

ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY PARISH (SJUP) PASTORAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2011-JUNE 30, 2012

SJUP PARISH INFORMATION

Households	705
Individual Catholics	1,624
Total Individuals	1,812
New Registrants	54

Baptisms	12 total
Infant	11
Minor	0
Adult	1
Burials	24
Confirmations	35
First Communion	21
Marriages	13 total
Catholic	6
Interfaith	7
Professions of Faith	4

(baptized in another Christian tradition and entered the Catholic Church)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Accomplishments for the past year include:

- Developed an ad hoc committee to revise the organizational chart of the ministries and commissions of the parish.
- Made several significant amendments to the Council Constitution, specifically:
 - Permitted the pastor to add members to the Council in the event of extraordinary circumstances. Members would serve one (1) two year term.
 - Provided additional representation to the Council by adding an additional seat for a member of faculty or staff from Rose-Hulman, as well as for a member of the Engagement Committee (formerly known as the Stewardship Committee) within the Stewardship Commission.
 - Clarified the number of voting members of the Council.
- Developed an ad hoc committee for studying social ministry—specifically how to engage parishioners to care for the poor and needy not only of the parish but also of the community.

Dear Parishioners:

I know you will love reading this Pastoral Report. It tells me that our parish is a living, vital community of faith, showing so much faith and love in the parish, that I am humbled at such generosity and commitment.

Jesus, whose life is our greatest lesson about love, identified love as the path to salvation. Love goes beyond well-wishing to action, the “laying down” of life. Jesus saved us through giving. He gave us himself. Because God loved us first, he has given us abundant life and a unique combination of gifts. Through our Baptism, Jesus calls us to join his mission of salvation with our gifts. When we give, we follow Jesus, we come alive. This Parish Report shows our parish is alive.

As I look back over the past year I am so grateful to God and to all of you who have put your heart into our Christian life and into our parish community. The Pastoral Report talks of everything from the Parish Council to Hospital Visitation, from Campus Ministry to the Parish Picnic, from the Samaritan Ministry to the yearly financial report. You would probably like to find more in the Pastoral Report about the wonderful A.C.T.S. retreats that some parishioners have been making.

The present Report will remind you of so many brothers and sisters, fellow parishioners, and of lives poured out in faith and in love. As you read the following Pastoral Report, you will see how St. Joseph University Parish is alive and how each of us shares in that life when we share in the different ministries of the parish. Thank you. If you feel the Lord nudging you to share in a new ministry, we will be happy to help you.

Look at this Parish Report and be amazed.

Friar Mark

- Developed and released a new Strategic Plan through 2016.
- Endorsed and supported the pastor's plan for parish renewal in the form of the recently held men's and women's ACTS retreat.
- Reviewed and approved the parish budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Supported the parish Fish Fry and Spring Fling.
- Reviewed and approved the funds for significant building maintenance projects including the tuck pointing of the church and other parish buildings.
- Considered and approved ideas to celebrate the upcoming 175th anniversary of the parish.
- Supported the newly formed Deanery ministry commissions by serving on them.
- Recommended the use of FlockNotes, a custom web registration and communication tool in order to communicate within both Campus Ministry and the parish community as a whole.

COMMISSION FOR FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation consists of programs for specific events, general Catholic teaching and retreat experiences. Some of the opportunities presented in the parish were:

- Baptismal preparation classes for parents of children receiving the sacrament of Baptism.
 - 11 families had children baptized this year.
- Small Church Community
 - One ongoing community for over eight years.
 - A temporary small community met for a couple of weeks discussing a book about prayer.
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
 - Two teams: Precatechumenate, four members; Catechumenate, three members
 - Four Professions of Faith, Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. One full initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
 - Four team members attended a six hour conference in Nashville, IN
 - Two team members attended a three day workshop in Milwaukee, WI.
- Adult Confirmation Program

- Two women went through the program during Lent and were Confirmed at the Vigil.

