

ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY PARISH PASTORAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2007 – JUNE 30, 2008

St. Joseph University Parish

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Parish Population

Households 770

Individual Catholics 2118

New Registrants 62

College Students 400

Celebrated

Burials 22

Confirmations 21

First Communion 41

Baptisms 29

 Infant 27

 Minor (7-17) 2

 Adult 0

Marriages 15

 Catholic 7

 Interfaith 8

Publications

Bulletin Weekly

Good News Monthly

Faith Journey Monthly

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Accomplishments for the past year included:
- Coordinated an Orientation and Training Program for Council members
- Hosted the annual joint meeting of the Parish Council and the Campus Ministry Commission
- Supported the Strawberry Festival – Community Outreach
- Kept parishioners updated on Council activities through the monthly newsletter
- Actively involved in Legacy for our Mission Campaign

- Continued to work on the planning for the Master Plan
- Completed a self-evaluation report
- Supported plans to renovate the Parish Center
- Approved using the Gregorian Room for additional classroom space for the Religious Education Program
- Approved the Parish Budget for 2008-2009

COMMISSION FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry

The primary purpose of Campus Ministry is defined by the Bishops' Pastoral on Campus Ministry: "Empowered by the Spirit."

The aspects of Campus Ministry are

- *forming the faith community
- *appropriating the faith
- *forming the Christian conscience
- *educating for justice
- *facilitating personal development
- *developing leaders for the future.

Campus Ministry emphasizes liturgy (7 p.m. each Sunday and once per month at Rose). Some of the other events are Bible Study, Mass of the Holy Spirit, Rose Frosh Welcome Mass, Hanging Out Discussion Group, Catholic Topics and Questions, Challenge Program of Spiritual Exercises, Liturgy of the Hours, Habitat for Humanity, Spring Break Service Trips, Ryves Hall Preschool Christmas Gifts, Nursing Home Caroling and Door Decorating, Fun Nights, Canoe Trip, ISU Wolfe Field Cookout, Hayride, Thanksgiving Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt and Dinner, liturgical ministries at the 7 p.m. and Rose Mass plus working with the parish on major liturgies, Adopt-a-Student Program, Summer Connections, Summer Mass, Food, and Fun, 9/11 Service at ISU, weekly lunch at Rose and ISU, monthly lunch at SMWC, 24 Hour Retreat, mini retreat at SMWC, pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, and more. The events have from 5 to 90 or more depending upon the event.

The Campus Ministry Commission which meets 6 or so times a year has 6 faculty/staff members, 4 or 5 collegians plus Fr. Richard and Sr. Carmen. The

Student Campus Council which meets monthly has between 12 and 16 students from all 3 schools plus Sister Carmen. Campus Ministry usually has 2-4 student workers to assist Sr. Carmen.

There is one student from ISU and one from Rose who also serve on the Parish Council.

The Campus Ministry events help collegians to connect with other Catholic college students and with the parish primarily through the liturgies and then through the liturgy to other activities. There is collaboration with year around parishioners in the Adopt-a-Student program, Thanksgiving dinner, Challenge Program, and especially through the Christmas and Holy Week Liturgies. Scheduling, which includes collegiate breaks, unfortunately frequently keeps collegians and year around parishioners from being more involved with one another.

The events which are most popular with the collegians frequently involve food: Pizza after Mass and the Thanksgiving Dinner. Events which have especially helped to meet the Bishop's objectives for Campus Ministry are: 24 Hour Retreat, Bible Study, Challenge, and the Service opportunities.

Challenges for Campus Ministry are

1. To continuously develop leadership and vision among collegians to build the program each year
2. To continue to develop awareness with both collegians and year around parishioners of the gift it is to be a University Parish
3. To deal with new policies which the schools at times develop that limit access to students
4. To create unity in the midst of the diverse perspectives of what it means to be Catholic
5. To find new sites for the Spring Break Service Trips

COMMISSION FOR FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation has offered the following events this past year. Some events were not held this year due to the leadership transition in the Deanery Center. These will be done again next year. There were 10 Great Dates; Memorial Service for those who have lost children; Slo-motion Mass;

Holiday Prayer Service for Military Personnel and Families; Stations of the Cross during Lent; six week Lenten series about people present during the Passion of Christ; Parish Mission, Adult Discussion Group on Sunday doing Bible Study.

