

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019



Parish Census (as of 6/30/19)

Registered households
1167
Registered parishioners
3558



My Dear Friends,

This past year has been a full one for our parish community. Last year Chelsea Wilde from the environs of Detroit joined our staff as our Pastoral Assistant for Youth Ministry. Chelsea is a ball of energy and has really connected with our young people (grades 5th through 12th). In August of 2018 we also welcomed Andrea Mendoza as the Pastoral Assistant for Social Outreach and Advocacy. This was a new ministry for our parish. For many years we have excelled at responding to the needs of others through Thanksgiving baskets, the Giving Tree, involvement with Relay for Life, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society among others. But rarely have we studied and reflected on the reasons for hunger and homelessness. Andrea, who has worked with Catholic Community Services for many years has the expertise to help us address these issues. It's refreshing to have two thirty-somethings on our staff.

Last December Rose Kinsella, who had been our Pastoral Assistant for Administration for 22 years, retired. We hired Kathy Wickward from St. Mary's parish in the Central District of Seattle to take on this important position. We are blessed to have such a wise and dedicated person among us.

The Called to Serve as Christ campaign which addresses the priest pension program and the retirement of religious sisters was begun in our parish last fall. Our parish pledge was \$636,233 (43% of our parish goal). We can expect \$95,435 to come back to us as our parish share in two years.

This past year we also started our Safe Car ministry program which allows cars and their drivers to be parked here overnight from 9 pm to 8 am. Several people have been vetted by CCS and have been our nightly guests.

Last year our parish theme was *Dare to be a Disciple*. Families and individuals wrote on footprints what they hoped to do in living as followers of Jesus.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for being the wonderful stewards you are. You have blessed my life in so many ways. This will be a year of transition for me as I plan on retiring on July 1st, 2020. I hope to do some travelling around the country in my Honda Civic Hybrid for a month and a half to two months. Because I will stay where I am currently living, I hope to help out here on the weekends or at neighboring parishes. I would also like to mentor young priests who are becoming pastors. Please pray for me as I will pray for you.

Love,

Fr. Jim

Since 2015, our parish priorities have been to **Gather** in God's name, **Grow** in God's time, and **Go** in God's name. Our theme for the year was **Dare to be a Disciple**.

Stewardship really is a way of life for St. John the Baptist parishioners. And we use the **Diversity** of our gifts to answer Christ's call to proclaim and live the Gospel. **So**, let's use the following pages to see how we apply our talents and treasure to do so...

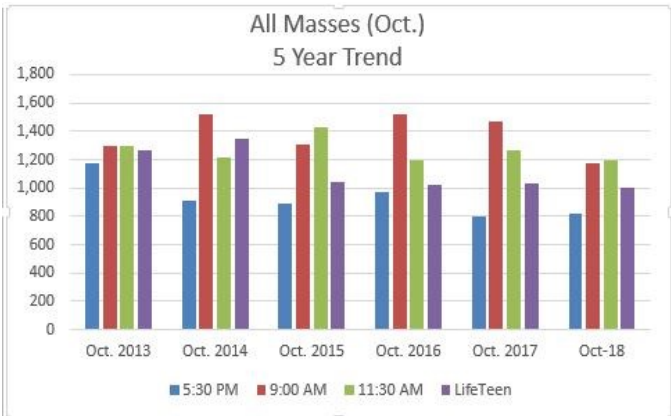
Gather: Liturgy & Community



12% of our parish stewardship of treasure supported our liturgical gatherings and pastoral care. This includes priest and staff support, sacristy supplies, music, licensing, vestment cleaning, piano tuning, and books.



253 Parishioners offered their gifts as altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, sacristans, greeters, point persons, musicians, leading Word and Communion services, and in planning our special feast days.



Mass attendance in October (one of two months we measure) held steady this year, with a decline notable at the 9 am mass.



DARE TO BE A DISCIPLE as we Gather Grow and Go

Grow: Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation

203 catechists and other volunteers offered their talents to help form youth and adults in the faith!



By the numbers...

- 255 Children participated in preschool and elementary classes.
- 71 Youth participated in Wednesday night Youth Group.
- 101 Teens participated in Life Teen Life Nights.
- 500 Adults participated in formation activities, including RCIA.