Programs offered:

- Transitus of St. Francis – approximately 80 people attended. A new presentation of the events surrounding the death of St. Francis was held at the parish with a combined cast from St. Joseph's and St. Benedict's parish.
- Parish Mission - Fr. Antoine Leason led a parish mission during the week of September 19. The mission was attended by approximately one hundred people each night. Four members of Community Builders prepared/hosted receptions in the Gregorian Room each night.
- Eight week program on New Roman Missal - During Lent sessions were held on understanding the meaning and richness of the new English translation from the Latin. Five to twenty people attended each session.
- Slo-Mo Mass - A non-sacramental Mass was held for parishioners in January. This activity was designed to explain each section of the Mass. It dealt with the evolution of the Mass and provided attendees an opportunity to ask questions. About twenty people attended.
- ACTS Retreats - The women's ACTS retreat was held from May 31 through June 2. Sixteen parishioners attended and five ladies from the parish were on the thirty member team. The men's retreat was held on July 26 through July 30. Eighteen men participated in the retreat and ten men including Friar Mark and Friar John were part of the twenty four member team. These retreats are designed to give one an experience of belonging to the Body of Christ and to know the love of God. Witness talks were among the activities and were given by team members. These talks covered various areas of the speaker's faith journey. Those attending the 11:00 am Mass on the Sunday when the retreatants returned heard the group sing their theme song. Three members of each group shared their experience in a short witness talk. Future retreats are being planned and these retreats are being used as one of the major ways to enliven the faith of the parish as well as to enkindle the flame of the Spirit.

Contact Donna McKenzie: adultfaith@stjoeup.org

Elementary Religious Education

The mission of Religious Education is 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 140 children were enrolled in the program. 100 students were in preschool through 5th grade and 40 students were in Middle School. Middle School classes were combined with Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and met at St. Joseph's.

There were 24 volunteers helping with the Sunday morning Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at the 9:00 and 11:30 am liturgies. Children are dismissed from Mass by the presider to go to a room upstairs above the church sacristy to hear the Liturgy Of the Word in language that they can understand. The children then return to participate in the rest of the Mass with their family.

Activities offered:

- Parents night out was offered on December 3 from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Twenty children participated in this program. Games and movies were offered to the children while the parents enjoyed a night out.
- Two one day sacramental retreats were held for parents and students who were preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion. There were 16 participants this year.
- 100 children attended Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year. VBS was a combined effort among the Catholic churches in the city. It was offered for children from age four years through the 5th grade. Over 40 volunteers helped during the week ranging from Middle school to adult.
- Elizabeth Davis helped teach the six week courses on understanding the new Roman Missal.

Contact Elizabeth Davis: reled@stjoeup.org

Youth Ministry

The JUMMP Youth Ministry program includes the parishes of St. Joseph University, St. Margaret Mary, and St. Patrick, and meets at St. Patrick's.

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

Accomplishments for the past year:

- 100+ students registered for JUMMP religious education (48 from SJUP).
- 65 students (28 from SJUP) were confirmed.
- Retreats, conferences, service opportunities, and social gatherings were offered to students on both the local and Archdiocesan levels.
- Through our Souper Bowl food drive, JUMMP Confirmation Candidates encouraged community members to donate food to the Samaritan Food Pantry, raising 800+ pounds of food for our hungry brothers and sisters!
- Six youth (three from SJUP) traveled to Doddridge County, WV to serve our brothers and sisters through an organization called Nazareth Farm. With our sponsor-a-mile program, the parishioners of SJUP contributed \$1346.00!
- Nine adults from the three parishes (six from SJUP) volunteered their time to lead small group discussions amongst the high school students on Sunday evenings.
- Eight adults from the three parishes (six from SJUP) led high school catechesis on Sunday evenings.
- Seven adults served on the Youth Commission, three from SJUP.

Contact Marcia Lane-McGee:

JUMMP.youthminister@gmail.com

COMMISSION FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Altar Servers

There are 54 altar servers (22 in grades 5 - 8, 6 in HS, 4 in college and 22 adults) that assist the priest at all of the weekend liturgies. Four adult servers assist at funerals and six student servers assist with weddings, if requested. In order to become an altar server, an individual must be in Fifth Grade or older, and must have made their First Communion.

Contact Cookie Dooley: cd5562@aol.com

Altar Society

The Altar Society's main purpose is to care for and maintain the sanctuary and sacristy of the church. They provide hosts and wine for liturgies, flowers for the altar, small altar linens such as purificators, corporals, and ablution towels. They clean the sanctuary and sacristy weekly. They launder small altar linens, cassocks and albs.

