

# Indianapolis Deanery

## *Indianapolis Deanery Report*

August 2018

The Indianapolis Deanery consists of 6 parishes scattered over Western Ohio and Indiana. All of the parishes are relatively new communities in the OCA. Because of distances between parishes, the Deanery does not have a lot of parish interaction, nor is there any real Deanery identity, nor much deanery wide business for us to do. Cooperation between parishes or priests is pretty much done on a personal level. We do not have a deanery source of income, nor have we had any deanery expenses for several years.

The news of the Deanery is basically what is being done in the individual parishes, whose reports you can read. Some parishes do have opportunity to interact with other local Orthodox parishes and jurisdictions, but this is accomplished on the local level, not as a deanery. His Grace, Bishop Paul, has been regularly visiting the parishes of the Deanery.

We did hold over the past three years in conjunction with the diocesan St. Macrina program training for catechists and diaconal candidates. Four men and one women from the deanery completed the program with one other still having some work to do to compete the program. Two of the four men will most likely be ordained to the diaconate in the near future.

Five of the parishes currently have an assigned priest. We have one vacant parish – St. Stephen’s in Lima, OH which currently is being serviced by the priests and deacons of the deanery. Four of the parishes currently also have a deacon assigned to them. Christ the Savior Church in Cincinnati has the largest membership of the Deanery parishes.

With the distances between parishes it is not always easy to discern what issues are of particularly “deanery” concern.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Theodore Bobosh, Dean

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<b>Christ the Savior/Holy Spirit Orthodox Church</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
V. Rev. Steven C. Kostoff Deacon Paul Gansle Deacon Johnothon Sauer	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Parish Council St. Katherine's Society/Sisterhood Fellowship Founders Stewardship Committee	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
Lenten Retreat with Khouria Krista West Largest Catechetical Class to date – 12 participants	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Parish Food pantry Support of child at orphanage in Guatemala Woven Oaks – neighborhood children and young adult programs City Gospel Mission hot meals	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
Ongoing stewardship Beyond Sunday morning worshiping patterns	

<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</b>
Publication of Ralph Sidway's <i>The Northern Thebaid</i> – an fine arts photographic exploration of Orthodox monasticism in North America.

	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	249	254	248
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	125	125	125
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	100	100	100
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	-	2	2
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	4	2	6
<b>Funerals</b>	2	1	2
<b>Marriages</b>	2	1	2
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	4	2	3
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	75	80	81

<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	25	25	25
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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox Church 802 Whitlock Ave. Crawfordsville, IN 47933	
Rev. Joel Weir, rector Dn. Michael Wilson, assigned deacon Sdn. Joseph Goshorn-Maroney Rdr. Micah Wilson	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Building Committee Parish Life Committee Church School/Christian Education Committee	
<b>September 2017</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p><b>Decision to purchase property</b> - This was a milestone in our parish. After a year of assessing the best way to respond to our need for more space, a property across the street became available. The entire parish did a walk through and discussion of use of this property and determined it would be a space we could develop into classrooms and eventually a new fellowship hall.</p> <p><b>Neighborhood Pizza Night</b> Our annual outdoor event - pizza, music, games. We invited the local youth mentor program.</p> <p><b>Lenten Speaker Series</b> This year's theme for the Wednesday night talks was "Getting to know our neighbors". We had a DACA recipient, Jonathan Alcala, two directors of local residential/addiction treatment programs, and special guest Fr. Seraphim Aldea speak to us.</p>	
<b>Reach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Neighborhood Pizza Night, Patristic Pints (reading/discussion of a patristic text at the local	

brewery), Coffee with the Fathers (same as Patristic Pints, but at local coffee shop), Ongoing food/supplies drive for local food pantry and transitional housing charity.

**or Challenges Faced**

Having adequate space. Although, God willing, this issue will begin to be addressed with the acquisition of new property.

**ing Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019**

	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>orting Membership Count</b>	34	34	38
	<b>September thru August 2016</b>	<b>September thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 7 thru August 2018</b>
<b>age Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	56	62	68
<b>age Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	50	50	60
<b>age Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	14	14	16
<b>per of Catechumens</b>	1	2	1
	<b>September thru August 2016</b>	<b>September thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 7 thru August 2018</b>
<b>sms</b>	2	5	3
<b>rals</b>	0	1	0

<b>riages</b>	0	1	0
<b>ptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	1	0
<b>ch School/Number Enrolled</b>	19	20	27
<b>Education/Number Participating</b>	10	10	8



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<b>St. Paul the Apostle, 4451 Wagner Rd, Dayton, OH 45440</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Fr. Ted Bobosh	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Risk Committee, Capital Improvement & Maintenance	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>1] Vacation Church School. In June we held a first vacation church school in cooperation with the local Greek Orthodox Church. About 30 children attended. The program was phenomenal and a great success based upon the reaction of the children and their parents. Sixteen volunteers led the program which made use of the entire building facilities as well as the church grounds.</p> <p>2] St. Macrina Catechetical Program. We had 4 parishioners, 3 men &amp; 1 women, complete the 3 year program, but at times close to 20 parishioners audited the classes. One of the men who completed the program is now seeking ordination to the diaconate.</p> <p>3] Installation of a playground for children. Families donated money to build a playground for the children of the parish. It is used every time children are on the property.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>The parish continues to tithe of its income for charity, providing funding for a variety of needs in the Orthodox world as well as in the Dayton area. Parishioners help make lunches at St. Vincent de Paul, and fund raise for the OCMC and IOCC.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>1] The Dayton-Montgomery County area continue to lose population and jobs. As a result the parish loses members who move away to find jobs elsewhere. This means keeping the membership up is constant work, and maintaining the budget a constant worry.</p> <p>2] The parish has implemented an emergency action plan to deal with various risks and emergencies which might be encountered. Getting buy in from parishioners who sometimes resist changes in practices is a challenge.</p>	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019
June 2019 Vacation Church School

