

**ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014**



**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS AS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
**1863 – 2013**

**FAITH TRADITION COMMUNITY HOPE GOD'S KINGDOM**

***Mission Statement***

*We are the Catholic Faith Family of St. Paul Parish, Genesee Depot, Wisconsin. With the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Faith, our mission is to create a welcoming, vibrant Parish rooted in the Word of God and the sacramental tradition of the Catholic Church to inspire all to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

*We grow, nurture and strengthen our Faith through:*

- *Inspirational Worship*
- *Authentic Witness*
- *Faithful Discipleship*
- *Catholic Teaching*
- *Loving Service*
- *Sacrificial Stewardship*

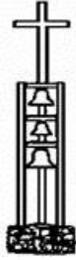
*We work for justice, love, kindness and walk humbly with God*



**St. Paul Catholic School**  
**50 years of quality education since 1964**



**Lifelong Faith Formation**  
**Worship, Discipleship, Service**



**St. Paul Parish  
Annual Report  
October, 2014**

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to  
Gather..... Grow.....Give*

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## Pastoral Staff Report

*Almost four months ago, we, Fr. Ralph and Fr. Chuck, began our assignments as Administrator/Pastor and Associate Pastor to St. Paul and St. Bruno Parishes. In that time we have met many people at St. Paul and have had a number of meetings with staff, councils, and committees. We have had the privilege to pray with the St. Paul community and celebrated several sacraments. We have found the people warm and welcoming, to say the least.*

*As we have been participating in different meetings, we discover a real desire to bring an increased energy and life to the community, to develop a sense of intentional discipleship and real stewardship, to encourage a deeper faith life, and to revitalize greater participation in all aspects of parish life. There are many possibilities for people to become involved – religious education, liturgical ministries, stewardship possibilities, human concerns, school ministries and education for the children...long and short-term possibilities.*

*In the coming months you will be invited to consider becoming a greater part of this parish in which you have membership, to increase your participation, to consider the gifts God has given you, to look for ways to nurture these gifts and share them lovingly with others and thus returning them to God.*

*We are happy and excited to be here at this point in the life of St. Paul Parish. There is such great fruit here that is just ripe for the picking. Let's all consider what it is that we are called to do as a member of this community and as the family of God and the Body of Christ.*

*Fr. Ralph & Fr. Chuck*

***“Commit everything you  
do to the Lord” Psalm 37:5***

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## Pastoral Council Report

This year has seen much change in our parish, which includes a shift from Parish Council to the new Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is a consultative body to our Pastor(s) and is a vehicle for the parish to fulfill the pastoral mission of Jesus and the Church. The Council will continue to engage in a process of pastoral planning which takes into account the needs and priorities of the parish and its' parishioners. The Council is called to build a community of disciples who recognize their baptismal call to lives of holiness, witness and service through the development of our Catholic identity, evangelization and stewardship.

The results of last years' Synod process will provide the Pastoral Council and our parish with a direction which will be put forth by Archbishop ListECKI through the Archdiocese. The vision of the Synod calls us to grow in our relationship with Christ, proclaim the Gospel and make new disciples. It is this firm conviction of faith and hope which will enable us to Ignite, Renew and Energize.

The process of refocusing on evangelization over the past two years has culminated in the establishment of a new Stewardship Committee. The committee is made up of many individuals from different areas of the parish and is guided by the principles of biblical stewardship, in an effort to enhance the faith life of St. Paul Parish. Although we have seen positive growth and change in our parish, there is still much work to be done. This year we will be working on a Debt Reduction Campaign initiative to bring down our current mortgage debt and raise our over-all stewardship. The Debt Reduction will be a parish wide effort and I look forward to working with all of you.

This year has seen changes in the membership of our council as well. We bid farewell to Marybeth Ziobro, Mary Beth Kraemer, Margo Schumacher and Bob McMahon. We thank them for their years of dedication and service. In addition to our new leadership of both Father Ralph and Father Chuck, we welcome Lucille Contorno, Dave Gergen, Tammy Lindner, Cindy Beauchamp and Beth McFadzen.

Through the many changes of this past year, I have witnessed a parish steadfast in hope. A true hope of strong and confident expectation. I have seen this faith and hope strengthen our parish community and bind us in our purpose. As we move forward, it is this hope that will continue to give us the power to live courageously and to be all that God has called us to be in Christ.

