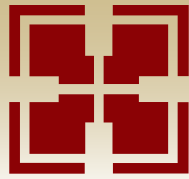


2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT



St. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH





WORSHIP + SERVICE + EDUCATION

In the Heart of South Bend

PASTORAL TEAM & STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Kevin Rousseau, C.S.C.

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Brian Ching, C.S.C.

School Principal

Suzanne Wiwi

Preschool Director

Melissa Cowden

Administrative Assistant

Angelina Rose

Office Assistant/Safe Environment

Lisa Slott

Director of Business Operations

Pat Stockrahm

Director of CCD

Erin Seeley

Director of Christian Formation

Fatima Monterrubio Cruess

Director of Marketing & Communications

Sean Kennedy

Director of Music & Liturgy

Jessica Springer

Director of Stewardship

Becky Guhin

Director of Youth Ministry

Katie Ball-Boruff

Facilities Manager

Kevin Hamel

†
J.M.J.

September 26, 2014

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this annual report, I wish to share our current financial position and also ask each of you, our parishioners, to take this opportunity to prayerfully reflect on your financial support towards the operation of our parish. Your sacrificial giving goes a long way in support of our mission at Saint Joseph.

We continue to be a vibrant worshipping community with wonderful programs and ministries, now in much improved spaces! As we continue to expand and revitalize our campus, I invite you to rejoice in all of God's blessings, to give thanks, and to continue to seek out ways to serve as His disciples. Our mission of educating hearts and minds is important to us and I am confident that, together, we will meet our financial responsibilities and continue to strengthen our parish for generations to come.

COLLECTION & SAVINGS

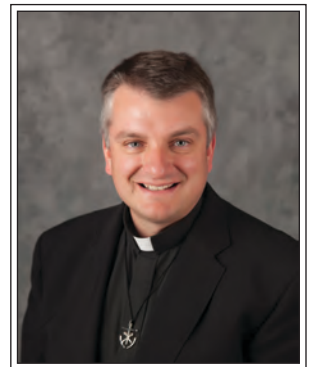
Weekly collections have decreased this past year even though the number of parish families has increased. The purchase of the former car wash, preparing that space for parking, along with costly maintenance repairs from the unusually harsh winter and higher utility bills have exhausted our modest savings. Nearly all parish departments were able to cut costs this past year and lower their budgets for our current fiscal year so that we could pass a balanced budget.

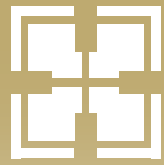
PARISH FINANCES

- **Offertory has decreased**
- despite an increase in parishioners
- **Costs are rising**
- campus expansion, utilities
- **Savings are depleted**
- our modest savings have been spent (new parking, school tuckpointing, utilities/maintenance)

CAMPAIGN

Contributions towards the *Living Our Faith, Building Our Future Campaign* seem to be right on schedule. We currently have \$1.5 million saved for our expansion with another \$1.3 million pledged. As I write to you, the architects are completing a cost estimate for the expansion which will be reviewed by our committee. When more details are in hand I will write another letter. We are on track to begin construction in spring of 2015.

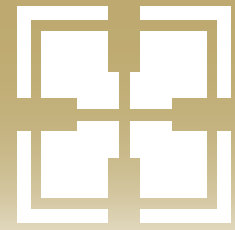




St. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1853-2014



MINISTRY & SERVICE

I have been edified to see the outreach and service done at Saint Joseph. While I have not been able to participate in each project, I am grateful to have met most of our homebound parishioners who are not able to join us each week for Mass. Hearing them tell their stories of Saint Joseph when they were “more active” gives me an appreciation for the fact that our service is not new - you and I are in a long line of dedicated parishioners who care deeply about their neighbors!

WORSHIP & PRAYER

As a priest, I love the celebration of all the sacraments and each Mass, but there is something very special about Christmas and Easter Masses! During those solemn feast days, we often see extended family members who are visiting and parishioners for whom those two celebrations are not to be missed. Of course, the most solemn liturgy of the year is the Easter Vigil where we proclaim Jesus’ resurrection and celebrate the sacraments of initiation with those preparing in RCIA. First Communion, praying with the fourth graders on All Saints Day, and graduation were also very special.

