

Pastoral Report

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

General Statistics

Registered households	1734
New households this year	67
Families deleted from the census	42
Registered individuals	5430
newborn to age 6	419
age 7 to 14	538
age 15 to 20	586
age 21 to 35	1151
age 36 to 50	846
age 51 to 65	1029
age 66 to 80	579
over age 80	287

Mass Attendance

Individuals participating in Sunday Mass ¹	1085
Children participating in Children's Liturgy	
Of the Word on Sunday ²	20
6:30 a.m. daily mass attendance ³	10
8:30 a.m. daily mass attendance	45

Sacramental Celebrations

Masses celebrated ⁴	620
Sunday masses	204
Weekday masses	416
Funerals	40
Baptisms	67
Infants ⁵	64
Adults ⁶	3
Persons received into the Church	
by profession of faith	3
Children ⁷	0
Adults ⁸	3

First Communions	57
Children (2 nd grade)	51
Adults	6
Confirmations	63
7 th grade students	55
Adults	8
Weddings	3
With both parties Catholic	3
With one party Catholic	0
Sacrament of Penance (confession)	60
Saturday opportunities	51
Penance Services ⁹	4
For the whole parish	1
For school students	3
The Light Is On For You	1
Individuals receiving communion	
at home weekly (average)	15
Individuals receiving communion	
in nursing homes weekly (average)	14
Individuals receiving the Sacrament	
Of Anointing of the Sick	304
Liberty Nursing Home ¹⁰	58
Privately	66
At Sunday Mass	180

Other Prayer Services/Liturgies

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	48
The Way of the Cross	4
Divine Mercy Sunday Service (attendance)	83
Lenten devotions (attendance per week)	30
Marian devotions ¹¹	312
Evening Prayer ¹²	2
Morning Prayer	1

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Catechumens ¹³	3
Candidates ¹⁴	3

¹ October 2017 count

² Weekly average

³ Weekday attendance numbers are averages.

⁴ This number does not include weddings and funerals.

⁵ Children under age 7

⁶ Persons age 7 and above

⁷ Under the age of 7 received by the profession of parents

⁸ Persons age 7 and above.

⁹ Includes the *Light Is On For You* evening.

¹⁰ Residents at Liberty Nursing Homes are anointed 2 or 3 times a year.

¹¹ Includes prayer services, rosary before morning mass, etc

¹² Morning and Evening Prayer are taken from the Liturgy of the Hours.

¹³ Persons becoming Catholic who were not previously baptized.

¹⁴ Person previously baptized needing to make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church.

Spiritual Formation Programs

(Numbers refer to the number of people participating.)

Retreat Opportunities *(Number of participants)*

Confirmation candidates	0 (cancelled for weather)
8 th Grade	69

Educational Programs

(Numbers refer to the number of people participating.)

Students in the parish elementary school	546
Catholic students	490
Students of other religions/churches	56
Families with students in the school	380
Teachers/staff in the school ¹⁵	55
Students in the parish PSR program ¹⁶	30
Families with students in the PSR program	22
Teachers in the PSR program	4
Children in the Pre-school religious education program	21
Families participating in the Pre-school program	17
Teachers in the Pre-School program	4
Families participating in the First Communion And First Reconciliation programs	50
Families participating in the Confirmation preparation program	55
Catechists certified by the Archdiocese ¹⁷	19
School catechists	16
Parish School of Religion (PSR)	3
VIRTUS® training sessions for Child Protection Participants	6 149
Number of parishioners certified for contact with children	55

Liturgical Ministries

Participants in liturgical ministries	379
Adult Choir	21
Adult Cantors	7
Adult Ensemble	9
Children's Choir	13
Youth Cantors	2
Youth Choir	11
Total Music ministers	63
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	152
Readers	45
Servers	41
High school	9
Grade School	32
Ushers	36
Bereavement Ministers	36
Children's Liturgy of the Word leadership	6

¹⁵ Includes cafeteria workers and maintenance staff but not Child Care staff.

¹⁶ Parish School of Religion; Grades 1 to 7.

¹⁷ Total from basic through advancement to permanent catechetical leader certified in grade school education.

Other Ministries/Activities

Society of St. Vincent de Paul	
Members	6 active
Families helped	227
Giving Tree	
Presents donated	1135
Groups benefiting	12
Fathers' Ministry	70 members
St. James Seniors	116 members
Lenten Small Groups	85

Financial Stewardship

Total households registered in parish	1734	
Households contributing to Sunday Giving ¹⁸	933	
Average Household contribution	\$1,016.33	
Total School Families	326	
School Households contribution to Sunday Giving	224	
Avg. School Household contribution ¹⁹		\$689.88

Sports

Each year we highlight areas of parish ministry as part of this report. This year we look at the St. James Athletic Club.

The first thing to realize is that parish athletics is part of the Church's youth ministry. "In Catholic Youth Athletics, winning, performing, and succeeding are always subordinate to the development of faith, character and virtues in participants and their families."²⁰ In light of this, coaches and involved adults must be involved in programs presented by the Spiritual Liaison who helps the leadership maintain the Catholic focus in sports. "Coaches and athletic leaders serving in Catholic Youth Athletics understand their roles as forms of youth ministry leadership and will get the training that leads to competence not only in coaching a given sport, but also in modeling and sharing faith, developing young Catholic disciples, and helping young people and their families stay meaningfully connected to the Catholic Church."²¹

A look at the extensive program our parish provides allows us to see how significant this program is. There are:

8	Baseball teams	100 children involved
3	Softball teams	49 children involved
10	Soccer teams	129 children involved
19	Boys Basketball teams	157 children involved
9	Girls Basketball teams	77 children involved
4	Football teams	100+ children involved
4	Cheer squads	36+ children involved
12	Volleyball teams	100 children involved
4	Golf teams	29 children involved
3	Track teams	36 children involved

160+ coaches involved in all sports.

960 enrollments between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

475 enrollments from January 1, 2018 until present, with volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' basketball and cheer still to register.

Thank you to all the leadership of the Athletic Club and all the volunteers working for our children.

¹⁸ Number of families contributing \$100 or more in the year.

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²⁰ Archdiocese of Cincinnati Charter on Catholic Youth Athletics, 1.3.2d

²¹ Archdiocese of Cincinnati Charter on Catholic Youth Athletics, 1.3.2e