Dawn Sarandos  
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***“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation,  
be persistent in prayer Romans 12:12 .”***

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**Balance Sheet – St. Paul Parish**  
**For Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 to June 30 2014**

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Cash in Bank	107,147	Total Current Liabilities	0
Petty Cash	25	Prepaid Tuition & Fees	99,397
Savings Accounts	0		
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>107,172</b>	<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>99,397</b>
Accounts Receivable	0	Long Term Liabilities	0
Other Receivables	0	Mortgage Notes Payable	2,350,664
<b>TOTAL RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL LONG TERM LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,350,664</b>
Prepays	0		
Inventories	0	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES (2000-2700)</b>	<b>2,450,061</b>
		<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
		<b>2800 Restricted Net Assets</b>	
<b>Unrestricted Investments</b>		Cemetery	58,245
Short-term Investments	17,692	Endowment Fund	41,548
Long Term Investments	0	Faith in Our Future	1,468
Real Estate	0	Building Fund	8,903
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>17,692</b>	<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<b>110,164</b>
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>10,696,074</b>	<b>2900 Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	
<b>Investments – Restricted</b>	<b>51,918</b>	General Fund	7,775
		Parish Designated	17,692
		Fixed Assets Fund Bal	8,345,409
<b>Cemetery Assets</b>	<b>58,245</b>	<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<b>8,370,876</b>
		<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (2800-2900)</b>	<b>8,481,040</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL ASSETS (1010-1990)</b>		<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS(2000-2900)</b>	
	<b>10,931,101</b>		<b>10,931,101</b>

**UPDATE ON CHURCH MORTGAGE**

<b>CHURCH PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$7.2 Million Completed 2007</b>	
<b>Mortgage History</b>	<b>\$ 4,017,202</b>	<b>11/30/2007</b>
	<b>\$ 3,560,552</b>	<b>06/30/2010</b>
	<b>\$ 3,276,364</b>	<b>06/30/2011</b>
	<b>\$ 3,111,342</b>	<b>06/30/2012</b>
	<b>\$ 2,687,193</b>	<b>06/30/2013</b>
	<b>\$2,350,664</b>	<b>06/30/2014</b>

- Our mortgage is serviced through Waukesha State Bank with an interest rate of 3.875% (15 year amortization). This mortgage commitment is reviewed and renewed every three years.
- Monthly mortgage payments are \$23,362.43.
- Three (3) of our annual mortgage payments built into the general operating building and grounds budget.
- Nine (9) of our annual mortgage payments are paid out of restricted residual funds from St. Paul restricted donations to the St. Paul Building Fund.

*“...and the measure of your own freewill offering shall be in proportion to the Blessings the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you.” Deut 16:10*

**Statement of Receipts and Disbursements – St. Paul Parish**  
**Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014**

<u>REVENUES</u>	Operating <u>2013-14</u>	Restricted <u>2013-14</u>	Faith in Our Future <u>2013-14</u>
Weekly envelopes and offertory collection	978,409	0	
Contributions	7,997	246,999	283
Tuition and Program Fees	333,098		
Rental Income	1,805		
Other Revenues	48,931	28	3
Fundraising and Activity Events	<u>127,170</u>		
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>1,497,410</b>	<b>247,027</b>	<b>296</b>
 <u>EXPENSES</u>			
Salaries	800,462		
Salary Related Benefits	197,822		
<b>Total Salary &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>998,284</b>		
Supplies & Purchased Services Costs	151,398		
Building and Grounds Expenses	233,553		
Other Expenses	77,225	59,032	5,386
Support of Catholic Memorial	<u>7,861</u>		
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,468,321</b>	<b>59,032</b>	<b>5,386</b>
OPERATING GAIN (LOSS)	29,089		
 <u>OTHER RECEIPTS</u>			
Special Collections for Others	35,073		
Cemetery Receipts	<u>          </u>	5,509	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>35,073</b>	<b>5,509.</b>	
 <u>OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Debt Repayments	63,763	277,529	0
Transfer of Special Collections for Others	34,900		
Cemetery Expenditures	<u>          </u>	9,502	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<u>98,663</u>	<u>287,031</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>CURRENT YEAR INCR (DECR)</b>	<b><u>(34,501)</u></b>	<b><u>(93,528)</u></b>	<b><u>(5,090)</u></b>