Infant baptisms – there were 27 infant baptisms and two child baptisms. 17 families attended baptism classes.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

No adults were baptized this past year. During the year there were six adults who made a Profession of Faith, received Confirmation, and made First Eucharist. There are currently 11 people in the process.

Elementary Religious Education

Mission of Religious Education: to help the youth of the parish understand the Catholic faith, grow stronger in their faith and deepen their sense of belonging to the church.

This past year 20 catechists helped with the Religious Education program. There were 13 catechists helping with the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday morning at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy. 250 children were enrolled in the Preschool – 8th grade Religious Education program.

The parishes of St. Benedict, St. Joseph University, and Sacred Heart of Jesus combined their Junior High program and met at St. Joseph University Parish. There were 91 students enrolled from all three parishes.

Activities offered:

- Once a month the children participated in the liturgy at the 9:00 a.m. mass by reading, greeting and other liturgical ministries.
- On Sunday mornings at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy the children participated in the Children's Liturgy of the Word.
- On Christmas Eve the children participated in the Liturgy by acting out the gospel and a children's choir was formed. The children also read and greeted.
- Two sacramental retreats were held for parents and students who were preparing for First Reconciliation and Communion. (41 First Communicants)

- St. Joseph University Parish combined its Vacation Bible School with the other Catholic city churches and it was held at St. Patrick's Church. 90 kids attended for the week of June 16-20.

This year as part of the Stewardship program and Legacy for Our Mission, the children collected money for our student, Franklin, in Honduras that we sponsor.

The children also collected money during Lent in their homes for Operation Rice Bowl.

This past year was a good year. Other programs were offered but we were unable to have them due to the lack of response. Parents seem to be too busy to participate. Lack of space is an issue.

Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC)

One child came into the church on Holy Saturday.

Youth Ministry

The primary purpose/mission of JUMMP Youth Ministry is to minister to the high school youth of our parishes through: Evangelization, Catechesis, Prayer and Worship, Community Life, Justice and Service, Advocacy, Pastoral Care, and Leadership Development.

This past year:

- 56 youth received the Sacrament of Confirmation from our 3 parishes (20 from St. Joseph University Parish, 2 from St. Margaret Mary, and 34 from St. Patrick)
- 150 students registered for religious education
- Retreats, conferences, service opportunities, etc. were offered to students on both local and Archdiocesan levels
- 15 adults from the three parishes volunteered their time to lead small group discussions amongst the high school students on Sunday evenings
- 15 adults from the three parishes led high school catechesis on Sunday evenings
- 9 adults (3 from each parish) were/are on the Youth Commission (SJUP members were: Tom Kuhl, Mary Plank, and Cookie Dooley. Cookie is now rotating off of the Commission and Karen Ridgway will take her place).

COMMISSION FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE

A. Altar Society

The Altar Society's main purpose is to care for and maintain the sanctuary of the church by providing hosts, wine, flowers, and linens; care for the attire of servers and priests, linens required at Mass, and clean the sanctuary and sacristy.

i. Church Cleaning

The weekly church cleaning committee is composed of seven ladies, on rotation, three hours per week.

ii. Church Laundry

The weekly church laundry committee has three ladies who launder on rotation, five to six hours weekly, the purificators, corporals, altar cloths, cassocks, and albs.

iii. Funeral Luncheons

The Altar Society offers a funeral luncheon on the day of the funeral to bereaved families of persons who are buried from the church.

During the year July 2007 to June 2008, there were eight families who accepted our offer. Attendance at each luncheon varied from thirty to one hundred people.

The day before, two ladies spend three hours each shopping for supplies.

The day of the funeral, six ladies spend six hours each preparing food, serving, and clean-up afterwards. Other ladies provide salads, vegetables, and desserts when called upon.

Our strengths come from our ladies of the Altar Society and parishioners in general, who are willing to help at these luncheons and/or contribute food.

We believe that by providing these luncheons we allow families time to relax and visit with each other and friends whom they may not have seen for a long time.

iv. Luncheon for the Good Cheer Club

An annual luncheon is held for the Good Cheer Club for the blind with eight ladies donating six hours each.

v. Luncheon for Clergy and Pastoral Staff of the Terre Haute Deanery

An annual luncheon is held for clergy and pastoral staff of the Terre Haute Deanery with

six ladies volunteering their services for six hours each.

vi. Eucharistic Adoration and First Friday

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary is attended by 16 to 18 ladies. Eucharistic Adoration is not strictly an Altar Society activity, but is intended to be a parish-wide activity.