- *Church Cleaning.* Weekly cleaning of the sanctuary and sacristy is done by 10 individuals on rotation, two hours per week.
- *Church Laundry.* This committee is composed of four ladies who launder on rotation, the small altar linens. Two ladies launder the cassocks and the albs when required.
- *Funeral Luncheons.* Luncheons are offered to the bereaved family of persons who have funerals in the church. For the year July, 2011, to June, 2012, ten luncheons were provided along with a Mass card for each deceased person. A luncheon can require two hours of shopping and getting supplies on the day prior to the funeral. The day of the luncheon requires at least six ladies. It takes at least six hours to set-up, serve, and clean-up. A more detailed report can be found under the Parish Life and Social Concerns Commission reports.
- *Annual Luncheon for the Good Cheer Club.* This community event offered for the blind, was not offered this year but will resume in 2012.
- *Deanery Pastoral Personnel Luncheon.* The annual luncheon for clergy and pastoral staff was held September 12, 2011. 15 individuals were served. This required two ladies to shop the day before and to spend at least two hours on the day of the luncheon. Six ladies were there from 4 to 6 hours to set-up, serve, and clean-up.
- *Eucharistic Adoration and First Friday Rosary.* The rosary is usually attended by 10 to 15 ladies and this is followed by a brown bag luncheon. Eucharistic Adoration is not strictly for the Altar Society but is a parish-wide activity. There are 15 individuals currently devoting one hour for adoration regularly. Other parishioners drop in at their convenience to spend time in adoration.

Contact Mary Jane Coker: mjtcoker@yahoo.com

Environment

The Environment Committee has 17 members. The church is prepared for all weekend Masses and special occasions. The committee is responsible for decorating for special celebrations such as First Communion, Confirmation, Lent, Palm Sunday, Pentecost, Easter, Advent, Christmas, and the Feast of St. Francis. Special setup is required each year for All Soul's candles which burn in November (This year approximately 235 candles were changed out each week and banners

which have the names of the deceased written on them are displayed). The committee is also responsible for the weekly watering and maintenance of all indoor plants and flowers in the church during the year. Volunteers are always needed and encouraged to call Christy Higgins (230-2414). Questions, comments, and concerns about the church environment are always welcome.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There are currently 95 active Eucharistic Ministers and eight substitutes. Each weekend, 22 ministers are scheduled for the four Masses: four for the 5:00 pm Mass, six each for the 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses, and six for the 7:00 pm Mass. This number of ministers increases for Masses during Thanksgiving, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, Feast Days and Holy Days. During the academic year some collegians also volunteer for this ministry.

Barbara Friedrich is responsible for collecting time availabilities from the active ministers and creating and disseminating a two-month schedule. Barbara works with Donna McKenzie to recruit new ministers and to ensure that they are trained. New Eucharistic Ministers are always welcomed and appreciated. Contact Donna McKenzie: adultfaith@stjoeup.org

Hospitality Ministry

• Gregorian Café

Eight Café Helpers provide a gathering for parishioners in the Gregorian Room after the 9:00 am Mass. They serve approximately 40 people each time. This service is provided on Sundays, September through May, when the children meet for Religious Education. Volunteers pick up food, set up for coffee, tea, etc. and clean up. Contact Peggy Wesley: wesleypeggy@yahoo.com

• Hospitality

Approximately 70 Hospitality Ministers prepare the church for prayer and worship each Sunday and Holy Day. They welcome our people as they distribute hymnals/worship aids. They help with seating, offertory collections, bulletin distribution, and provide any other assistance that is needed. Six people serve as hospitality ministers for funerals. All volunteers are given "on the job" training. Leaders participate in

appropriate training sessions. Contact Donna McKenzie: adultfaith@stjoeup.org

Welcome New Parishioners Committee

The purpose of the Welcome Committee is simply to welcome new parishioners. Members of the Welcome Committee have risen to the challenge presented by the unique circumstances brought about by the closing of three Deanery parishes. They have sent notes, made personal phone calls, engaged in visits after Mass and have performed many other acts to comfort those who have turned to St. Joseph University Parish for their spiritual home. They have encouraged engagement in parish ministries, answered questions and reminded new parishioners of upcoming events and activities. They provide a welcoming presence at the annual parish picnic. The committee has always provided a supportive atmosphere during the acclimation period for those individuals and families who have joined the parish. For information contact Judy Anderson at 812-234-5426.

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the Word of the Lord at each Mass. Forty-nine lectors in total have served in this ministry over the past year. If you would like to be a lector, training is available. Contact Donna Mckenzie: adultfaith@stjoeup.org

Liturgy Committee

Members of the Liturgy Committee represent all of the Liturgical Ministries for our liturgical celebrations. With our ministers and staff, liturgies were planned, decorated, and celebrated at all weekend Masses, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, Easter and at our parish picnic.

Representatives attended the Chrism Mass during Holy Week in Indianapolis. We hosted Sing Praise, an interfaith celebration with music. Parishioners were presented with Lenten reflection key tags. Pentecost intercessions were presented in various languages by parishioners.