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# ST PAUL PARISH BUDGET FOR 2014-15

Approved Parish Council – April 24, 2014

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2013-14</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2014-15</u>
Stewardship Income	\$ 959,750	\$ 950,512
Other Income*	<u>\$ 652,456</u>	<u>\$ 579,217</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$1,612,206</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,529,729</u></b>

\*Other income includes School and Faith Formation Tuition & Fees, Program fees, athletics, fundraisers, Fish Frys, Hot Lunch, Home & School, Human Concerns, Interest, etc.

## EXPENSES

<b>Administration**</b>	\$ 327,981	\$345,928
Building and Grounds Portion	\$ 161,009	\$173,285
<b>Liturgy</b>	\$ 139,351	\$ 82,843
<b>Grade School K-8</b>	\$ 633,376	\$569,498
Building and Grounds Portion	\$ 121,338	\$130,888
<b>Faith Formation Pre-8</b>	\$ 81,380	\$134,107
<b>HS Youth Ministry</b>	\$ 54,262	\$ 15,475
Building and Grounds Portion	\$ 69,336	\$ 3,900
<b>Adult Education</b>	<u>\$ 23,831</u>	<u>\$ 73,793</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$1,611,864</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,529,717</u></b>

\*\*Administration Expenses include: Athletics, Parish Council, Development & Stewardship Program expenses, Archdiocesan and Catholic Memorial High School Assessments, Ministry Operations, etc.

Following Archdiocesan guidelines, a portion of the building and grounds expenses (electric, gas, supplies, repairs, etc.) are assigned to each major ministry to better reflect the cost of operating the ministry. These line item expenses are covered with increases in parish stewardship subsidy.

<u>BREAKDOWN OF BUDGET EXPENSES</u>	<u>% OF Budget</u>
Administration	\$ 481,963 31.5%
Human Concerns	37,250 2.4%
Music/Liturgy	82,843 5.4%
Grade School K-8	700,386 45.8%
Faith Formation-Youth	223,375 14.6%
Faith Formation - Adult	<u>\$ 3,900 0.3%</u>
Total Expenses	<b>\$1,529,717</b>

*We are very grateful to our parishioners, families, employees, volunteers and community supporters that have blessed our parish family and ministries with your financial support and gifts of time and talent. God bless all of you and your families.*

## **St. Paul School**

### **Come! Experience the St. Paul *POWER***

St. Paul Catholic School of the Milwaukee Archdiocese is a faith community dedicated to the education of God's children. We are committed to helping all of our students experience the ***POWER: Prayer, Outreach, Worship, Education, and Relationships!***

**Prayer:** To foster an environment rich in the Catholic traditions of personal and private prayer

**Outreach:** To offer opportunities for Christian witness and service to others with parish, in-school, and outreach activities; to incorporate regular service opportunities for middle school youth

**Worship:** To regularly celebrate Catholic liturgy and sacraments while learning and practicing worship responses and liturgical music

**Education:** To educate the *whole* child to the best of his/her God-given talents: spiritually, intellectually, morally, socially, and physically while providing a Christ-centered, values-enriched, 21st century technology-enhanced, Archdiocesan standards-based curriculum

**Relationships:** To provide a safe, secure environment with a fully implemented "*We are Buddies, not Bullies*" program and to offer extracurricular opportunities for social development.

#### **St. Paul School Accomplishments for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015**

- Provided opportunities for teacher professional development in the areas of technology and multi-age classroom instruction
- Developed multi-age pairings in all grades
- Worked to integrate the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's new standards for English/Language Arts in Kindergarten through Eighth grade
- Purchased and integrated Chromebooks and mini-iPads into the classrooms utilizing a new Wi-Fi system
- Developed a new Facebook page
- Joined the Kettle Moraine Community Partnership and increased enrollment in 4K to nineteen students
- Developed an awards list for the Parent Handbook and for school marketing purposes

