

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2013 – JUNE 2014



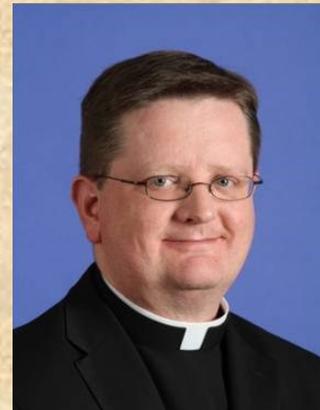
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Monsignor W. Joseph Corbett

Dear St. Jude the Apostle Family,

As the recently canonized Saint John Paul II said, "The Lord does us the honor of placing his confidence in us and calling us to the ministry, showing us his mercy. This call is not reserved for a few, it is for everyone, each in his own state of life." I am blessed to have taken on my new ministry as your Pastor - surrounded by so many parishioners who contribute to the mission of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church by giving generously of their time, talent and treasure. Through God's grace, our dedicated parishioners, staff and clergy make our parish the vibrant community that it is.



First and foremost, we are a Catholic community strongly rooted in the Faith. The celebration of the Sacraments is fundamental to who we are. The spiritual vitality of our parish is evident in many ways including Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and our faith formation opportunities to name a few. In addition, our many ministries and organizations promote spiritual growth, fellowship, service and outreach to our parish and beyond.

Working with the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council, I can assure you that we will continue to strive to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to our church by the generosity of so many. That generosity makes it possible for us to continue to improve the programs and services we provide to the parish as well as the surrounding community.

As you review this year's annual report, I ask you to please thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon our parish – our spiritual home – and ask that He continue to bless us as we strive to do His work.

It is truly an exciting time at our parish and I look forward to seeing what blessings the next year will bring! May Saint Jude the Apostle protect and guide you and your family, and may he express to you the love and peace of God the Father.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor W. Joseph Corbett
Pastor



PARISH INFORMATION

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2014

Registered Parishioners

New Households Registered	175
Total Registered Parish Families	2,190
Total Registered Parish Individuals	6,635

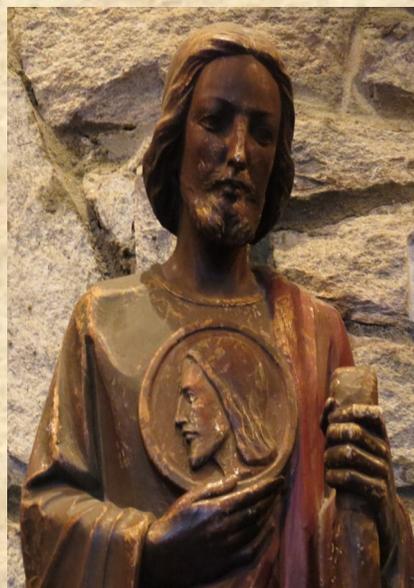
Sacraments Celebrated

Anointing of the Sick (not including monthly service)	93
Baptisms (Children)	97
Baptisms (Adults)	16
Confirmations	66
Funeral Masses	24
First Communions	134
Marriages	20



Christian Formation and Education

Adult Faith Formation	595
RCIA/RCIC Participants	23
Parish School of Religion	299
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	71
Edge Program (6th-8th grade)	60
Life Teen Program (9th-12th grade)	50
Vacation Bible School	101
St. Jude the Apostle School (K-8th grade)	511
Preschool	77



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 Parishioners,

We are pleased to provide to you the Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report for St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church. With the continued generosity of our parish community along with the fiscal prudence of our parish staff, we have maintained a path of financial stability heading into Fiscal Year 2015 including:

- Growing offertory and other support for our parish and its ministries by over 2% in 2014
- Balancing the needs of the parish community within the available resources as expenses grew 5% in 2014
- Investing in facility improvements with a new church roof and other parish capital needs
- Reducing the parish debt by \$65,000 to \$2.1 million

In 2014, we are thankful for the construction of the Adoration Chapel with gifts from our Portuguese community and a portion of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal refund.