While I have been able to share in many celebrations with you this past year, there might also be times when you have questions - or maybe you will be faced with situations when you would like some advice. While I cannot guarantee that I will have answers, I can say that my door is open and I welcome the opportunities to assist and listen - or at least to pray with you.

Thank you for taking the time to review this report and thank you for all you do to support our parish and serve as Christ’s disciples. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to offer your services as a volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God bless,

Rev. Kevin Russeau, C.S.C.
Pastor

WAYS TO BOOST YOUR SUPPORT FOR SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

- 1. Participate in regular giving**
- envelopes or electronic funds transfer (EFT)
- 2. Utilize EFT instead of envelopes**
- eliminate the hassle of remembering envelopes
- 3. Increase your regular giving**
- consider an increase of 1, 2, or 5%

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Council Members

Amy Barrett (Chair)
Emmeline D’Agostino
Alicia Fullenkamp
Nancy Horvath
Greg Lorch (Vice-Chair)
Trish Maher
Steve Matz
Patric Richter
Mark Stanish
Mary Stepney

Christian Action Representative
Janel Charlton

Christian Formation Representative
Chris Slott

Community Life Representative
Mandy Kinnucan

Liturgy Representative
Joe Larson

School Board Representative
Andrew Polaniecki

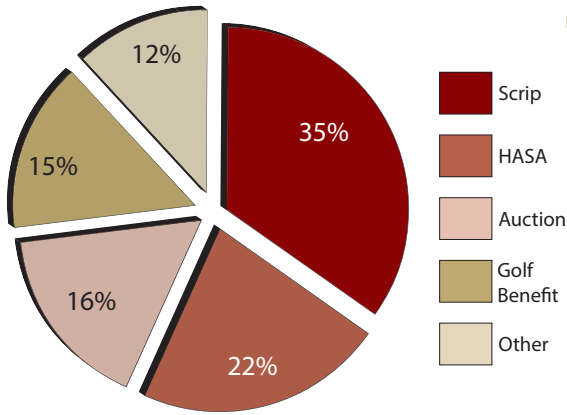
Stewardship Representative
Ed Jordanich

Secretary/Recorder
Lisa Slott

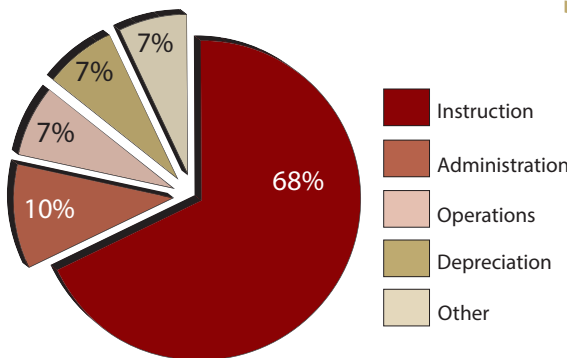


Financial Report

Excludes campaign. For campaign report, see back page.



2013-14 Fundraising Income



2013-14 School Expenses

SAINT JOSEPH PRESCHOOL

Enrollment Parish Subsidy

Year 1: 29 -\$47,243 *
Year 2: 44 -\$ 6,828

* Subsidy was consistent with expectations for the first year of preschool operation.

2013-14	2012-13	INCOME
891,355	915,732	Collections - General
17,074	19,050	Collections - Buildings & Maintenance
1,584,910	1,540,626	School Tuition, Fees, Scholarships
88,383	-	Preschool Tuition & Fees
49,415	57,057	Grants
149,132	168,166	Fundraising (non-campaign)
44,729	13,956	Donations
37,848	42,426	Bishop's Appeal Overgoal
-	34,363	Net Rental Income (711 Colfax)
81,287	43,205	Other
2,944,133	2,834,581	Total Income
2013-14	2012-13	EXPENSES
218,862	225,038	Parish Administration
		Parish Operations
85,002	88,019	Facilities Staffing
48,406	29,302	Utilities
29,186	15,737	Repairs/Maintenance
84,017	47,490	Depreciation
49,070	39,125	Other
		Parish Ministries
2,336,003	2,178,519	School
135,626	12,406	Preschool
156,198	201,037	Liturgy & Music
92,320	66,372	Christian Formation
99,428	99,032	Other Ministry
3,334,118	3,002,077	Total Expenses
252,975	197,900	Depreciation add back
(137,010)	30,404	Net Cash Income/(Loss)