#### **St. Paul School Goals for 2014-2015**

- School-wide academic goal for improving written responses and expression in math to draw out a deeper understanding of math in the areas of essential competencies, conceptual understanding, and extended reasoning
- In the area of religious identity, developing a deeper understanding and knowledge of Creedal Church in all grades
- Fostering communication between all areas of the parish and school
- Working within all grade levels to differentiate instruction
- Collecting evidence of standards for meeting expectations for our accreditation visit in the fall of 2014



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***“Let the children come to Me and do not prevent them,  
For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these”  
Matthew 19:14***

# Lifelong Faith Formation

During the 2013-2014 school year, St. Paul's Lifelong Faith Formation provided religious education for over 420 students. The administrative staff included: Sarah Daszczuk, Director of Adult and Youth Formation; Mary Kral, Religious Education Assistant; JoAnn Presta, Religious Education Assistant; and Karen Farrell, Director of Child and Family Ministry.

## Religious Education: Pre-K – 12

**Faith-filled Childcare** – This past year St. Paul's began childcare for children through age four years old during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. There are nine volunteers currently helping with this new ministry.

**Pre-school through Grade One** – We continued with our three Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atriums. We had four catechists and nine assistants working with our three through five year olds. There were two sections each of first grade taught by two teachers and two assistants. These classes are held on Sunday mornings during the 10am Mass.

**Grades Two through Five** – Fifteen teachers taught second, third, fourth, and fifth grade classes that are held on Tuesday nights from 6-7:30pm. We also held a two week summer program for third, fourth, and fifth grade classes which met in August. There were four prayer and worship events that Tuesday night students attended: Adoration and Rosary in October, an Advent Service in December, the Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation during Lent. The St. Paul School children and the Religious Education students are combined (50 students total) for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. St. Paul School and Religious Education students attend three special Saturday afternoon gatherings throughout the year.



**Middle School (Grades Six, Seven and Eight)** – The Middle School curriculum changed this year to be The Edge. The Edge is the Middle School component of LifeTeen. LifeTeen utilizes high energy games, skits, videos and movie clips to help engage middle school youth into their faith. In honor of Archbishop Listecki's pastoral letter, the middle school youth studied and learned about the Creed and the Church. The Edge was also a component of the Summer Program, which met for two weeks in August from 9am-12noon, Sunday nights from 7:00-8:30, and as part of the Family Program twice a month on Sunday. We also had 15 of our youth attend the Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally Middle School Edition in March.

**High School – Life Teen (Grades Nine and Ten)**- 12 small group leaders worked with students in the High School Life Teen Program, which met twice a month on Sundays, from 7:00-8:30pm. The sessions included small group discussion, covering many topics from the Saints to Old Testament Prophets. Students also completed four service projects each and attended the Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally in March for their annual retreat.



**Confirmation (Grade Eleven)** – Five small group leaders worked with 52 students who prepared for Confirmation. Students attended eight Life Teen sessions with the other high school students. In addition, they attended sacramental prep 5 times throughout the year and attended an overnight retreat in January with St. Bruno’s. The students completed six service projects including one with a parent, sponsor, and one with their small group.



**Family Program** – The theme for the Family Program was “Who Do You Say that I Am” in honor of the document (also called “Who Do You Say that I Am” written by Archbishop Jerome ListECKI which led to the Archdiocesan Synod this past Pentecost. There were 48 families involved with over 90 children ranging from infants to eighth grade. The Family Program was held two Sundays a month from 9-11am. It begins with a social time and then the families work together on the curriculum. The last hour the children go to their instructional time and the parents have a speaker or discussion.

**MS & HS Youth Group** – We started a new youth group program in the spring of 2014, which meets weekly for 2 hours. We also started our first high school mission trip to Red Lake, MN with 5 students and 2 adults attending. Lastly, we once again attended the annual Steubenville conference in Springfield, MO with 17 teens and 4 adults. In addition to a high school youth group, a middle school youth group was also started, called Verso L’Alto. It meets on Sundays from 2 pm to 4 pm on the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

## Adult Faith Formation

**RCIA:** Beginning in October, RCIA sessions were held on Sunday mornings three times a month through Lent. Two men joined the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. A third man joined the Church in January, prior to other two.

**Infant Baptism:** Since July 2013, 36 infants and children were baptized. Sarah Daszczuk facilitated the preparation session required for the parents, which were

held monthly. Baptisms were typically done on the second Sunday of the month after Mass and on the fourth Sunday of the month during the 10:00am Mass. Some alterations were made in the schedule to accommodate families and holidays.

