



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

## Annual Report

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THE EUCHARIST: OUR SOURCE, OUR SUMMIT, OUR LIFE!

"GRACE UPON GRACE"

## Celebrating 150 Years

Dear Friends,

The picture above says everything. All that we do here—everything flows from the Eucharist, which is Jesus! The first Mass was offered here at St. Joseph in June 1868. With that Mass, our ancestors in the faith received the strength and drive to build up Christ's kingdom of love here in Shelbyville. Down through the ages, we have followed in their footsteps: we draw strength and meaning and purpose from our Eucharistic Lord. And we seek to spread his love everywhere.

St. Joe's has been a busy place this year. This is partly because of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year (Page 4), and perhaps something has to do with the energy level of the pastor. It has been a year filled with blessings (Page 3)!

Our present financial situation (Page 2) is a great blessing:

- Collections are up this year from last by \$68,000. This is huge! We received over \$50,000 more than we had budgeted.
- We ended this past year with a surplus of \$53,188. Typically, in many years past, the parish has ended in the red and has had to use savings to balance things out. Thankfully, we didn't need to do that this year.

- Fundraising revenues are over double what we projected and exceed last year's by about \$65,000.

Of course, the money is only important inasmuch as it enables ministry, inasmuch as it enables St. Joe to be Jesus in Shelbyville—healing, teaching, evangelizing, feeding, sheltering, and ultimately, loving.

Through this newsletter, I hope you see the many good things our contributions are doing, the real lives they are touching. Our youth programs, the growth in the school, the charitable activities we have begun—all of this is possible because of the generosity of you and me. Please, keep it up!

Still, there are still some challenges. I outline those on Page 3. I suppose there will always be those so long as we are on this side of Heaven. Nonetheless, we work ardently to build for the next 150 years.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Michael Keucher, VF  
Pastor  
St. Joseph Catholic Church



Top & Middle Photos: The festival returned this year!  
Bottom Photo: Archbishop Thompson and Fr. Mike

"GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD"



### The St. Joe Bus

The St. Joe bus has been used on countless occasions to transport parishioners of all ages. It is used for field trips, youth trips, pilgrimages, pro-life trips, & more.



Countless youth activities took place this year, to Hidden Paradise, Holiday World, Lake Monroe, Pacers games, Indians games, Rascals, Urban Air, and more! We are blessed with many wonderful youth!



### Habitat for Humanity Build

St. Joseph and St. Vincent teamed together in sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity house—an investment of time, finances, and love!

#### FAST FACTS

35%

The sad avg. percentage of members at weekend Mass

150,000

Number of service hours St. Joe parishioners are doing for our 150th anniversary year

#### THIS YEAR IN NUMBERS

- Number of Households:** 704 (36 new)
- Number of Parishioners:** 2,009
- Baptisms:** 54
- First Communions:** 41
- Confirmations:** 18
- Weddings:** 9
- Funerals:** 23

## Numbers for the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year

	YTD Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)	Last Year Actual ('16/17)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Sunday Collections	\$804,903.50	\$751,200.00	\$711,038.37
Donations & Contributions	\$15,347.53	\$3,500.00	\$42,793.49
Tuition	\$419,353.65	\$400,000.00	\$419,719.82
Fees	\$24,196.18	\$33,000.00	\$32,154.23
Fundraising	\$149,191.91	\$71,500.00	\$85,973.32
Sales	\$39,553.37	\$26,000.00	\$29,828.59
Other Income	\$92,888.69	\$65,500.00	\$75,938.28
Interest & Investment Income	\$12,423.43	\$11,700.00	\$12,494.61
Restricted Income	\$117,191.05	\$25,000.00	\$124,310.91
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,675,049.31</b>	<b>\$1,387,400.00</b>	<b>\$1,534,241.62</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salary Expense	\$673,927.09	\$643,500.00	\$653,050.83
Benefit Expense	\$205,533.70	\$194,100.00	\$193,580.43
Training & Education	\$2,064.50	\$4,000.00	\$3,247.50
Assessments	\$108,343.80	\$109,600.00	\$127,553.08
Charitable Activities Expense	\$31,515.54	\$13,000.00	\$26,057.42
Interest/Operating Expense	\$2,853.24	\$3,200.00	\$2,894.34
Donations	\$4,007.67	\$600.00	\$1,091.00
Administrative Expense	\$40,106.10	\$37,700.00	\$37,093.22
Other Expense	\$68,809.32	\$46,400.00	\$71,210.01
Fundraising Expense	\$50,108.55	\$21,000.00	\$20,472.26
Utility Expense	\$56,117.52	\$52,200.00	\$55,506.82
Property & Facility Expense	\$283,444.99	\$175,200.00	\$238,130.40
Spiritual Life Expense	\$12,244.15	\$14,800.00	20,207.07
Faith Formation & Instructional Exp	\$82,785.01	\$72,100.00	\$81,853.34
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,621,861.18</b>	<b>\$1,387,400.00</b>	<b>\$1,531,947.72</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$53,188.13</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,303.90</b>

