

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
2016 - 2017



SAINT JUDE  
*the* APOSTLE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

BE THE CHURCH | *Worship | Grow | Serve*



Dear Friends,

On the outside wall of the church, just to the left of the main doors, is a large cornerstone plaque. This plaque gives honor to our history as a parish. October 10, 1960, was the day Father John Stapleton was appointed founder and first pastor of a new parish in Sandy Springs. Soon after, the Spalding Family generously donated the land on which we now call home and asked only that the parish be named for their favorite saint, Saint Jude the Apostle. On March 13, 1966, our main church building was dedicated. But, why the history lesson?

Building worship space is necessary but is only one part of building a parish community. Since October 1960, people have been building our Saint Jude parish community and with much more than brick and mortar. Over the last 50+ years, thousands of dedicated people have put in countless hours to build the Body of Christ right here.

Each year we give you a report that attempts to quantify our parish efforts and expenditures. We can measure how much money we take in and how much we spend. It is much harder to measure the faith of our community. But, friends, that is exactly what we should be doing.

So, I'd like to give you a picture of how our parish is using our financial and human resources to help us all become and stay faithful to our mission.

On the financial front, we were once again able to pay down the substantial debt that has long plagued us since the completion of our Ministry Building. That debt, nearly 2.2 million when I became pastor three years ago, was reduced last year by just over \$213,000 thanks to your generous offerings in the weekly collection. Speaking of which, I am ever grateful for your sacrificial giving to our offertory each week as well as your gifts to other special collections throughout the year. As we move into the future, like the generation that first built this campus, we, too, will be called upon to rebuild some of the aging bricks and sticks that we depend upon to help us in our mission. We need to move forward as they did.

How can we measure the faith of our community? All around me I see your gifts being used for the benefit of those in need; to prepare our youth to receive their sacraments and become grounded in their faith; to offer adults the chance to continue their faith development; to ensure our liturgies are always a celebration of our most precious gift – the Eucharist; and for offering ministries that will help us all fulfill our mission of not simply going to church but being the church.

Our resources do include your financial gifts, of course, but they also include the gifts of yourself, your service, and your prayers. We need each of those types of gifts for us to continue to be Christ's church to others. We need each of you as much as Father Stapleton needed each of those founding parishioners.

So, as we worship each day, as we serve others, and as we give of our resources, we are being His church in very many small and large ways. Let's keep working to Be the Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W Joseph Corbett".

Monsignor W. Joseph Corbett  
*Pastor*

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*Be the Church...it begins in Worship.*

Last year, we began the move toward Perpetual Adoration by adding weekly hours Monday thru Saturday. Our faith is alive every day as more and more come to worship and adore Christ. With your support, we will continue to add hours so that Christ can be available all day, every day.

*"I am so grateful to Saint Jude for offering so many hours of Adoration. I am in town visiting for several months and didn't think I would find a place to continue my hours. This time with Jesus means everything to me."*

*"...to feel His merciful embrace bringing me closer to Him, is a gift beyond measure."*

*"Eucharistic Adoration is a calling to me from the Mother of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary."*

*"It is in Adoration, when Christ is exposed to us in the monstrance, that I find it particularly easy to share my burdens, my hopes, and my joys with Him."*

*"I look so forward to my hour of Adoration every week because it's the most reverent, quiet, and meaningful time that I spend with Jesus Christ."*

*"Eucharistic Adoration is like a silent retreat each week. It provides me with energy to celebrate life with others."*

*"It was during Adoration when I heard Christ speak directly into my heart, telling me what He wanted me to do."*

**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION  
*of the* BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We are pleased to provide you with the Fiscal Year 2017 annual stewardship report for Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church. This annual report includes information about our parish revenue, expenses, capital improvements, debt payments and charitable contributions.

With the generosity of our parish community, along with the fiscal prudence of our parish clergy and staff, we continued to make significant investments in our parish. During fiscal 2017 our offertory increased by 4.8% and support for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal once again resulted in a refund. As a result, your support allowed us to fund capital improvements of over \$242,000 and make principal payments of just over \$213,000 on our parish debt related to the Ministry Building, reducing the balance due to under \$1.7 million.