\$10,000

SAVED in liturgy/music ministry expenses

As a result of in-house printing

42%

INCREASE in parish/school utility expenses

Due to extreme weather and campus expansion

EDUCATING HEARTS AND MINDS IN THE HOLY CROSS TRADITION, SINCE 1854

\$502,013

Parish subsidy to operate the school

\$4,750

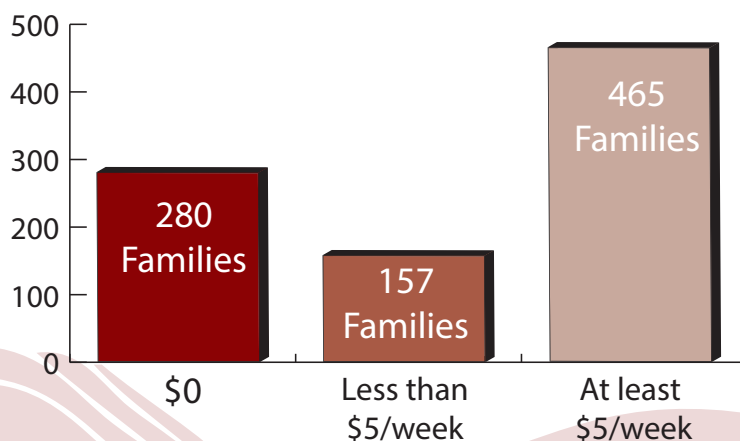
Cost to educate each student at SJGS

\$1,495

Average tuition subsidy to each parishioner student

Offertory Giving at Saint Joseph

2013-14 WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS



48% of registered families contribute less than \$5 per week to the collection

Based on envelope and EFT giving

LAST 12 MONTHS...

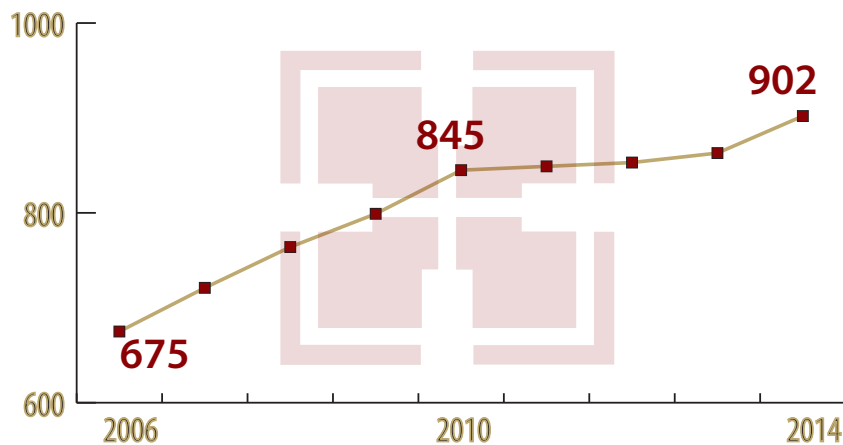
↑ 3.0%

INCREASE in registered families

↓ 2.7%

DECREASE in general offertory collection

NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES



\$27,989

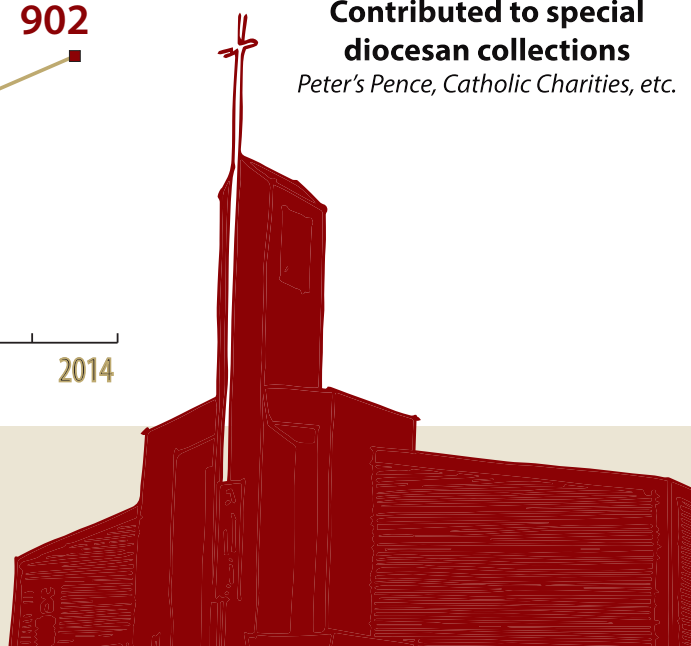
Contributed to special diocesan collections