The committee planned for and instituted the transitions required for the new Roman Missal. New song books were used this year. Various communications eased the transition to the updated Roman Missal. Contact Cookie Dooley: cd5562@aol.com

Music

Music is an important part of each liturgy. The ministry includes 25 choir members. Ten members cantor at the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Choir practice is held on every Wednesday at 7:00 pm except for about 6 weeks in the summer. Steve Prescott is the choir director at the 9:00 am mass and the Wednesday choir rehearsals. Becky Doti is the Coordinator of Music and Liturgy, which includes cantor scheduling and training, organizing and planning all materials/music, and worship aides. Larysa Tudorica is the piano accompanist and Andrew Gearhart is the organist. There are various other instrumentalists who play on occasion.

During Easter the choir sings at all of the Masses during Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, and the Easter day Masses. Practices will be added or will go longer to learn various music for these celebrations

During Christmas the choir will sing at the Midnight Mass. This includes 30 minutes of music before the Mass begins. During Easter and Christmas a brass quartet is hired from Indiana State University to add to the music.

Contact Becky Doti: dbdoti@msn.com

Sacristans

Currently we have nine adults who regularly act as sacristans. They arrive at least 45 minutes prior to Mass, turn on the lights, and set-up the vessels, and supply enough hosts needed for Mass. Before Mass begins, they verify that the microphones are in place and turned on. If servers are not present the sacristan lights the candles.

They serve the entire church community by assuring that everything needed to make the liturgies run smoothly is provided, allowing the priest to have more time to prepare for Mass without having to be concerned with set-up.

COMMISSION FOR STEWARDSHIP

Buildings and Grounds

This past year, parishioners:

- Painted the DJV room
- Sound-proofed the confessional
- Refurbished the Sacred Heart statue area to accommodate the St. Ann statue
- Repaired/patched/painted walls in the vestibule of the church

Future projects:

- Removal of bushes killed by drought.
- Glazing the windows and painting the parish office rear porch
- Painting Parish Center rooms, next May/June

The committee may undertake more projects in the upcoming year since major projects we completed this year.

Garden Caretakers

Caretakers clean the pedestals and statues of St. Joseph and St. Mother Theodore and generally care for the South Lawn Garden. Our lead caretaker died and we are in need of another person to take charge of this effort for at least a few times during the year.

Bulletin Stuffing

We have 40 individuals/teams that stuff the weekend bulletins. Each individual/team is assigned one or two weekends a year. We always have one insert but sometimes have as many as three. There are approximately 450/500 bulletins to stuff each week.

Collection Money Counters

About 14 counters rotate weekly to count the parish collection. Counting the collection takes two to three hours each time. These are dedicated people who like seeing numbers balance on the count sheet.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month except in June and December. The committee reviews financial reports, approves business policies, reviews bids for projects and makes recommendations to Parish Council. They also prepare and recommend an annual budget to the Parish Council. Anyone interested in becoming a member of Finance Council should call the office to express their interest.

Fundraising

- *Fish Fry*. Our annual parish Fish Fry was held on Friday, February 24, 2012. St. Ann Parish offered us their Fish Fry date (the first Friday of Lent) since they were closing this year. St. Ann

Parish also donated their steam table to us which greatly helped in serving our Fish Fry customers. The purpose of the Fish Fry is to bring the parish family together as well as members of the community. The Jonah Fish Fry is a very popular event. The profit this year was about \$2,627.12. Next year's event will be on Friday, February 15, 2013. We have a wonderful group of volunteers but more are always welcome for this busy event.

- *Spring Sweepstakes 2012*. The Spring Sweepstakes dinner and silent auction was held on May 18, 2012 at the Idle Creek Banquet Center. The event is open to, and supported by, the Terre Haute community. This year 285 out of 300 sweepstakes tickets were sold. 226 dinners were sold (\$22.50 each). The profit after expenses from the sweepstakes and silent auction was \$20,550.00. \$4,800.00 of this amount is used to fund the medical supplies for our Honduras Mission trips that will take place in fall of 2012.