**Adult Confirmation:** We had one adult make his Confirmation this year on

Pentecost Sunday 2014. He and his wife attended six weeks of preparation put on by Sarah Daszczuk and Mary Kay Lammers. These sessions went through the

Creed, Scripture, the Sacraments, and Prayer.

**That Man is You:** This men’s formation program met weekly from 6-7am. Forty parishioners had the opportunity to learn and discuss their Catholic faith, how to navigate family life, and how to be the man that God is calling them to be.

**Emmaus Groups:** Throughout the 2013-2014 school year, 11 new adult small groups were started. Topics ranged from Sunday Mass readings to guided Bible studies. 4 other groups continued to meet from year’s prior.

### Formation by the Numbers

**793**

Service Hours completed by HS students

Families in the St. Paul’s Family program

**48**

**56**

Adult volunteers who mentored K3-12 students

Babies who became Christian through Baptism

**36**

**439**

Students served by faith formation

Adult small groups started in 13-14

**11**

**06**

Adults received Sacraments of Initiation

Retirement: Goodbye JoAnn Presta and thanks for your many years of service!

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**Parish Mission:** In February, we welcomed Arise Ministries, a local ministry which had speakers preach for two nights during the week on the love of God. The mission concluded with a night of adoration and praise and worship music on a Saturday night with Archbishop ListECKI.

**Evening of Prayer:** A new event started by the evangelization team. This monthly event is a time for parishioners to gather together in a relaxed, comfortable way and pray. Prayer includes music, Gospel reading, reflection, silent prayer, intentions, and a decade of the rosary.

### **The greatest fruit we saw in 2013-2014:**

- Starting KidZone for faith-filled childcare during the 10am Mass
- Began Edge program for Middle School youth
- Launched new high school and middle school youth groups with regular attendance
- Attended our first high school mission trip
- Researched and prepared for a brand new high school formation program for the 14-15 school year
- Began new small group opportunities for adults to grow in their faith

### **Goals for 2014-2015:**

1. To redesign our Second Grade First Communion Gathering to become a Second Grade retreat for preparation of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion utilizing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd materials
2. To rewrite the second through fifth grade curriculum to be more energizing, relevant and formative
3. To begin having retreats for our middle school youth
4. Begin a new adult formation committee to ensure that the needs of our adults are being met
5. To iron out and continue our new YDisciple and Chosen high school programs
6. Increase the number of students attending middle and high school youth group
7. Start a new 10<sup>th</sup> grade overnight retreat with St. Bruno's parish
8. To revamp our Baptism Preparation classes so that they are more dynamic and offer a better experience of faith

***"Where two or three gather together because they are Mine,***

***I am there among them" Matthew 18:19-20***

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE

*“... I am keenly aware, that at the moment, I am God’s mouthpiece... God is speaking through me to his people...” Anne Schultz, lector 17 years*

St Paul’s currently has 45 lectors, who participate in the Liturgy of the Word, bringing Scripture alive and proclaiming God’s love for all of us.

*“... it is no longer my parents’ demands that keep me in music ministry, but rather the community spirit that I experience from those around me at St Paul’s...” Tammi Day*

*“As a cantor, it is especially rewarding for me when I see and hear the congregation singing and responding to the music...” Steven Day*

This past year 100 St Pauls’ parishioners shared their love of God by participating in the Jubilation Choir, the Praise Ensemble, cantor ministry, the Children’s Choir and the Resurrection Choir. Music plays a key role in our worship – deepening our prayerfulness and uplifting our spirit.

*“My parish’s music director asked for more choir members, I thought, ‘If I can, I should.’ On the first night of choir practice . . . I said my name and that I’ve been a member for 24 years. The guy next to me said ‘Where’ve you been?’ I said, ‘Nobody ever asked.’ (But on the other hand, neither did I... It has opened many other doors for service to the church and I enjoy those opportunities immensely.” Bill Yach*

*“...Whether it is participating in the Eucharist, greeting parishioners during ushering, sharing the Lord’s word through lectoring or supporting the liturgical celebration through altar serving, our participation in these ministries supports the vibrant and dynamic community of ST Paul and beyond. We have gotten far more from our participation than we have given . . .” Varick family*

Yahoo! – 45 servers currently on the roster. We have a good mix of St Paul school and religious ed kids. Fr Chuck has done an outstanding job training the kids with our new procedures and making them feel comfortable.