Peter's Pence, Catholic Charities, etc.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Gary Stenke
Bill Nolan
Bill Carlson
Cynthia Miller

Tim Dolezal
Tim Maher
Chris Lauber



Growing as a Faith Community...

The Saint Joseph community continues to live out our commitment to worship, service, and education in the heart of South Bend through our 45 ministries that serve both our community and beyond...



A Saint Joseph CCD class meets in the Ackles Center

CHRISTIAN ACTION

Service to the South Bend Community: Habitat for Humanity, Hope Ministries, Our Lady of the Road Breakfast Crew, Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Donation Drives

Catholic Social Teaching Awareness: Catholic Conversation at Corby's, Prayer for Justice Series, Respect Life

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation: Parish Retreats and Formation Events, Arise Together in Christ

Children, Youth and Family Ministry: Seasonal Resource Tables, Youth Ministry and Mission Trip

Religious Education: Children's Catechetical Development (CCD), Vacation Bible School, Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sacramental Preparation: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Infant Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Youth Confirmation, Adult Confirmation

COMMUNITY LIFE

Parish Events: Fish Fry, Lenten Soup Suppers, Parish Picnic, Saint Nick Six

Community Support: Meals Ministry, Ministry to the Sick and Homebound, Prayer Chain, Funeral Luncheons

Special Interest Groups: Faith & Fiction Book Club, Ministry of Mothers, Mindful Stretching

Ongoing Hospitality: Coffee & Conversation, Sunday Socials, Welcome Sundays

EDUCATION

Saint Joseph Grade School, Saint Joseph Preschool

LITURGY & MUSIC

Liturgy: Altar Servers, Art and Environment, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of Hospitality, Prayers of the Faithful Writers, Wedding Coordinators

Music: Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Cantor, Instrumentalists

STEWARDSHIP

Call to Stewardship Weekends, Development and Fundraising

PARISH STATISTICS

902	Registered Households
51	New Families
42	Infant Baptisms
6	Adults Baptized & Fully Initiated
3	Adults Received into Full Communion
62	Children Celebrated First Holy Communion
46	Confirmations
7	Marriages
7	Funerals
23	Homebound Parishioners
459	Grade School Students
44	Preschool Students
57	CCD Students

By the numbers...

2 popes were canonized and we celebrated with a Polish dinner hosted by the Christian Formation Commission.

5 South Bend houses were remodeled by the Saint Joseph Parish Youth Group.

10 pilgrims from our parish made their way to Saint Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana.

81 Pieces of electronics and furniture donated to our Saint Vincent de Paul Stuff-a-Truck initiative.

160 slices of pizza were consumed by Saint Joseph parishioners during several sessions of Catholic Conversation at Corby's.

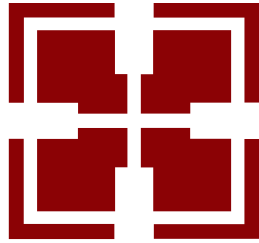
19,624 pounds of donated items were delivered by Saint Vincent de Paul conference members.

Being Instruments of God's Love...

Stewardship is simply living our discipleship. It begins with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experienced in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in acts of service. As we pray and as we serve, we discover that, in reality, everything we have is God's, and we are called to return it all to His loving arms.



Communion at school Mass



Prayer with a neighbor on the youth mission trip in South Bend

I like being involved in the parish because we have such a wonderful group of parishioners who are there to serve the Lord and the parish community.