Office Help

There are a few individuals who help answer phones in the office on the occasion when no staff is available to do so. We keep the number of times needed to a minimum but greatly appreciate the assistance of these volunteers. Contact Diane: parishoffice@stjoeup.org

Newsletter Mailing

The *Faith Journey* newsletter is mailed every other month. In total about 15 people participate; usually about eight to ten people help on a given month. They fold, tab and label newsletters for each parish family (about 700). Contact Diane: parishoffice@stjoeup.org

Buzz Committee

The Buzz Committee promotes effective parish communication utilizing existing and new communication procedures and resources, for internal (parish) and external (the greater community) information sharing. Since its inception in February of 2011, over 30 parishioners have been involved in the monthly gatherings. We have succeeded in sending out deanery & parish information to several Wabash Valley hotels, travel bureaus, and real estate agencies. Visual aids posted on easels in church assist in publicizing

activities and liturgical holidays. Other initiatives include: activated a FaceBook group page, twitter account, and an email campaign that encouraged greater participation in parish wide events.

Engagement Committee

This committee (formerly known as the Stewardship Committee) seeks to promote, to make aware, and to serve as an example of what we as Christians are called to do - Live the Gospel. Our goal is to assist the parish in creating and becoming a culture of stewardship. Our focus is on each individual's gifts and their interests within the Church, the community and the world. They strive to assist parishioners in the sharing of their talent and time. This committee also coordinates the Parish Stewardship and Archdiocesan *Christ Our Hope* appeal each fall, the parish Ministry Fair, the parish Pastoral Report and the Ministerial Celebration Dinner. The committee meets the first Thursday of each month and new members are always welcome. Contact Rob Doyle: rdoyle@eiu.edu

COMMISSION FOR PARISH LIFE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

Community Builders

This social ministry sponsors two annual parish gatherings. There is a *Summer Party* in June and a *Weenie Roast and Chili Supper* in October. For a small price individual parishioners and families enjoy a meal and fellowship. Community Builders (CB) conducted a silent auction in June to help defray expenses so that no parishioner would be unable to attend because of the price of the food. Special activities were held for the entertainment of attending children. All parishioners were welcome and were encouraged to attend these two seasonal events. CB also provided a reception Holy Saturday evening to honor those who were fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. This ministry also may be called upon to host other receptions as the need arises. Further information can be obtained by contacting Gina Jennings at ginajenn6602@aol.com.

Funeral Luncheon Ministry

Ten families of deceased parishioners were provided a luncheon on the day of the deceased's funeral. These luncheons averaged eighty guests. A single luncheon can require two hours the day

before shopping or ordering supplies. On the day of the luncheon at least six ladies spend approximately six hours setting-up, serving and cleaning afterwards. Thirty parishioners are signed up to provide food donations. Several are also available to work the day of the funeral.

Total expenses for funeral luncheons (July 2011 through June 2012) were \$1,567.78. Donations received from families for luncheons totaled \$400.00. The Altar Society is the funding source for funeral luncheons. Its income is derived from the family donations, individual donations, its Christmas Raffle and the annual spring Bakeless Bake Sale. Persons wishing to provide food for the funeral luncheons donate work time or make financial contributions to the Altar Society may contact Sharon Polge-Morris at farfarpolg@aol.com.

Honduras Mission

Since 1997 SJUP has been twinned with a Franciscan parish in Tegucigalpa, Honduras named San Maximiliana Kolbe. This is a very large and poor parish, so SJUP gives 2% of its Sunday collection to help support it. Friar Isidoro, the pastor, and other Central American Franciscan friars visited SJUP last September and spoke at the Masses expressing their gratitude for all SJUP has done and continues to do for the people of San Maximiliano Kolbe.

In the past SJUP has sent many medical and construction teams to its twin parish. This past year the medical mission team consisted of eleven people. This team saw at least seventy five people per day. Last year's annual Spring Fling raised \$4,800.00 for the medical supplies that were purchased by the medical team. The supplies that were left over were given to a Honduran doctor for use in the San Maximiliano Parish.

The SJUP website has many pictures taken during the 2011 Mission Trip. This fall (2012) two Mission Trips will depart for San Maximiliano. The first will be October 4 through the 12 and the second will be November 18 through the 25. For information contact Friar Mark at pastor@stjoep.org.

Pro-Life

Pro-Life members and supporters attend a Pro-Life Mass on the third Thursday of each month at 5:15. They conduct a meeting following Mass in

the Small Meeting Room in the parish office every other month (January, March, July, September, November). Members pray for one hour in front of Planned Parenthood at 9:30 on the third Saturday of each month. If no one is available for the on site prayer, members read the booklet of prayers privately. Ten members are currently on the roster. Their most significant achievement this year was to complete a nine month novena for an unborn child which the members spiritually adopted.

