

SAINT JUDE THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2014 – JUNE 2015



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The Saint Jude Prayer

Most Holy Apostle Saint Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor, who delivered your beloved Master into the hands of His enemies, has caused you to be forgotten by many.

But the church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of.

Come to my assistance in this great need that I might receive the consolation and help of heaven, in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly *(make your request here)* and that I might praise God with you and all the elect forever.

I promise, o blessed Saint Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

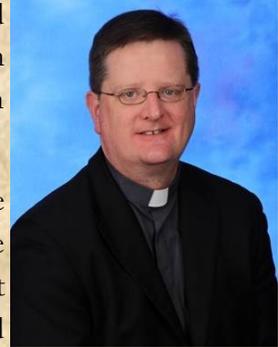
Amen



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Heaven! John Legend sings about it, and so does Eric Clapton, Bryan Adams, Beyoncé, Led Zeppelin, and Bruno Mars. In their own unique rhythm and style, they remind our modern world that there really is a Heaven. While I have no way of knowing their personal faith stories, I do know ours. And our story is all about Heaven.



Scripture distinctly tells us our citizenship is in Heaven! And for decades Saint Jude parishioners have responded to God's call. Parishioners have gathered every Sunday to be nourished by the Word and the Eucharist at the table of the Lord. We have built up a great community of believers who, day after day, go out from church renewed and strengthened to carry out good works as we journey towards eternity. With now over 80 ministries and organizations, we reach out as God's gift bearers to parishioners and communities outside our parish home.

We, as members of Saint Jude, have pledged to "Believe, Belong, and Become" God's stewards as part of our annual stewardship campaign. We **believe** that each one of us has been given special gifts to carry out His will. We are committed because we **belong** to a community where we can share our gifts with others. In response to His grace, we then **become** God's stewards by giving back to Him with gratitude.

And there is much work to do!

In the coming year, we will introduce several new ministries: a ministry to bring hope and healing for separated or divorced members of our parish community, a ministry to bring consolation and support to the bereaved, and a ministry to start the implementation of Perpetual Adoration. We will be forming a Facilities Committee to address and evaluate how to care for our aging church and campus. We will be developing a plan for the retirement of the \$2.1M debt on our ten-year-old Ministries Building. We will also investigate the option of a capital campaign as a source to begin payment on the \$2.1M loan and to provide for the costly and much needed building improvements and system updates expected in the near future.

I invite you to read our annual report, which includes a financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Please prayerfully consider how together we can build up His Kingdom here at Saint Jude the Apostle Church.

I would like to thank you again for your support this year of the best parish in the Archdiocese. It has been a joy to serve you on our journey to Heaven. *Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven [Lamentations 3:41].*

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Msgr. Joe". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background.

Monsignor W. Joseph Corbett
Pastor



PARISH INFORMATION

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2015

Registered Parishioners

New Households Registered	258
Total Registered Parish Families	2,325
Total Registered Parish Individuals	7,355

Sacraments Celebrated

Anointing of the Sick	179
Baptisms	88
Confirmations	70
Funeral Masses	29
First Communions	152
Marriages	27



Christian Formation and Education

Adult Faith Formation	516
RCIA/RCIC Participants	12
Parish School of Religion	414
Edge Program (6th-8th grade)	73
Life Teen Program (9th-12th grade)	70
Vacation Bible School	84
St. Jude the Apostle School (K-8th grade)	510
Preschool	75

Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now. —St. Teresa of Avila



A LETTER FROM OUR PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We are pleased to provide to you the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report for our spiritual home, Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church. This annual report includes information about our parish revenue, expenses, and charitable contributions. With the generosity of our parish community, along with the fiscal prudence of our parish clergy and staff, we have maintained a path of financial stability heading into Fiscal Year 2016 including:

- Growth of parish offertory by over 8%
- Reduction of parish debt by \$65,000 to a remaining balance due of \$2.1 million
- Upgrades to information technology services and equipment of \$46,000
- Completion of capital maintenance projects including the replacement of church transformer (\$46,000), rectory roof (\$20,000), tree services (\$5,000), and rectory water heater (\$5,000); and
- Payments of \$380,000 for Select Improvements (new pews and church flooring and the Adoration Chapel) completed during this past year. Specifically designated contributions were received to fund these improvements.