Repaying the remaining debt and funding needed maintenance and capital improvements for our aging facilities continue to be our priorities. We also made significant investments in additional staffing and technology to better serve our parish community. These initiatives require funding from the offertory and other donations from our parish community. Over \$200,000 of capital improvements and major maintenance projects are budgeted for fiscal 2018 and similar expenses are expected for the foreseeable future.

Financial transparency of our parish financial matters is a priority so we welcome your comments and questions. The resources that you provide are greatly needed and appreciated by our entire spiritual community. We are grateful to have parishioners who so unselfishly and generously give of their time, talent and treasure.

Sincerely,

Saint Jude the Apostle  
Catholic Church Finance Council



### Saint Jude the Apostle Finance Council

Bliss Jones, *Chair*; Sarah Knott, *Ex-Officio*; Sarah Dekutowski, *Secretary*  
*Members at large* - Jay Cochran, Brian Monaghan, Frank Murphy, Michael Rodriguez

# Revenue & Expenses

For the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2017

<b>REVENUE:</b>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Offertory	\$3,118,141	\$2,976,286
Other Donations	62,373	26,600
Preschool	245,453	246,352
Jaguar Sports Income	165,453	151,440
Annual Appeal Refund	78,518	88,371
Religious Education	50,178	50,315
Building Fund	-	11,538
Interest Income	6,406	4,829
All other income	<u>96,954</u>	<u>81,086</u>
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$3,823,476</b>	<b>\$3,636,817</b>

<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Archdiocesan Support	\$689,074	\$631,496
Facilities	530,842	443,159
Admin. & General	660,054	608,298
Special Ministries**	450,093	436,658
Clergy and Rectory	276,713	255,930
Religious Education	297,924	232,530
Music	214,764	170,846
Stewardship	191,602	174,101
Property Improvements	242,658	-
Interest Expense	77,285	91,682
Liturgy	<u>89,847</u>	<u>41,562</u>

**Total Expenses:** \$3,720,856 \$3,086,262

**Revenue over Expenses:** \$102,620 \$550,555

Changes in operating assets & liabilities	462	6,001
Repayment of debt	(213,165)	(193,025)
Change in designated purpose accounts	<u>(56,151)</u>	<u>59,974</u>

**Net increase (decrease) in cash balances:** (\$166,234) \$423,505



\*This report does not include the results from the operations of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic School.

\*\*Special Ministries includes expenses and reserve adjustments for the Preschool, Jaguar Sports and other ministries of the parish.