This group also coordinated fundraiser attendance, donations and transportation to the March for Life on January 23, Wabash Valley Right to Life Banquet on January 26, Sanctity for Life banquet in Indianapolis on March 8 and Crisis Pregnancy Banquet on April 28. They provided assistance with the sign up for a Right to Life ad in the Tribune Star. They made chocolate baby buggies and Prayer for the Unborn cards for distribution after Mass marking the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

In 2012 Pro-Life members have started meeting at 4:30 pm (prior to the Pro-Life Mass) to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet. The committee will attend the Life Chain activities on Respect Life Sunday October 7, 2012, and will host a Life Chain event in the Gregorian Room later that afternoon.

New members are welcome. Interested persons may contact Connie Fitch via email at drmeathead@yahoo.com.

Marriage Sponsor Couples

This year 5 new married couples joined our team of Marriage Sponsor Couples. Currently 19 married couples assist in preparing engaged couples for marriage including three inactive couples who have taken a leave of absence. They have assisted in the marriage preparation of 14 couples, and one couple who decided not to get married. Sponsor Couples facilitate communication between engaged persons regarding their attitudes on various topics which are essential to married life. Contact Friar John: assocpastor@stjoeup.org

Men's Group

The St. Joseph's Men's Group is in its fourth year. Several men from the parish continue to share their faith and friendship by meeting the first Wednesday of every month. They meet for Mass at 5:15 and then go to a local restaurant for dinner and

discussion. Friar John Bamman regularly joins the group.

The group spent the last year studying and discussing the Gospel of Mark. They are now reading the Acts of the Apostles. Several members of the group participated in the Men's ACTS retreat.

New members are always welcome. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to join the group at Mass on the first Wednesday of every month. For additional information please call Greg Carter at (812) 208-4695 or email him at gregocart@aol.com.

Ministry of Care

Ministry of Care is the overall title for several ministries of the parish has that involves more than spiritual care of parishioners. There are three at the moment:

- *Homebound Ministry* provides Eucharist and connection with the parish for those who are unable to attend Mass on either a long-term or permanent basis. Four parishioners have visited and taken Eucharist to five parishioners during the past year.
- *Hospital Visitation* is ministry to hospital patients. Currently St. Joseph's takes Eucharist to Union Hospital on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, and to Regional Hospital on Wednesday. Ministers see all patients in the hospital who have requested Eucharist and prayer. One minister also visits Terre Haute Nursing and Rehabilitation Center one day a week for Eucharist and prayer.
- *Cards, Casseroles and Communion* is the final area under the Ministry of Care. There are 11 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 them connected to their parish by sending cards, preparing and delivering meals, and taking Eucharist. Persons needing meal delivery or who would like to receive cards or Communion may call the Parish Office 232-7011 or contact Donna McKenzie: adultfaith@stjoeup.org

Parish Picnic

The parish picnic is the largest parish social event of the year. Approximately 350 people attended. The picnic date was changed from August to September 11, 2011 to accommodate Campus Ministry students who are generally not all registered until after Labor Day. The picnic, held at the Lion's Shelter in Deming Park, now begins with 11:30 Mass. This is followed by food, fellowship, games for adults and kids alike. A Ministry Fair was held in conjunction with the picnic but the Fair did not result in the participation level that was anticipated. All parishioners are invited to the picnic and urged to attend. There is no charge to attend the picnic although parishioners are asked to bring sides/chips/fruit. Volunteers are needed to help set up, monitor the parking area, assist with games and snacks and clean up. Contact Jim Holmes at jholmes@ma.rr.com or call the parish office at 232-7011 if you are interested in volunteering.

Prayer Chain Ministry

The Prayer Chain Ministry (PCM) began to function as an active group in April of 2008. Its purpose is to receive requests for immediate and emergency prayer. The PCM group then prays for those intentions. One hundred forty-nine persons were prayed for by 61 PCM members. Of the 61 PCM members, two are co-chairs and six are group leaders. The group's members are in contact with each other by telephone/e-mail. Other parishioners are invited to join this ministry or those wishing to request prayer may do so by calling the phone numbers printed in the weekly church bulletin. Parishioners may also sign up for this ministry during the annual Stewardship drive. Contact Jim Holmes: jholmes@ma.rr.com or Sue Tenerelli: 299-2429

Samaritan Ministry

- Income/Expenses
 - Balance on July 1, 2011 \$34.83
 - Total income (donations) \$69,177.44
 - Total expenditures \$68,945.79
 - Utilities \$39,520.49
 - Rent \$23,003.42
 - Prescriptions \$837.51
 - Balance on June 30, 2012 \$266.48
- Total families receiving assistance 412
- Food bags distributed 492

- All families receiving food assistance have been screened by the Salvation Army and provide a referral number when they come to the Samaritan Ministry. Monetary assistance is provided once per family (this was a policy change instituted in summer 2011). Food is provided to anyone who comes to the parish office and claims a need. The Samaritan Ministry receives some of its food from Catholic Charities.