# Blessings & Challenges

## Things to Celebrate

- Together with St. Vincent Parish, we started a **St. Vincent de Paul Society** in response to poverty in Shelby County.
- The number of **new members, baptisms, confirmations, and weddings** is up from prior years.
- About 30 parishioners of all ages went on a **Hurricane Harvey Mission Trip** in December and January.
- **Archbishop Thompson** celebrated Mass at St. Joseph for our 150<sup>th</sup> in June.
- Nearly 100% of all students enrolled at **St. Joe School** last year re-enrolled this year, and new students joined.
- **Seminarian Owen Duckett** spent the summer serving our parish.
- Our **High School Youth Group** has continued to grow. Students meet weekly, do service projects, and go on fun trips often.
- A new **Middle School Youth Group** has formed and is now meeting regularly and planning service projects and fellowship activities.
- The first-ever **Oktoberfest** took place with great success, and plans are in the works for this year's event!
- St. Joseph and St. Vincent teamed together in sponsoring a **Habitat for Humanity** house—an investment of time, finances, and love.
- The **financials** (Page 2) are great!
- Fr. Mike was appointed **pastor** of St. Joseph, **dean** of the Batesville Deanery, and **adjunct faculty member** at Marian University.
- **Family Faith Formation** has continued to grow and is now the religious education/formation program at St. Joe.
- We welcomed three new parish staff members: **Billy Cross, Aaron Dixon,** and **Jim Tush** (see right column).

- Fr. Mike continues to teach **fourth and fifth grade religion** in the school and he leads the **rosary club**.
- Parishioners are doing **150,000 hours of service** for the **1<sup>st</sup> Peter Project**.
- The **church is now open** daily from 7am until 10pm.
- Our **new green space** is the talk of the town! Houses were demolished, a fence was installed, and grass was planted, making way for a **beautiful playground**.
- **Retreats** are being offered for all ages.
- The **Evangelization Committee** and **Faith Formation Commission** were formed and have been very busy with their good works.
- Many musical events have been offered: **Lessons and Carols, the Ecumenical Songfest,** and other concerts.
- Fr. Mike wrote and directed the **St. Joe Show**, a play put on at the Strand telling the history of St. Joseph Parish.
- Deacon Tom's **book studies** have gone very well, and Fr. Mike has just begun a Monday morning **Bible study**.
- Fr. Mike led a **pilgrimage to Fatima and Medjugorje** in October for 48 pilgrims.

## Opportunities for Growth

- **Many of our members (65%) do not come to Sunday Mass.** This is a huge problem. Addressing this must be a priority for all of us. PLEASE HELP!
- As is true with many parishes, about **7% of parishioners** are contributing 80% of both the volunteer hours and the financial contributions that enable the work of the parish. **Imagine what could happen with just one more percent!**
- **Adoration and Confession** are not attended as well as they should be.
- **74.4% of Shelby County residents have no religion.** What if we bragged on our parish more, invited our friends here, helped to spread the word!

## WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS!



### Principal Jim Tush

Mr. Jim Tush joined our parish this year as our new principal! The students, faculty, and parents love him!



### Mr. Aaron Dixon

Mr. Dixon joined our parish in September as our new Music Director. He also teaches in the school.



### Mr. Billy Cross

Mr. Cross joined the parish on July 1, 2019 as our Youth Minister and Parish Catechetical Leader. He also teaches in the school.

# 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: How are we celebrating?

Each month we have been celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, from Advent 2017 through Advent 2018:

- November – Lessons and Carols
- December – Installation & Blessing of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
- January – Mission Trip to Texas
- February – St. Vincent de Paul Society Starts
- March – *St. Joe Show*
- April – Habitat for Humanity House Build
- May – Organ Recital/Songfest & FESTIVAL
- June – Mass with Archbishop Thompson on 6/3
- July – Ice Cream Social on 7/11
- August – Joint Parish Picnic on 8/22

- September – Oktoberfest on 9/29
- October – Harvest Celebration on 10/14
- November – Parish Mission

In addition, Fr. Mike has challenged the parish to do 150,000 hours of service. Many of these hours our members are already doing. We have been recording them all to see just how many hands our parish has as we seek to bring Christ's love to everyone in need.

Parishioners have been doing hospital work, visits to the sick, teaching, volunteering with parish and community events, praying, coaching, going on mission trips, and so much more.

LOGGING YOUR HOURS

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## Some 2017/2018 Facelifts at St. Joseph

A healthy parish is always under construction! Without a capital campaign of any sort, the following physical improvements were made to this corner of God's kingdom this past year:

- Three houses on Hendricks (including the old rectory) were torn down to make room for the green space!
- The old PTO room was repainted and refurbished and became the new youth room
- The parish offices were moved to the former "REP Building." The building was repainted, carpeted and renovated.
- The new Blessed Mother Shrine was built, dedicated and opened—and benches were installed.
- The principal's office was refurbished
- The parking lot was resurfaced
- New basketball court and goals were installed outside
- New ceilings & lights were put in the school
- The library at the church door was installed
- New windows were installed in several school classrooms and stairwells
- New windows were put into the sacristy
- School hallways, stairwells, and classrooms were repainted
- New carpet was installed in several school classrooms



More improvements are in store for this year and will be coming in time. We thank God!!