B. Environment

The Environment Committee has 28 active members. They prepare the church for weekend masses and special occasions. They are responsible for decorating for special celebrations such as Mass of the Holy Spirit, First Communion, Confirmation, Lent, Palm Sunday, Pentecost, Easter, Christmas, and the Feast of St. Francis.

The committee is involved with the setup of All Soul's candles, which includes approximately 300-375 candles a week during the month of November, as well as the banners which have the names of the deceased written on them. Banners are also made for other groups such as Pro-Life, special children's liturgies, Secular Franciscan Order, first communion, etc. We also decorate for special events at the church such as Sing Praise.

C. Eucharistic Ministers

There are 62 active Eucharistic Ministers, 34 female and 28 male. Each weekend there are 22 various Eucharistic Ministers needed for weekend Masses: 4 @ 5:00 p.m., 6 @ 9:15 a.m., 6 @ 11:30 a.m., and 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled on a month to month rotation, within availability. During the months of mid-August through mid-May, our parish collegians are included with the scheduling at the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

More than 150 various Eucharist Ministers are necessary for Christmas, Holy Week, Feast Days, Thanksgiving, Ash Wednesday and other special events. For example,

- 41 - Holy Week and Easter
- 16 - Special Masses in December
- 28 - Christmas
- 16 - Ash Wednesday
- 36+ - Holy Days
- 36+ - Feast Days/ Special Events

D. Hospitality

i. Church Ministry

One hundred and ten Hospitality Ministers have been serving at all our weekend Masses, Funeral Masses and special church events. Ministers have been effective in reaching the goals of their ministry: preparing the church, welcoming people, distributing worship aids, helping with collections, seating, and other acts of hospitality. Leaders at each Mass have been effective in building spirit and participation among their team. This year more families and college students have become part of this ministry. The funeral ministry has grown. Our biggest struggle remains the training and formation of ministers to reach out to others in the spirit of the Lord.

ii. Coffee and Donuts

Between twenty-five and forty parishioners met in the Gregorian Room after the 9 o'clock Mass on Sundays when the Religious Education students met. Several families have formed friendships with new families who have come to our parish. Some families share coffee, hot chocolate and donuts before the children go to their classrooms. Since the school-age children have classes during the 9am Mass, younger children enjoy each other in games and coloring. Several sit and read a book or the Sunday newspaper. This event was provided as a service to the Religious Education families.

iii. Sunday Nursery Service

Twelve volunteers provide a babysitting service for children of parishioners attending weekend masses at 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. every Sunday. This allows parents of these children to concentrate more fully on the mass. The children have games, books, and toys to enjoy, and are carefully supervised. Approximately 10 to 20 children are in attendance every Sunday. More parents are encouraged to take advantage of this service on Sundays.

iv. Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee consists of 10 members. We meet every other month at noon to plan our various activities. One of the purposes of the committee is to welcome new parishioners. The committee welcomes all

parishioners at various parish events and is in charge of the St. Joseph Soup Supper.

The committee sends a card to each new parishioner, follows up with phone calls, and invites them to special parish activities. During the past year we welcomed approximately 31 new families.

E. Lectors

The lectors deliver the Word of the Lord at mass. During the academic year, Sr. Carmen arranges for college students to lector at 7:00 p.m. mass. Other mass times are covered by year-round parishioners. Lectors receive workbooks that explain the Old and New Testament readings. The books also give tips on delivery and pronunciation. Several training sessions are held during the year to orient new lectors. Occasionally, training for all lectors is offered.

We have 36 lectors: 25 women; 11 men, including two school-aged and one college student. All ages are welcome to volunteer for lector duties.

F. Liturgy Committee

Members of the Liturgy committee represent all the Liturgical Ministers of our liturgical celebrations. With our ministers and staff we planned, decorated, serviced and celebrated liturgically:

- Parish Picnic
- Deanery Celebration of St. Mother Theodore Guerin
- All weekend Masses
- Advent and Christmas
- Lent and Easter-Lenten symbol given to all parishioners
- Yearly commissioning of liturgical ministers on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

We also

- Supported the Director of Music in introducing Sing Praise hymns to our parishioners
- Supported Christmas and Easter Sing Praise
- Provided a special committee to work with these two events

G. Music

The music ministry is an integral part of each liturgy. This ministry includes seven cantors, 20 choir members, and four instrumentalists. The members also participated in the two Sing Praise

events, at Christmas and at Easter, under the leadership of Cormac O'Duffy, our former Director of Music. A new repertoire of music was added to weekend and holy day services. A keyboard was purchased from the Memorial Fund. The choir participated in the Sader Meal at Mt. Pleasant Church.

