

Pastoral Report

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

General Statistics

Registered households	1714
New households this year	45
Families deleted from the census	40
Registered individuals	5333
newborn to age 6	335
age 7 to 14	535
age 15 to 20	618
age 21 to 35	1075
age 36 to 50	864
age 51 to 65	1052
age 66 to 80	564
over age 80	290
Households contributing financially	1109
Individuals participating in Sunday Mass ¹	1110
Children participating in Children's Liturgy Of The Word on Sunday ²	20
6:30 a.m. daily mass attendance ³	12
8:30 a.m. daily mass attendance	35

Sacramental Celebrations

Masses celebrated ⁴	624
Sunday masses	208
Weekday masses	416
Funerals	53
Baptisms	54
Infants ⁵	51
Adults ⁶	3
Persons received into the Church	
by profession of faith	5
Children ⁷	0
Adults ⁸	5
First Communions	65
Children (<i>2nd grade</i>)	57
Adults	8
Confirmations	77

¹ October 2016 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.

7 th grade students	69
Adults	8
Weddings	4
With both parties Catholic	2
With one party Catholic	2
Sacrament of Penance (confession)	58
Saturday opportunities	49
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 (<i>average</i>)	15
Individuals receiving communion	
in nursing homes weekly (<i>average</i>)	70
Individuals receiving the Sacrament Of Anointing of the Sick	290
Liberty Nursing Homes ¹⁰	65
Privately	64
At Sunday Mass	161

Other Prayer Services/Liturgies

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	48
The Way of the Cross	4
Divine Mercy Sunday Service (<i>attendance</i>)	85
Lenten devotions (<i>attendance per week</i>)	30
Marian devotions ¹¹	315
Evening Prayer ¹²	1
Morning Prayer	1

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Catechumens ¹³	3
Candidates ¹⁴	5

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 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	69
8 th Grade	77
Liturgical Ministers	20
Lectio: The Eucharist ¹⁵	70

Educational Programs

(Numbers refer to the number of people participating.)

Students in the parish elementary school	560
Catholic students	494
Students of other religions/churches	66
Families with students in the school	370
Teachers/staff in the school ¹⁶	55
Students in the parish PSR program ¹⁷	27
Families with students in the PSR program	19
Teachers in the PSR program	4
Children in the Pre-school religious education program	20
Families participating in the Pre-school program	16
Teachers in the Pre-School program	3
Families participating in the First Communion And First Reconciliation programs	49
Families participating in the Confirmation preparation program	54
Catechists certified by the Archdiocese ¹⁸	16
School catechists	14
Parish School of Religion (PSR)	2
VIRTUS® training sessions for Child Protection Participants	6 173

Other Parish Ministries

Participants in liturgical ministries	474
Total Music ministers	64
Adult Choir	21
Adult Cantors	6
Adult Ensemble	9
Children's Choir	15
Youth Cantors	2
Youth Choir	11
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	168
Readers	51

¹⁵ This year's Lenten Adult Faith Formation program.

¹⁶ Includes cafeteria workers but not Child Care staff.

¹⁷ Parish School of Religion; Grades 1 to 7.

¹⁸ Total from basic through advancement to permanent catechetical leader certified in grade school education.

Servers	34
Ushers	41
Bereavement Ministers	47
Children's Liturgy of the Word leadership	5

Teens regularly participating in high school	
Youth Group activities	5
Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society	8 active; 3 associate
Families/individuals helped by St. Vincent de Paul	311
Giving Tree presents donated	965
Groups benefiting from Giving Tree project	12

Descriptive of the Program Activities

1. Young Adults

A new program was started this year for young adults (Queen City Catholic). It is a collaborative effort between our parish, St. John the Baptist (Dry Ridge) and St. John Neumann. It has anywhere from 5 to 25 people attending weekly events on Tuesday evenings. There is an email list of 52.

2. Social Ministry

The Lord said that our one hand should not know what the other is doing. Our parish may take that to an extreme sometimes. Much of the good work done by our parishioners is accomplished very quietly. Those who spend their time knitting hats and scarves for the poor and homeless don't publish pictures of their work or even tell anybody about how many items they have created. There are no bulletin notices about the Fathers' Ministry preparing meals for a shelter every month or how many baskets of food they deliver at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Much of our generosity is done very quietly.

Some is very public. Everybody helped fill the Boy Scout bus again this year with food for the poor. Thousands of non-perishable items were jammed into the bus for the pantry. The Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls sponsored the effort. And the Holy Thursday food collection, that is part of the Mass on that evening, filled a van just a few weeks later with hundreds of more items.

The numbers for the Giving Tree in Advent are wonderful. Almost a thousand gifts were collected. Grocery gift cards, baby items, books, all kinds of clothing were the items requested for the 12 groups asking for help at Christmas. This generosity helped people in our neighborhood, in other parts of the city and even in the missions in Kentucky whom we have helped for years. It is also important to remember that the "Cookie Connection" collection of snacks and drinks for the St. Francis soup kitchen in Over-the-Rhine fills a van every month. That need is there all year round.

3. Child Protection

Implementation of the Decree on Child Protection in the Archdiocese continues to be one of our highest priorities. VIRTUS® training continues for all volunteers who work with children and all parish employees. Our parish Safe Environment Coordinator is continually updating our parish records and forwarding that information to the Archdiocese. Those who have missed several monthly bulletins have to be suspended or deleted from the list of those who are approved to work with children. All of this is very time consuming, but it is important because it our due diligence about the safety of our children. Without being certified through VIRTUS®, no adult can be a coach, cafeteria worker, teacher aid or field trip chaperone. Not everyone who participate in the VIRTUS® training sessions we present are from our parish; not all parishes offer the Archdiocesan mandated training.