Parishioners may assist the poor in many ways: financial contributions to the first Sunday Samaritan collection, donating non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of the month, bringing garden produce to the back porch refrigerator or to the office, and donating food items purchased with local grocery coupons. This year the food items provided in the Samaritan emergency food bags were reviewed by a professional nutritionist and were rated a "4" which is the highest nutritional rating for food pantries. Therefore, foods high in protein, vitamins and whole grains should be considered when making contributions to the Samaritan Ministry. Those high in sugar, fat and preservatives should be avoided. Additional help is always needed in keeping the food storage area stocked, organized and clean and also in pre-packaging diapers for distribution. These tasks can be done almost any time that it is convenient for the parishioner. One great need for Samaritan Ministry is to find a source of large heavy duty plastic bags to hold or carry the emergency food items. There is a twenty-six member committee which provides support and guidance for the Ministry.

Money continues to be a great need for the Samaritan Ministry. Because of the large increase in utility bills, the need for assistance has escalated in the past year. Now Samaritan Ministry runs out of money before the 15th of each month thereby leaving many families without any financial resources to apply to their ever increasing utility bills.

The Samaritan Ministry is a leader in the community and the parishioners have been incredibly generous in their financial support. Many of the Ministry's clients have expressed verbal and written appreciation for the assistance they have received. More importantly, they are thankful for the respect and dignity shown to them when they are forced by unforeseeable and unfortunate circumstances to request help.

Acknowledgement is made to the Spring Mill Bread Co. which donates bread and rolls weekly for the food bags. All parishioners who have shared produce and the Secular Franciscan Order who have supplied disposable diapers are greatly appreciated.

Contact Teresa Hildebrand: 812-394-2356

Annulments

Please contact Friar Mark if you wish to:

- Seek an annulment for a first marriage
- Have your present marriage blessed
- Once again become a part of the sacramental life of the Church

Contact Friar Mark: pastor@stjoeup.org

Widow to Widow Support Group

The Widow-to-Widow Group held its first meeting in January. The group meets at 4:00 pm on the second Thursday of each month in the Small Meeting Room (SMR) of the Parish Office. On occasion, meetings are held at the Vigo County Public Library. Four St. Ann widows joined three St. Joseph widows in monthly meetings to acknowledge their shared grief in each meeting with prayer and acknowledgement of shared sorrow, they move on the discussion of necessary resources such as finding a good repairman, dealing with clutter and sharing reading materials. Frequently attendees go out to eat after the meetings. Guest speakers strive to provide a comforting atmosphere for each attendee. They acknowledge the grief of those present and then move on to the practicality of living single and finding ways to give new meaning and purpose to a life that was dramatically altered. For information contact Alice Forrest at 238-5248 or Linda Sturtevant at sturtevant40@gmail.com.

COMMISSION FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY

The US Bishops have said: "On campus there is a great reservoir of energy and talent that could be utilized in the service of the Church and the world." (*Empowered by the Spirit*, p. 11) Here are a few examples of what Campus Ministry has accomplished by tapping into these resources:

We were able to fund a Campus Ministry Internship through a grant from the Indiana Network for Higher Education Ministries. Josh Cox, an ISU sophomore, served in this capacity and focused on Social Justice Ministry. Josh's efforts

ranged from coordinating students for the Life Chain to helping lead a Service trip and several *Faith Alive!* programs.

Campus Ministry offered two successful Service Trips through Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge program. RHIT students went to Mississippi where they built the interior walls and roof of a house. The ISU students traveled to Oklahoma to work on emergency home repairs. Both trips were full and included daily prayer and reflection.

We held an overnight Student Retreat. Students gave witness talks and planned activities. The retreat theme was "Celebrate" and participants celebrated their faith, their gifts and their church.

The Campus Ministry Commission worked with the Parish Council to better articulate the parish's mission as a university parish. The result was a revised Parish Mission Statement which was adopted in May.

Finally, we began using new technology called FlockNotes. This web-based communication tool has text-to-register capabilities and allows students to receive information via text messaging, e-mail, Facebook and Twitter. Contact Jeff & Carol Schaffer: campusmin@stjoeup.org

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Income and expenses for the year can be found in chart form on the last page.