H. Sacristans

The sacristans are individuals who arrive at least 45 minutes prior to Mass. They assure that all items necessary for the priest to say Mass are available and in place; that lights are turned on; verify microphones are in place and turned on.

Only one person is required to set-up for Mass or Communion Services. We have eight individuals who donate an average of 45 minutes to one hour per week on rotation for weekend liturgies, and three individuals on rotation, who donate an average of 45 minutes to one hour per day Monday through Friday.

We believe that we are contributing to the solemnity of our liturgies; our strength comes from these individuals who are faithful and take their duties so seriously.

I. Servers

We have ten people consisting of adults, children, and adolescents, that assist the priest presider at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday mass; 25 at the 9:00 a.m. mass; and 10 at the 11:00/11:30 a.m. mass. Collegiate students serve the 7:00 p.m. mass. Every year eighth grade students are recognized for their faithfulness to serving with a certificate from the Serra Club.

COMMISSION FOR STEWARDSHIP

A. Buildings and Grounds

The Building and Grounds Committee has been changed and new members have been added. The committee will be responsible for planning and overseeing various capital projects of the parish. Activities have included the following:

- Installed new sidewalks in the front of the property
- Installed handicap curb cuts in front of the property

- Replaced back steps of the Parish Office Building
- Repaired the baptismal font
- Additional roof repairs to the Parish Center
- Replaced hot water heater in the Parish Office Building
- Completed several small plumbing projects
- Completed several small electrical projects
- Committee will review and award electrical contract for the renovation of the Parish Center
- Installed additional air conditioners in the Parish Office Building

B. Bulletin Stuffing and Office Help

i. Bulletin Stuffing

There is a bulletin for every weekend of the year and there is always one insert but not more than 3 inserts to be stuffed for any one weekend.

Currently a rotating schedule is set in December or January for the entire year. During a year, most volunteers stuff bulletins for 3 weekends, occasionally a 4th weekend. All materials are ready by Thursday afternoons and stuffers have the option of taking the materials home or using space in the church offices. The total number of bulletins varies from 500 to 600 per weekend. Some volunteers choose to work in pairs. We currently have 17 volunteers for this ministry.

ii. Office Help

When the Secretary is absent from the office, an individual is needed to answer the door and the telephones. All information must be handled confidentially. On Samaritan Days (Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 – 4pm), one volunteer is needed to help answer the door and the phones due of the volume of people requesting assistance, and to help distribute food baskets (on Mondays) to those with referral numbers. Over the past year there have been 7 volunteers who have helped to keep the office running smoothly.

C. Collection Money Counters

Currently we have 13 volunteer money counters. Each Monday morning three, sometimes four, counters meet to count for about 2-1/2 to 3 hours. The counters are very dedicated people who

enjoy seeing the numbers balance on the count sheet.

D. Finance Committee

Activities of the Finance Committee are:

- Review monthly Financial Statements
- Report financial summaries quarterly in the parish newsletter
- Prepare, present and publish the annual report
- Prepare and present an annual budget to the Parish Council and Archdiocese

The Business Manager is a representative to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee was involved in the Legacy for Our Mission Capital Campaign and will be involved in the funding of the renovation project.

E. Fundraising

i. Fish Fry

Several volunteers worked at this year's Fish Fry. Because of a mix-up with the caterers, the serving began much later than advertised and caused some confusion. The income was still good, but not what had been expected.

ii. Spring Social Sweepstakes

The purpose of the Spring Social is to encourage fellowship in the parish. At the same time we are able to raise the funds needed to pay the salary for the physician in Honduras, and fund areas of need in the parish budget.

This year the Spring Social was held at Idle Creek Banquet Center on Friday, May 9, 2008. We were able to once again offer a silent and oral auction along with the sweepstakes drawing and delicious dinner.

John and Ann Welch and the Spring Social committee began its work in November. We had no idea what was needed to prepare for the event. With the help from Tim and Janet Cooper we were able to gather a great core of people. We had 12 people active on the committee. We had approximately 31 people total helping at different times.