In 2015, we are pleased that the offertory has increased by over 8%, and support for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal once again resulted in a refund.

Here at Saint Jude, we are blessed with a beautiful campus and facilities that help form our spiritual home. The majority of our buildings are at least 50 years old, and as with any older home, the costs to maintain and update the property can be significant. In the upcoming year, a Facilities Committee will be developing an assessment and plan for the facility and maintenance priorities of our parish. These needs will require sustained funding from our offertory and other contributions from our parish community. It is critical that we balance these facility needs with our responsibility to repay our past debt. This \$2.1 million burden limits our ability to address the future needs of our growing parish.

The Finance Council is comprised of parishioners who have a history and heart for supporting St. Jude. All of our members have accounting or business backgrounds, including CPAs and business owners. In addition to the preparation of this annual report, the Finance Council serves the parish and our clergy in various ways. On a monthly basis, the Finance Council meets to review the parish financial matters and provides reports to the Pastoral Council. The Finance Council activities also include certification of the year-end financial statements, response to internal audit report recommendations, and review of the annual budget. We believe in the financial transparency in all of our parish financial matters, and we welcome your comments and questions.

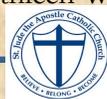
As we grow as a spiritual community, it is important that we are responsible stewards of our financial gifts while embracing the many financial responsibilities of the parish.

The Finance Council sincerely thanks you for your continued financial support of our parish. The resources that you provide are so greatly needed and appreciated by our spiritual community, by the charities and ministries that we help to support, and by the families and children that we touch every single day. We are grateful to have parishioners who so unselfishly and generously give of their time, talent and treasure.

Sincerely,

Saint Jude the Apostle Finance Council

Monsignor Joseph Corbett, *Pastor*, Brian Monaghan, *Chair*, Sarah Knott, *Vice Chair*, Patrick Braley, *Secretary*, Susan Ambo, Jay Cochran, Sarah Dekutowski, Lara Long, Glen Moyers, Michael Rodriguez Colleen Tyner, *Director of Operations*, Kathleen Woods, *Controller*, Eileen Kehres, *Bookkeeper*



FINANCIAL INFORMATION*

As of and for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

REVENUE:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Offertory	\$2,605,913	\$2,399,779
Select Improvements	260,467	-0-
Preschool	237,335	244,899
Jaguar Sports Income	143,339	121,016
Annual Appeal Refund	45,485	41,104
Religious Education	21,295	19,646
Building Fund	10,317	13,240
Interest Income	4,494	3,345
All other income	93,340	75,164
Total Income:	<u>3,421,985</u>	<u>2,918,192</u>

EXPENSES:

Archdiocesan Support	\$(614,763)	\$(580,336)
Facilities	(485,665)	(471,626)
Admin. & General	(419,337)	(413,114)
Special Ministries**	(417,506)	(400,499)
Religious Education	(226,415)	(266,843)
Clergy and Rectory	(243,852)	(226,863)
Music	(193,091)	(179,839)
Stewardship	(155,447)	(133,705)
Interest Expense	(94,934)	(104,711)
Liturgy	(37,362)	(26,673)
Select Improvements	(380,403)	-0-
Total Expenses:	<u>\$(3,268,775)</u>	<u>\$(2,804,209)</u>

Contributions over Expenses: \$153,210 \$113,983

Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(12,843)	18,550
Repayment of debt	(64,773)	(65,418)
Reduction in designated purpose accounts	(107,857)	113,033