Sacraments of Initiation

- 27 were baptized or made professions of faith.
- 47 received their first Communion.
- 23 received the Holy Spirit at Confirmation.
- 22% of parish stewardship supports faith formation and sacramental preparation.

Program Highlights

- The Library Team completed the library facelift and added more than 86 new books through the Children's Book Shower.
- The Dare to be a Disciple theme and its four pillars: growing in personal prayer, growing in communal prayer, growing in faith, and growing in service formed the backbone of our program this year.



Just before the start of the year we welcomed our new youth and Life Teen minister, Chelsea Wilde. Chelsea hails from Detroit, Michigan, and is entering her 11th year as a youth minister. "This ministry is the perfect combination of the skills, interests, and talents that I have. I love working with people, music, art/design, event planning, teaching, and sharing my faith because God is so good to me. In youth ministry I get to do all of these things, and more, all of the time!" Outside of church, Chelsea is an avid snowboarder who tries to log at least 30 days minimum every winter on the slopes. She is also constantly working on one music project or another and enjoys singing for a rock band in Seattle and writing/recording music of many genres.



Go: Life, Justice, Peace

Advocacy for life and social justice has always been important to St. John the Baptist, and it is the third branch of our parish mission. This year we created a staff position to support the many ministries at the parish, launched 5 new ministries, and participated in many more.

Launched in October 2018, our safe car parking ministry helps homeless men and women whose only shelter is their vehicle. After meeting with a case manager from Catholic Community Services, they can park in our lot overnight without fear of harassment, as two from a group of 15 volunteers monitor the security cameras and are available by phone through the night. This is a unique partnership between CCS, St. John the Baptist, and the City of Covington.



A Few Ministries We Supported:

Saint Vincent de Paul	\$68,993
Vine Maple Place	\$6,034
Pregnancy Aid	\$8,400
HOME	\$9,000
Missions	\$1,181
Rice Bowl	\$3,911
Catholic Home Mission	\$4,814
Catholic Relief	\$8,224
CCS	\$2,824
Peter's Pence	\$4,709
Holy Land	\$2,316



St. John the Baptist parishioners literally walk with and for the unborn, the poor, and migrants—advocating for justice along the way!



436 Thanksgiving family meals &
80 Christmas meals were distributed after parishioners gave \$15,918 to hungry families over the holidays.



\$18,691 of our Annual Catholic Appeal donations returned to the parish to fund in-parish assistance.

11% of stewardship dollars funded social outreach ministries, primarily through direct grants, but also including staff and educational opportunities.



Andrea Mendoza is thrilled to have joined the St. John the Baptist family as its first Pastoral Assistant for Social Outreach and Advocacy. After spending 8.5 years working for Catholic Community Services, she is excited to share her passion for service and justice with the wider St. John's community. She enjoys working with people and helping them live out their passions and make their faith come alive through the service to others. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering with a couple of local organizations, being a Godmother to three fantastic kids, hiking the beautiful PNW, and spending time with friends and family.



Administration & Leadership

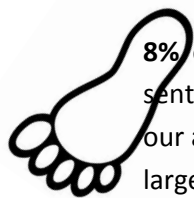
2018-19 Statement of Financial Activities

Income	Actual	Budget	Expenses	Actual	Budget
Stewardship	\$893,189	\$956,197	Archdiocesan Assessments	\$98,265	\$98,265
Loose/Holy Day	\$298,962	\$177,528	Administration	\$135,707	\$109,894
Yard Sale	\$19,635	\$16,000	Salaries and Benefits	\$791,892	\$775,893
Facility Donations	\$22,936	\$800	Facilities Expenses	\$104,249	\$90,321
Program Income	\$62,754	\$33,065	Faith Formation & School Subsidy	\$78,666	\$82,318
Other Income	\$34,595		Liturgy and Music Supplies	\$33,181	\$23,804
Total	\$1,332,071	1,183,522	Stewardship & Evangelization	\$8,705	\$9,380
			Community Life	\$6,382	\$1,700
			Life, Justice, Peace	\$65,636	\$68,023
			Capital Reserves	\$34,008	\$34,012
			Total	\$1,356,691	\$1,293,610

* Often through the year we receive restricted donations that we put aside and only count as income when we spend it. That is why you may see program expenses over budget. "Other income" includes our ACA rebate.