-David Faulkner, Parishioner



The annual Saint Nick Six

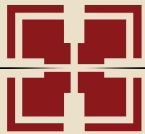


Saint Joseph parishioners gather for Catholic Conversation at Corby's

As Pope Francis continues to emphasize bringing the joy of the Gospel to people at the margins, Saint Joseph parishioners have offered countless donations and hours of service to members of our local community and beyond, including Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Peter Claver Catholic Worker, Habitat for Humanity, Hope Ministries, Saint Margaret's House, Center for the Homeless, Slice of Life, Holy Cross Ministries, Retired Holy Cross Sisters at St. Mary's, Veterans Center, Christ Child Society, La Casa de Amistad...and many more!

Building Our Future...

LIVING OUR FAITH



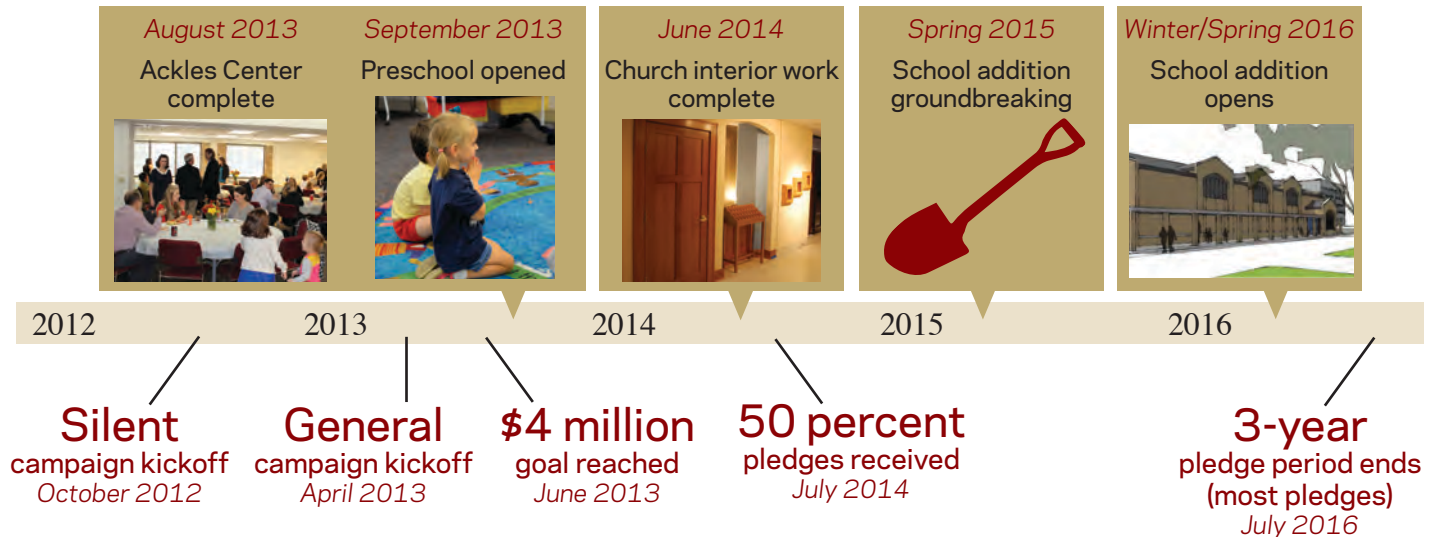
BUILDING OUR FUTURE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCES

\$1,538,472 Campaign cash in hand
\$1,315,200 Campaign pledges remaining
\$59,086 Average monthly collection

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We continue to welcome new campaign pledges and contributions. Thank you to all for supporting the great work happening at Saint Joseph Church & School!



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH, in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, is a community of God's people that has been led by religious of the Congregation of Holy Cross since the foundation of the Parish in 1853.

We are a people of diverse backgrounds united by God through the Gospels, the teachings of the Church, and the pursuit of common goals.

We seek to deepen our personal union with Jesus Christ and to grow as a faith community. We seek to enrich our heritage of care and concern for all, especially for those in need, by being instruments of God's love and healing to the world around us.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pledge ourselves to pursue this mission by participation in the liturgical, educational and social ministries of the Church.

We recognize that to be effective, these ministries require spiritual, physical, and financial resources, and we accept our responsibility as Christian stewards to provide them.



Statue of Blessed Basil Moreau in progress at the artist's studio in Italy. The statue, along with one of Saint Andre Bessette, is set to arrive this fall for placement in our church.