Net decrease in cash balances: (32,263) \$180,148

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

(as required by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Archdiocese of Atlanta)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Archdiocesan Seminarians	\$9,907	\$9,212
Catholic Charities	8,378	8,124
Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul	6,793	6,317
Word Missions	6,510	6,054
Catholic Relief Services	5,661	5,264
Campaign for Human Development	4,529	4,211
Religious Retirement	3,680	3,472
Catholic Home Missions	3,113	2,895
Catholic University	3,113	2,895
Holy Land	2,547	2,369
Church in Latin America	2,547	2,369
Black and Indian Mission	1,698	1,579
Catholic Communications	1,415	1,316
Church in Central and Eastern Europe	284	263

Total USCCB/Archdiocese

Charitable Contributions: \$60,175 \$56,340

PARISH CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

St. Vincent de Paul	\$160,769	\$149,498
Community Action Center	6,227	5,790
St. Jude Missions Ministry	5,378	5,000
Post Abortion Treatment & Healing	5,095	4,738
Interfaith Outreach Home	4,246	3,948
Atlantans Building Leadership for Empowerment	3,397	3,158
Operation Rice Bowl	891	1,771

Total Parish Charitable Contributions: \$186,003 \$173,903

Total Charitable Contributions: \$246,178 \$230,243

**This financial information does not include the results of the operations of Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School.*

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

***Lord, you are the giver of every gift, including the most precious and holy gift of Your Son Jesus Christ.
Help us to remember how important it is for us to also be generous givers of gifts, so we can carry out
Christ's mission for His Church on earth.***



PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING GUIDE

What proportion of God's Gift do you currently give back to God? Use the chart below to find what percentage you are currently giving. Find your income at left, and then move right until you find your weekly offering. What percentage are you giving? Could you take a step? St. Jude the Apostle suggests distributing the 10% biblical tithe as follows: 6% of your total income to the parish, 1% to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal and 3% to other charities.

Annual Household Income	Weekly Gift To My Parish			
	10%	6%	4%	1%
\$30,000	\$58	\$35	\$23	\$6
\$50,000	96	58	38	10
\$70,000	135	81	54	14
\$100,000	192	115	76	19
\$200,000	384	231	154	38

For more information, including a helpful Weekly Giving Calculator,
log on to www.stjudeatlanta.net/giving

Everything in heaven and earth is yours, O LORD. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

Q. Why should I pledge money to my parish?

A. Today we invite people to be more than members of our Church. We call them to be disciples and good stewards. We teach them to live a way of life based on the understanding that all is a gift from God; everything we are and have is freely given for our good. So we should return a portion of our gifts to God in gratitude for God's abundant generosity. This is the basis for stewardship. Stewardship of time, talent and treasure is another way of worshipping, praising and thanking God.

Each year consider increasing your gift to your parish until you have reached 6% of your income. If you give 6% of your income to your parish; 1% to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and 3% to other charities you will have reached the biblical tithe!

God has been so generous to you! When do you know that you have given enough of your treasure? When He stops giving to you!



Believe. Belong. Become.



Here at Saint Jude, we have a vibrant parish community full of disciples of Jesus Christ. As God's sons and daughters, each of us has a key role to play in spreading to others His love, light and truth. From before we were born, God created us to be unique with a specific purpose and to carry out a specific plan on this earth. He even tells us in the Book of Jeremiah, "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you... Plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

But where do we start? How do we know that we're on that path, carrying out God's will?

We must *believe* that each of us has been given the gifts that we need to carry out the will of God. We should acknowledge that we *belong* to a community where we can and should use those gifts, putting them to use for the good of not only ourselves but of others, too. We *become* stewards of God's varied grace, giving back to Him gratitude for all He has given to us.

When we "Believe, Belong and Become," we show God how much He means to us, and we live as His hands and feet in our parish community, growing in discipleship and love. During our Stewardship Renewal this year, ask God how He would help you come to a greater awareness of the gifts He has given you, and also how you can put those gifts into action within our parish community, growing in faithfulness as His stewards.

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