45 ushers under the awesome leadership of Dave Rasmussen – welcome parishioners and guests each week. They keep the rest of us on task during the liturgy. This ministry currently holds the widest age range of any of our ministries.

*“Our lives are multifaceted, but I believe we feel the best when we feel connected, be that at school, work with friends or family. I am both humbled and honored to be a Eucharistic Minister because I feel more connected to my Faith and also my life, by truly sharing the The Body of Christ.” Marcy Dunlap*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion number 50-60 and with humble, reverence help our ordained ministers distribute Holy Communion to those present at Mass and to the homebound.

Five Sacristans have served St Paul’s this past year and the great news is that eight more have joined this team – preparing for weekend, funeral and Holy Day liturgies. In addition to set up and clean up – they welcome visiting clergy and help co-ordinate the other ministries participating in liturgy.

*“I joined Art & Environment in 2000 as a new parishioner. It was a way to express my feelings for God’s house, and to meet other parishioners. There is a ministry you’re interested in; find it. You are needed. It may turn out to be your passion. “Parish Family” is not just words; it’s truth. Try it!” Jean Lindemeyer*



Our Art & Environment is a lean team that pulls help from the pews when needed. They keep the church and gathering place in harmony with the changing liturgical seasons. During ordinary time, the longest season, often the changes are subtle - seasonal flowers, a different altar cloth . . . During the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter the changes in our worship space are more dramatic - reflecting the spirit of each season and complementing the readings to help all of us experience the whole mystery of Christ as it unfolds each year beginning in Advent.

Ironically we conclude with our Greeters – who open the doors and warmly greet all who visit St Paul’s for Mass on the weekend (and Holidays.) Some of our welcoming crew even sings to our incoming guests. Joined with volunteers collecting for Loaves and Fishes and our ushers, our families of greeters make everyone feel welcome at St Paul’s.

The Prayer & Worship committee gives direction to the liturgical life at St. Paul’s. You are all invited to participate on our committee or to attend any of our monthly meetings held on the third Monday of the month.

Our goals for next year: continue to increase participation in the ministries and to encourage ministers to reach out to others to join them; We want to build on the comments:

*“Come join us”, “It’s fun”, “what a great way to make friends!” “If I can, I should;”*

Make sure we properly educate new ministers so they are comfortable in their roles;

Continue our support of the mission of the Evangelization Committee; Look into ways to engage our young members in liturgy.

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***“Lord, here in your Temple, we meditate upon  
Your kindness and Your Love”***

***Psalm 48:9***

## Human Concerns Committee Ministries

### Human Concerns 2013-2014

According to the St. Paul Parish Mission Statement, **WE ARE CALLED TO LOVING SERVICE**

#### **Heavenly Babies Baby Shower in a Bag:**

- ✓ 4-5 shoppers/rummagers buy the clothes/items for the layette bags
- ✓ 4-5 parishioners sort the clothes
- ✓ 15+ lovingly choose, launder, fold, pack
- ✓ 2 drivers deliver layette bags
- ✓ 10 different agencies, some are also parish Giving Tree recipient sites
- ✓ 35-40 Baby Showers in a Bag monthly
- ✓ 420+ needy mothers assisted annually through our 25+ volunteers.

#### **Hope Center:** serve at Meal Program

- ✓ twice/year in October and March
- ✓ 6-8 volunteers serve, wash dishes, clean
- ✓ Provide milk and desserts
- ✓ Parish Giving Tree recipient site
- ✓ 120+ guests each year with our 16 volunteers

#### **St. Ben's Community Meal:**

- ✓ Provide beef stew
- ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10 months of the year (grilled brats/burgers in summer)
- ✓ 350-500 people enjoy our stew that day
- ✓ Groceries are purchased through YOUR donations to Loaves and Fishes.
- ✓ 10-12 parishioners wash/ chop vegetables 8 am that day in an hour.
- ✓ Smell the stew cooking all day!
- ✓ New vegetable chopper/washers always welcome.
- ✓ Parish Giving Tree recipient site
- ✓ Annually, our parish alone feeds 3500+ struggling residents of Milwaukee thanks to Loaves & Fishes donations and the work of 10-12 of our fellow parishioners who have been doing this for 32 years.