	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	135	130	111
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	110	110	105
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	100	90	90
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	12	10	10
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	9	4	7
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
<b>Baptisms</b>	3	4	10
<b>Funerals</b>	2	1	2
<b>Marriages</b>	1	1	4
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	2	7	10
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	50	55	50
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	50	22	25

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St. John the Forerunner Orthodox Church 1421 S. Blaine Ave. – Church 1621 W. Howard St. – Mailing Address Indianapolis, IN 46221	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Priest Zachariah Trent – Rector Archpriest David Maroney – Attached Archpriest Joseph Gibson – Retired – Attached Priest Joshua Coolman - Attached	Subdeacon Peter Rentsch Subdeacon Luke Seraphim Beecham
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Book Corner Ministry Benevolence Ministry Hospitality Ministry Adult Education Ministry Finance Ministry Library Ministry	Childrens Education Ministry Worship and Liturgical Ministry Buildings and Grounds Ministry Parish Life Ministry St. John’s Camp Ministry
<b>Since September 2016</b>	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>The fourth annual West Indianapolis Kids Day Festival in September. Food, fun and games were offered and a good time was had by all.</p> <p>The annual fall retreat was held. The speaker was Archimandrite Joseph Morris. Fr. Joseph is the abbot of St. Gregory Palamas Monastery.</p> <p>A discussion group was held in July and August concerning the C.S. Lewis book <u>The Great Divorce</u>. The study was well received.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Weekly collections for the Community food pantry.</p> <p>Raise and Restore; a community outreach ministry operating out of St. John facilities has continued to host a Friday evening dinner open the neighborhood in our annex building. The dinners are currently held on two evenings a month with plans to go to weekly. Eventually the plan is for a weekly event. The volunteers have been largely St. John’s parishioners.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>We at St. John’s are in the beginnings of discussions concerning the construction of our parish hall, offices and classrooms. We are currently using our annex building which is located across the parking lot from the temple.</p>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2017 to August 2018</b>	
<p>Another multi-parish retreat is scheduled for October. The speaker will be Dr. Philip Mamalakas. The theme will be on the family.</p>	

	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	94	90	94
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	80	80	80
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	70	70	70
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	2	3	5
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	3	3	2
<b>Funerals</b>	0	1	0
<b>Marriages</b>	1	3	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	2	1	2
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	26	28	28
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	0	0	23

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<b>St Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church</b> <b>914 W. Taylor St</b> <b>Kokomo, IN 46901</b>	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Rev. Philip Vernon Lashbrook Deacon Raphael Gary Fadil	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
Building Committee Hospitality Committee Church School Committee 25th Anniversary Committee	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
Relay for Life – St Thomas booth CAM Burger Festival participation Replace window sills on the south side of building Install guttering on the west side of building	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
Prison ministry at Miami Correctional Facility Relay for Life CAM (Coordinated Assisted Ministry) Sent 2 campers to St John summer camp	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
health issues for older parishioners, and parishioners moving to other states for employment	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</b>	
Annual Harvest Party Preparing for 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of parish in Oct. 2019	

	<b>As of September 1, 2016</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2017</b>	<b>As of September 1, 2018</b>
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	21	21	20
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>

<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	29	30	29
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	25	25	24
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>			
	<b>September 2015 thru August 2016</b>	<b>September 2016 thru August 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 thru August 2018</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	4	1	1
<b>Funerals</b>			
<b>Marriages</b>			
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	2	1	
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>		1	2
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	10	6	8

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St Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox 3560 Shawnee Rd Lima, OH 45806 Church	
<b>Clergy</b>	
Subdeacon Joshua Hodges Reader Jonathan Wey Reader Daniel Hodges	
<b>Committees/Societies</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Council</li> <li>• Women's Group</li> <li>• Men's Group</li> <li>• Seeker's group / catechism class</li> </ul>	
<b>Since September 2017</b>	
<b>Highlights of Top Three Activities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Cookie Walk</li> <li>• Feast Day + picnic</li> <li>• Women's retreat</li> </ul>	
<b>Outreach and Charitable Activities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advent canned goods drive</li> </ul>	
<b>Major Challenges Faced</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial challenges</li> <li>• Growth</li> <li>• No priest</li> </ul>	
<b>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - September 2018 to August 2019</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cookie Walk</li> <li>• Feast day + picnic</li> </ul>	

	As of September 1, 2016	As of September 1, 2017	As of September 1, 2018
<b>Supporting Membership Count</b>	9	13	13
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	40	35	36
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	40	35	36
<b>Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance</b>	20	20	16
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	1	3	3
	September 2015 thru August 2016	September 2016 thru August 2017	September 2017 thru August 2018
<b>Baptisms</b>	3	2	0
<b>Funerals</b>	0	1	0
<b>Marriages</b>	0	1	0
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	0	0	0
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	11	11	11
<b>Adult Education/Number Participating</b>	1	1	1