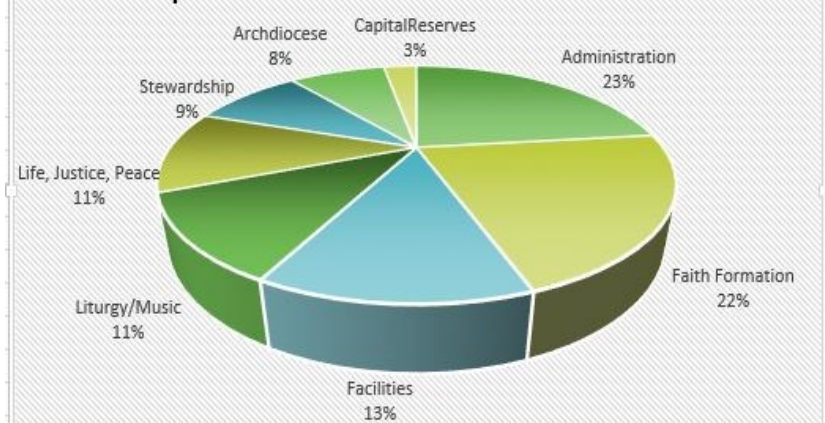


23% of stewardship dollars support administrative expenses including insurance, taxes, staff, office supplies, training and technology. These are expenses that benefit all programs roughly equally.



8% of stewardship dollars are sent to the Archdiocese as part of our assessment supporting the larger church.

Stewardship Distribution



Kathy Wickward joined St. John the Baptist as Pastoral Assistant for Administration in December 2018 from St. Mary's, Seattle. She views administration as an opportunity to "minister to the ministers" and feels her primary responsibility is to be a good steward of the gifts of talent and treasure that members bring to the body of Christ. Kathy's favorite things include biking, hiking, books and boats.

Facilities and Grounds



By the fall of 2018 our new garage was finished! A secure place to store all of our equipment and maintenance supplies, this project was built thanks entirely to your stewardship.



13% of your stewardship \$ supports building maintenance, including supplies, staff, and monthly utilities.



3% of your stewardship \$ is saved every year to fund major projects, such as replacing the roof, the furnaces, carpeting, etc. without requiring a loan from the archdiocese.

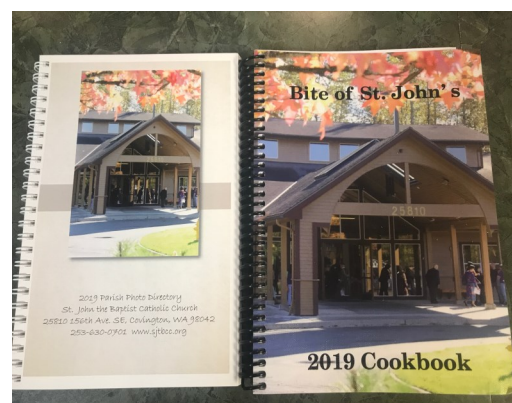
Also completed is a newly revamped nursery/young adult space. The Mass is streamed into the room for parents of young children and anyone who may need to retire from the main gathering. The room also serves as an additional meeting space during the week, and for childcare during parish retreats and missions.



Stewardship and Evangelization

Your gifts of time, talent and treasure nourish this parish community. Our parish spends 9% of your contributions of treasure to support stewardship: helping parishioners discover their strengths, welcoming 24 new families at 3 welcome gatherings, learning how to create a safe environment for vulnerable populations, and connecting us better with one another outside of the celebration of the Mass. The result is more than 86 ministries nurtured by parishioners!

This year we published a photo directory and our very own Bite of St. John's cookbook! The directory will be updated annually and everyone who has their photo taken will get one for free. The cookbooks are available in the main office and can be purchased for \$10.



Our parish family pledged \$636,233 to the Called to Serve as Christ campaign to fund our priests' and sisters' retirement in addition to the \$3,641 we gave to the Archdiocese. With this large infusion of capital, the imbalance between younger and retired priests and nuns can be partially corrected so that all may enjoy a secure retirement. Further, our parish will see a return of \$95,435 to add to our social outreach ministries.