#### **The Giving Tree:** You choose stars or angels and buy the listed items.

- ✓ 1050 angels/stars are fulfilled by you
- ✓ 13 agencies are recipients
- ✓ 10 parishioners cut stars/angels, add stickers
- ✓ 17 parishioners drive/deliver multiple volunteers sort/load the gifts

#### **Mt. Meru Coffee:** fair trade Tanzanian Coffee for sale in Gathering Space.

**Free Clothing Share:** Spring and Fall. Over 25 years of providing free clothing in our community and beyond for anyone who needs it.

#### **Pro-Life** awareness and education

- ✓ \$5400.00+ in baby bottle collection - Women's Care Center: 2.5 times more than any other parish has raised! – also a Heavenly Babies Layettes recipient site for struggling moms who choose life.
- ✓ WI Right to Life ad in January

#### **Loaves and Fishes:** Money and non-perishable donations

- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month supports:
- ✓ Kettle Moraine Food Pantry
- ✓ St. Ben's meal groceries
- ✓ Thanksgiving Food Drive perishables
- ✓ Casa Maria House of Hospitality
- ✓ \$7000 annually -- parish donations in those jars the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month
- ✓ 23 years of Loaves and Fishes collections here

*Human Concerns, cont.*

**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** *Your donations of non-perishables plus turkeys, etc. from Loaves and Fishes*

- ✓ **40 families annually**
- ✓ **25+ different foods**
- ✓ **10+ volunteers meet, greet, load family cars**

**Casa Maria House of Hospitality**

- ✓ **\$125-\$150** groceries provided for the homeless they serve
- ✓ Heavenly Babies layettes recipient site
- ✓ Giving Tree recipient

**St. Michaels:** Sister Parish.

We support their parish efforts for new immigrant families from 5+ different countries in the areas of housing, jobs, computer education, and English classes, etc. Heavenly Babies layettes delivery site, Giving Tree recipient site.

**Paita, Peru International Outreach:** Coming together in solidarity with St. Clare School run by School Sisters of St. Francis

- ✓ Team visit of 8 to Peru in June, 2014
- ✓ 1100+ patients seen by our medical support team
- ✓ Future Goals:
- ✓ Water purification systems: purchase, deliver, install
- ✓ Assemble team to provide repairs to school, convent
- ✓ Fund for ongoing medical/dental, food needs
- ✓ Continue pen pal program
- ✓ Continue collecting eyeglasses, mobility devices

**Reformation Lutheran**

- ✓ **20+** students/adults cleaned/set up Holiday shopping store in November; donated items for the store from parishioners
- ✓ **13** volunteers helped other parishes with free picnic lunch
- ✓ **20-30** youth spend Adventure Day making Christmas gifts with youth of that parish
- ✓ Parish collection, Lent, for their food pantry
- ✓ Giving Tree recipient site

**Milwaukee Rescue Mission:** Each Monday, 1 of 4 drivers delivers Panera leftover breads on behalf of St. Paul Parish.

**Nursing Home visits:** Wednesday mornings at Linden Grove, *faithful volunteers pray and bring communion to residents each week and feel blessed by the thankfulness of the residents who appreciate that we take the time to pray with them.*

**Bereavement:** support during on site funeral visitations, funeral luncheons. All Souls Mass honors those from our parish who died in the past year.

**Homebound ministry** to parishioners who would like a visit and or someone to pray with.

**Communion for the sick/homebound** is available, please call the parish office.

**Prayer network:** there are 27 people praying for special intentions. (Contact the parish office.)

**Goals for 2014-15**

- ✓ Bring awareness and education to our parishioners about the many ministries of our parish through the parish communication avenues (i.e. bulletin, website, etc.)
- ✓ Recruit additional volunteers to support the many ministries of the parish with their prayer, time, talent, and treasure.
- ✓ Continue to strengthen the support of the ministries through a Human Concerns Committee.
- ✓ Enhance Elizabeth Ministry here in the parish

***“Love the Lord, your God with all your heart and soul and mind....  
...and love your neighbor as you love yourself” Matthew 22:37-40***