Bev Findley was in charge of the ticket sales and Pat Mozley was in charge of the silent auction items. We sold 246 dinners. All 300 tickets were sold before the drawing. This is the

first time all tickets were sold out before the drawing. We deposited a total of \$39392.50 from the Social.

We paid out as follows:

- \$ 4,800 to the Honduras Mission.
- \$ 4,920 to Idle Creek for dinners
- \$10,000 to the Grand Prize winners
- \$ 300 for a gaming license
- \$19,672 was given to the parish

I feel the Spring Fling was a success not only financially but socially too. I certainly enjoyed the opportunity to work with parishioners I did not know. Everyone worked very hard and completed their tasks.

Our challenge will continue to be getting new people to help with this project. Those who have done it for the past few years are looking for some others to step up and help lighten their load. With the experience from this year, we hope to encourage others to participate and widen our base of volunteers.

F. Guerin Circle

The Guerin Circle (ten parishioners) honored the canonization of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin by erecting a statue of her likeness in the garden of our south lawn. This statue was sculpted by Teresa Clark and blessed by Archbishop Buechlein, OSB on September 12, 2007. On the same day, a meal was served for the donors and the Sisters of Providence who ministered in the Terre Haute Deanery. A time capsule was buried near the statue on October 6, 2007. This was all made possible by one hundred and twenty personal donations.

G. Legacy for Our Mission Capital Campaign

St. Joseph University Parish conducted the Legacy for Our Mission Capital Campaign during the fall of 2007. The total amount of money paid or pledged is \$850,000. Of that amount, St. Joseph University Parish will receive approximately \$475,000. Most of the pledges are over a three year period so it will be the end of 2010 before we have all the money. The money will be used to renovate the Parish Center and the Parish Office Building. The renovation will include electrical work, plumbing work, making the Parish Center handicap accessible, providing a handicap bathroom in the

Parish Center and making the Parish Center handicap accessible.

The Chairperson of the Capital Campaign was Sally Steward. She had the help of many volunteers who were chairpersons of a committee or who volunteered to assist the chairpersons. The overall Coordinator for the campaign was Jane Anderson. Committees included the following: Advance Commitment, Callers, Children's Activity, Enlistment, Pacesetter, Prayer, Print Communication, Special, and Student Activity.

H. Stewardship Committee

The committee has begun studying and discussing Stewardship: A Disciple's Response at meetings.

The committee worked with Commission Ministers to develop the July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008 Parish Pastoral Report. The Commission Ministry Program Self-evaluation was compiled from all members' input.

In January, intention cards were mailed to all 760 parish families and individuals. 292 intention cards were returned and follow-up phone calls were made. Names of those new to volunteering were sent to the various committee chairpersons.

A new Pictorial Directory was distributed in February. 289 families and individuals had their pictures taken and placed in the directory. A complete parish directory listing of all families and individuals was also included. The next directory is planned for the spring of 2010.

Due to the emphasis on the Legacy of Our Mission Capital Campaign, the regular United Catholic Appeal, Ministry Fair, and Stewardship presentation at masses were not held.

COMMISSION FOR PARISH LIFE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

A. Annulments

The Catholic Church presumes that marriages are valid, binding spouses for life. When couples do separate and divorce, therefore, the Church examines in detail their marriage to determine if, right from the start, some essential element was missing in their relationship. If that fact has been established, it means the spouses did not have the kind of marital link that binds them together for life.

The Church then issues a declaration of nullity (an annulment) and both are free to marry again in the Catholic Church.

Last year the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal granted to our parishioners ten annulments. One case was suspended. Eleven more cases were presented and are in progress. Most of these will be granted within the next year.

B. Community Builders

There are currently 7 members with several others who volunteer for our events. In October we held the annual bonfire and weenie roast at Pumpkinworks with over 135 in attendance. The next event, which we have been doing since 2001, was the Easter Vigil reception following the Vigil Mass. We served close to 100 people. We hosted two evening receptions following the Parish Mission presentations to groups of 50-100. The most recent activity was the sixth annual Summer Party attended by over 100 people. It was catered by Fazoli's restaurant and along with a silent auction, provided games for the children.

C. Marriage Sponsor Couples

The Sponsor Couples help to prepare engaged couples for marriage each year. They meet with the engaged couples usually 3 or 4 times. At the first meeting they ask the engaged couples to answer a questionnaire and use the following meetings to facilitate discussion between the couple addressing topics that arise from the results of the questionnaire.

