

Pastoral Report

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Parish General Statistics

Registered households	1789
Registered individuals	5546
newborn to age 6	325
age 7 to 14	563
age 15 to 20	633
age 21 to 35	1003
age 36 to 50	877
age 51 to 65	1027
age 66 to 80	564
age 80 + older	320
New households this year	59
Households deleted from the census	49
Households contributing financially	1145
Sunday Mass attendance	
(weekly average)	1160
Children's Liturgy of the Word ¹	27
Daily Mass attendance	57
Average at 6:30 a.m.	17
Average at 8:30 a.m.	40

Sacramental Celebrations

Masses celebrated ²	667
Sunday masses	208
Weekday masses	459
Funerals	51
Baptisms	51
Infants ³	49
Adults ⁴	2
Persons received into the Church	
by profession of faith	3
Children ⁵	0
Adults ⁶	3
First Communion	69
Children (2 nd grade)	64
Adults	5
Confirmations	84
7 th grade students	77
adults	7
Weddings	6
With both parties Catholic	4
With one party Catholic	2
Confession Opportunities ⁷	53
Individuals receiving communion	
at home weekly (average)	20

¹ This is the weekly average.

² This excludes weddings and funerals.

³ Under the age of 7.

⁴ Age 7 and above.

⁵ Under the age of 7 with parents making the profession.

⁶ Age 7 and above.

⁷ This includes 1 penance service for the whole parish and 3 for school.

Anointing of the Sick	242
privately ⁸	57
at Sunday Mass	185

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Catechumens	2
Candidates	3

Other Regular Prayer Opportunities

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	49
Marian devotions ⁹	313

Liturgical Ministers

Participants in liturgical ministries	
Communion distributors	139
Adult Choir	22
Adult Cantors	5
Adult Music Ensemble	10
Youth Cantors	5
Youth Choir	11
Children's Choir	19
Readers	48
Servers	47
Ushers	41
Bereavement Ministers	36
Children's Liturgy of the	
Word leadership	25

Educational Programs for Youth

Students in the parish school	543
Families with students in the school	382
Teachers in the school	45
Students in the PSR program ¹⁰	28
Families with students in the PSR	
program	21
Teachers in the PSR program	6
Participants in the Pre-school	
religious education program	20
Teachers in the Pre-School program	3
Catechists certified by the	
Archdiocese ¹¹	3

Adult Faith Formation

Living the Eucharist (Lenten series)	130
Stories in Genesis (series of 6)	20
New Testament (Series of 6)	15
Catholicism 101 (Series of 6)	10
The Virtues (Series of 6)	4

⁸ This number includes those done as emergencies at Mercy Hospital West for non-parishioners.

⁹ This includes prayer services, rosary before morning mass and May crowning.

¹⁰ This covers grade 1 through 7.

¹¹ Total from *basic* through advancement to permanent *catechetical leader* certified this year.

Youth Ministry

Number of participants 12

Descriptions of Some Activities

Adult Faith Formation:

We put on the *Living the Eucharist* program in Lent for a second year. It involved about the same number of people as last year. It concluded with a retreat, which a lot of people enjoyed. The lecture series of the Book of Genesis was the well attended.

A major part of adult faith formation is the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process. This year we had three persons who were already baptized in another denomination received into the Catholic Church and two were baptized. All made their First Communion and were confirmed. Two baptized Catholics also were confirmed after instruction.

This year we began offering FORMED so that religious formation material could be available in every home of the parish. This offers a wide variety of opportunities that families and individuals can access whenever they want. And it's all free!

Youth Ministry:

A lot of things happened throughout the year with the Youth Group and it was successful. They usually meet twice a month for an activity and spiritual reflection. Highlights included the "feed the homeless day" again, which involved giving sandwiches and water to the homeless in Washington Park downtown. The group went ice skating at Fountain Square and learned a little about St. Lidwina (patron saint of ice skating). The volleyball league in the first quarter of the year had good participation, and each game included learning about the virtues as the ministry component. There was a canoe trip in Indiana. The Youth Group prayed the Steps in Mt. Adams on Holy Thursday night.

Special Prayer Services

Following the tradition in the parish, Evening Prayer was celebrated with the families of those

who were buried from the parish in the last year. Each November the families are invited to this prayer and the names of each of their loved ones are mentioned. Because the number of funerals has increased significantly in the last few years, attendance at this service has also increased. In November 2015 there were over 125 people sharing in this liturgy.

As part of our ongoing Marian devotions, both the school and the St. Mary's Ladies Society celebrated May Crowning. The Ladies Society's celebration concluded with a social.

Religious Education

The Director of Religious Education added several new events to the school program this year. A revised retreat program was introduced this year for the 7th grade students in our school and PSR programs prior to Confirmation. This retreat was directed by members of the **National Evangelization Teams (NET)**. **NET also gave a retreat to the school's 8th graders. For the first time two religious field trips were included in the school schedule. The 8th grade went to the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Chains and Old St. Mary's Church and the 7th graders went to Mt. St. Mary's Seminary for the day. All of these were new ventures for our students.**



