 35 During Pandemic 15
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	1	4	6

	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018 thru August 2019</b>	<b>September 2019 thru August 2020</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	6	7	2
<b>Funerals</b>	4	0	2
<b>Marriages</b>	2	1	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	4	2	2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	25	22	23
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	12 - 20	15 - 20	Temporarily suspended