D. Ministry of Care

Ministry of Care is a coordinated and evolving ministry in the parish. This ministry proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ by living the gospel through service and prayer for parishioners whose health has been compromised, those who are grieving, and the caregivers who support them.

i. Bereavement Committee

Bereavement has struggled to get started. There are many issues why this is so. This coming fall a strong attempt will be made to find people to help with this ministry. The goal will be to follow the family of a deceased member for the first year of the grieving process. Each family

will be met on an individual basis, offering our help for whatever needs they may have.

ii. Cards, Casseroles and Communion

There are 25 members on this committee. The ministry serves those parishioners who are unable to participate in the liturgy due to serious illness, recuperation after surgery/accident, or who are homebound for a short time. The mission is to keep these people connected to their parish by sending cards, preparing and delivering meals and taking Eucharist. We believe that we were successful in accomplishing our mission by serving 29 meals to 8 people. We took Communion to 11 individuals. Many cards were sent. Our biggest challenge remains being made aware of all the people who are in need of short term care.

iii. Funeral Luncheon

Women of the Altar Society and the Ministry of Care offer a buffet style lunch to the bereaved families of persons being buried from St. Joseph Church. During the year July 2007 through June 2008, there were eight families who accepted our offer. Our strengths come from the ladies of the Altar Society and parishioners in general who are willing to help at these luncheons and/or contribute food. Detailed information will be found under Commission for Spiritual Life Ministry (Altar Society).

iv. Health Promotion

Blood pressure screenings are offered once a month after Mass. There is continued maintenance of the AED machines in the church and school.

v. Homebound Ministry

This ministry serves those who are homebound or who are in long term care facilities who are unable to participate in the life of the parish or attend liturgy. Each person is seen weekly or bi-weekly for a long visit and are brought Communion. This past year, eight people were served by four volunteers.

vi. Hospital Visitations

Each week a person from St. Joseph University Parish goes to Union Hospital to give Communion to patients who have made a request to the Chaplain's office. The new Tabernacle, which was dedicated a few months

ago, located in the Chapel in the lower level of the hospital has made the process easier. We also go to Regional Hospital when a patient notifies the church office that they wish to receive Communion. This is not a weekly event as it is at Union. The ministry is going well.

E. Mission Honduras

Thirteen members of the 2008 Mission Honduras team departed for Tegucigalpa and Comayagua on March 6th and returned on the 14th. This year's team was composed of fifteen participants: two physicians, one EMT, one nurse, four translators, four pharmacy workers, and three construction workers. The construction team completed the home they began two years ago and the medical team met the needs of over 600 patients. Three of our clinic sites were held in remote mountainous areas at the northern edge of the parish boundaries, a fourth in a colonia adjacent to the parish, and the fifth held at the compound of San Maximiliano Kolbe. St. Joseph underwrites the salary (\$4800 funded through proceeds of the Spring Fling) of Dr. Yury Sanchez to help provide low cost medical care to the people of the local community throughout the year. Additionally, St. Joseph parish continues to send 2% of its ordinary income for general support of San Maximiliano Kolbe parish. Funding to support this outreach effort is a significant concern and a series of meetings has been initiated to address the continuing needs of this project.

F. Parish Family Picnic

This committee organizes the annual parish picnic which is held in Deming Park on the second Sunday in August. There are sub-committees for set-up, food and drink service, grilling, parking, bingo, games for kids and clean up. Approximately 450 people attended the 2006 picnic. Thirty-five people volunteered for the 2007 picnic.

G. Prayer Chain Ministry

The primary purpose of this ministry is to extend to our group of twenty-seven people the request of prayers for members of St. Joseph University Parish. The initial request is called in to Sue Tenerelli or co-chair Jim Holmes. In turn, we contact the five sub-leaders who then contact the

people they are responsible to call. We all then include the requested individual in our prayers. This committee was formed in March of this year and to date we have assisted about 50-60 people in prayer.

H. Samaritan Committee

The Samaritan Committee served 1020 families from July 2007 through June 2008 with a total contribution of \$45,872.83.

Food Division: Food Baskets 490

Financial Assistance Division:

Rent Assistance \$12,405.07

Utilities Assistance \$29,680.25

Prescription and Stranded

Traveler Assistance \$3,787.51

Money collected for the Samaritan Fund during the year was \$36,569.89. The expenditures exceeded the amount collected by \$9,302.94. The additional funds came out of savings from funds left from previous years.