Our overall expenditures this year greatly exceed our realized income due to our capital improvement projects which included:

- Tuckpointing of the church was finished last December. Please pray for Donald R. Conroy. It was his bequest that fully funded the tuckpointing which totaled \$229,468.14 after adding some similarly needed repair to the Parish Center and the Parish Office. We still have about half of his bequest in savings for other such large immediate repair needs.
- Projects paid for by parishioners from current and past donations included the church electrical upgrade and additional lighting in the amount of \$88,739.77, handicap curbside entrances in the amount of \$3,200.00 and insulation of steam pipes (after removal of asbestos wrapping) which totaled \$18,025.00.

The only extraordinary purchase made this year was of a new copier. Budgeting to recoup the purchase cost over the life of the copier will put us in a position to purchase a new machine when necessary.

Our Fish Fry fundraiser was more profitable this year than last. We had a larger crowd since we now serve on the first Friday of Lent which was the date offered to us by St. Ann Parish before they closed. People are ready for fish when Lent starts!

We were fortunate that we did not have a severe winter. We saved on utility and snow removal costs.

Our Spring Social fundraiser, open to the whole Terre Haute community, is an integral part of the budget and we are fortunate that it has always been a success every year due to the hard work of the committee members.

All funds donated to the Samaritan Ministry are used for food and financial assistance to Vigo County residents.

The Altar Society handles their own income and expenses. They purchase the altar wine and hosts every year and liturgical cloths when necessary. They also subsidize and/or outright pay for funeral luncheons for those buried from our parish—a situation that yearly drains their assets. We thank them for everything that they do and encourage everyone to support their fundraisers which support their ministry to St. Joseph.

The combination of parishioner generosity, bequests received years ago, conscientious staff, and the help of the members of the Finance Committee keeps St. Joseph University Parish in sound financial condition. The administration and expenditure of funds is viewed as a stewardship responsibility. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Contact Diane Galinaitis: parishoffice@stjoeup.org

If anyone has any questions about the Parish Pastoral Report, please contact Greg Carter at 812-208-4695 or gregocart@aol.com.

**Income and Expense Summary (Actual vs Budget)
for Year End June 30, 2012**

INCOME	Actual	Budget	
Sunday Offering	557,741.45	575,000.00	
Holyday Offering	8,166.45	20,000.00	
Maintenance	27,743.16	14,000.00	
Total Collection Income	\$593,651.06		\$609,000.00
Pamphlet/Candle/Flower	11,279.11	10,800.00	
Donations	47,173.00	40,000.00	
Fundraising (Fish Fry/Spring Social)	42,023.40	42,500.00	
Religious Ed/YM/CM	13,781.62	11,660.00	
Endowment Income	1,750.87	1,770.00	
Rents	4,150.00	3,450.00	
Investment/Interest	15,508.33	8,100.00	
Fees & Other Income	9,807.75	5,890.00	
Criterion	2,639.00	-	
Legacy For Our Mission - Capital Camp	20,397.44	-	
Total Other income	\$168,510.52		\$124,170.00
Samaritan	69,177.44	48,000.00	
Altar Society	7,309.93	3,620.00	
Total Non-operating Income	\$76,487.37		\$51,620.00
Total Income	<u><u>\$838,648.95</u></u>		<u><u>\$784,790.00</u></u>
EXPENSE			
Salaries	291,916.20	301,014.33	
Continuing Ed, Staff Travel & Stipends	3,735.13	8,459.08	
Benefits	71,912.60	73,793.71	
Office/Computer/Copier	24,371.64	19,774.59	
Maintenance	16,380.62	16,650.00	
Utilities	24,498.89	30,800.00	
Liturgy/Music/Sacristy	43,866.01	48,386.00	
Parish Committees & Adult Faith Formation	5,944.74	11,985.00	
Archdiocesan Assessments	134,470.53	134,427.29	
Criterion	7,166.04	6,500.00	
Honduras 2% & Honduras Medical	15,955.32	16,300.00	
Misc	1,660.44	3000.00	
Religious Ed/YM/CM	17,447.41	16,080.00	
Fundraising (Fish Fry & Spring Social)	18,696.28	18,000.00	
Total Ordinary Expenses	\$678,021.85		\$705,170.00
Samaritan	68,945.79	48,000.00	
Altar Society	6,643.17	3,620.00	
Total Non-operating Expense	\$75,588.96		\$51,620.00
Capital Improvements	\$339,432.91	28,000.00	\$28,000.00
Total Expenses	<u><u>\$1,093,043.72</u></u>		<u><u>\$784,790.00</u></u>