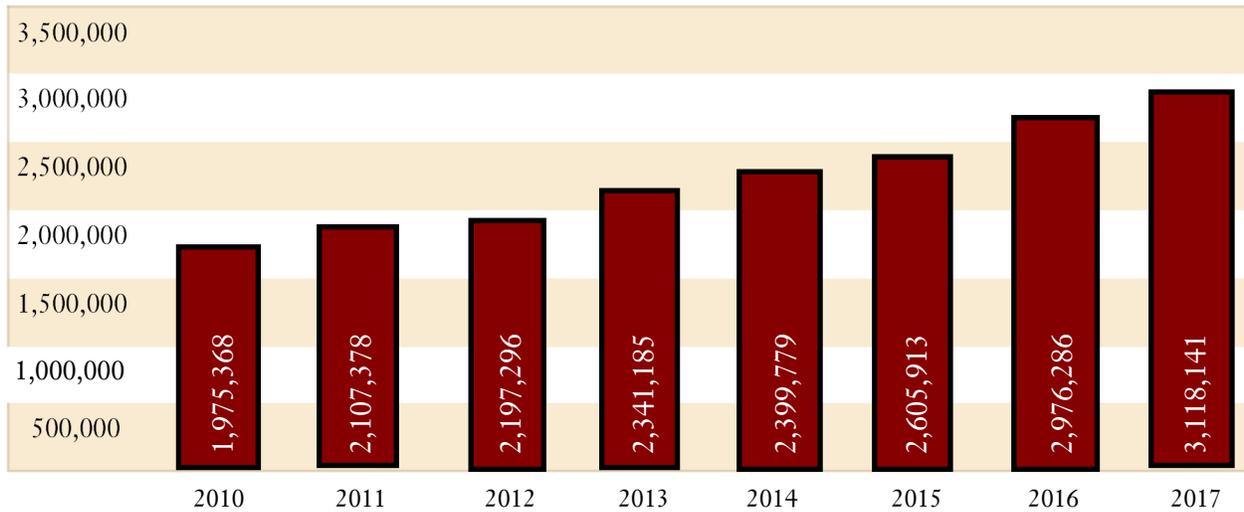
# Pastoral Services

<b>Baptisms</b> 118	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b> 330	<b>Confirmations</b> 98	<b>Funerals</b> 26
<b>First Communion</b> 134	<b>Marriages</b> 22	<b>Adult Faith Formation</b> 1454	<b>RCIA Participants</b> 33
<b>Parish School of Religion</b> 447	<b>EDGE (Middle School)</b> 60	<b>Life Teen (High School)</b> 70	<b>Vacation Bible School</b> 101
<b>St. Jude School</b> 497	<b>Saint Jude Preschool</b> 75	<b>New Households Registered</b> 272	<b>Total Parish Households</b> 2,636

*Be the Church...Grow. Because of your support, our children are being taught the faith, and our adults are renewing and growing their faith.*



# Annual Offertory

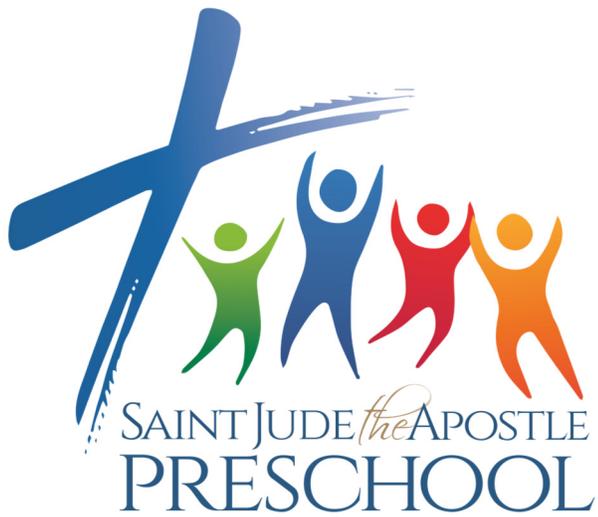


# Social Outreach

Archdiocesan Seminarians	16,334	Catholic Home Missions	3,900
Catholic Charities	10,829	Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries	3,306
Religious Retirement	10,426	Catholic Communications	2,502
Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul	6,937	St. Vincent de Paul (SJA Conference)	158,700
Catholic Relief Services	8,207	Pregnancy Assistance Center	12,136
Mission Cooperative	3,321	Interfaith Outreach Home	12,000
Black and Indian Missions	5,840	American Red Cross—South GA	5,562
Disaster Relief	1,248	Must Ministries	2,160
Campaign for Human Development	4,685	Operation Rice Bowl	2,141
Holy Land	4,433	PATH	1,500
Catholic University	3,458	Eucharistic Congress	1,000
Church in Latin Am/Europe/Missions	3,116	Atlanta Mission	560
Peter's Pence	921	Christ Child Society	500

*Be the Church... We can serve where needed thanks to your gifts.*

**Total Social Outreach: \$260,299**



# Nurturing God's Miracles



Founded in 2004, our Preschool is a ministry of Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church. All that we do is centered around Jesus Christ. Here, your child will be surrounded by a warm and loving environment. We strive to instill a love of learning and a love of Christ. We continually work for the safety, happiness, and education of your child. We hope to serve your family.



**SAINT JUDE THE APOSTLE  
PRESCHOOL**

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