During this past summer, new flooring and pews were installed in the church. The funding for this extensive project was pledged by a few of our parishioners, St. Jude ministries, and a portion of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal refund. The pledges will be paid to the parish over the next four years. To provide the upfront cash needed for the project, the originally budgeted additional amount of \$100,000 was not paid to reduce the debt of the parish and \$50,000 was not set aside for the capital needs of the parish.

In 2015 and in the coming years, we plan to reduce our parish debt of \$2.1 million. This debt was borrowed in 2004 to fund a number of capital improvements including the construction of the Ministry Building. The parish has significant current and future capital needs. These needs will require funding from our offertory and other contributions from our parish community so that we do not further increase our debt position.

As we welcome our new pastor, Monsignor Corbett, we introduce this new annual report format. This annual report includes information about our parish revenue, expenses, and charitable contributions. We have also provided figures on weekly offertory contributions given by our registered parishioners.

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 business and financial matters and provides reports to the Pastoral Council. The Finance Council also has an annual calendar of activities that we support and participate in with our clergy and in coordination with the Archdiocese. These activities include certification of the yearend financial statements, response to internal audit report recommendations, and review of the annual budget.

The Finance Council is comprised of parishioners who have a history and heart for supporting St. Jude. Many of our members have accounting or business backgrounds, including CPAs and business owners. We serve a minimum of three years, and then if requested by the pastor, our terms may be extended. We are honored to serve St. Jude and are happy to discuss any of the financial information presented in this annual report. We believe in the financial transparency in all of our parish financial matters, and we welcome your comments and questions.

As we continue to grow as a spiritual community, the Finance Council will work closely with Monsignor Corbett to be responsible stewards of our financial gifts while embracing the many financial responsibilities that we have.

The Finance Council sincerely thanks you for your continued financial support of our spiritual home. The resources that you provide are so greatly needed and appreciated by our parish 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,

St. Jude the Apostle Finance Council



FINANCIAL INFORMATION*

As of and for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013

REVENUE:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Offertory	\$2,399,779	\$2,341,185
Preschool	244,899	191,550
Jaguar Sports Income	121,016	129,716
Annual Appeal Refund	41,104	72,729
Religious Education	19,646	21,037
Building Fund	13,240	10,450
Interest Income	3,345	5,610
All other income	<u>75,163</u>	<u>76,910</u>
Total Income:	<u>\$2,918,192</u>	<u>\$2,849,187</u>

EXPENSES:

Archdiocesan Support	\$(580,336)	\$(575,579)
Facilities	(471,626)	(375,701)
Admin. & General	(413,114)	(425,991)
Special Ministries**	(400,499)	(348,691)
Religious Education	(266,843)	(262,738)
Clergy and Rectory	(226,863)	(221,415)
Music	(179,839)	(164,481)
Stewardship	(133,705)	(135,285)
Interest Expense	(104,711)	(124,915)
Liturgy	<u>(26,673)</u>	<u>(34,191)</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$(2,804,209)</u>	<u>\$(2,668,987)</u>

Contributions over Expenses: \$113,983 \$180,200

Changes in operating assets and liabilities	18,550	10,087
Repayment of debt	(65,418)	(153,414)
Increase in designated purpose accounts	<u>113,032</u>	<u>(104,926)</u>
Net increase in cash balances:	<u>\$180,148</u>	<u>(\$68,053)</u>

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

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

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Archdiocesan Seminarians	\$9,212	\$9,020
Catholic Charities	8,124	7,474
Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul	6,317	6,185
Word Missions	6,054	5,927
Catholic Relief Services	5,264	5,154
Campaign for Human Development	4,211	4,123
Religious Retirement	3,472	3,350
Catholic Home Missions	2,895	2,835
Catholic University	2,895	2,835
Holy Land	2,369	2,319
Church in Latin America	2,369	2,319
Black and Indian Mission	1,579	1,546
Catholic Communications	1,316	1,289
Church in Central and Eastern Europe	<u>263</u>	<u>259</u>

Total USCCB/Archdiocese

Charitable Contributions: \$56,340 \$54,635

PARISH CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

St. Vincent de Paul	\$149,498	\$146,381
Community Action Center	5,790	4,639
St. Jude Missions Ministry	5,000	4,897
Post Abortion Treatment & Healing	4,738	4,639
Interfaith Outreach Home	3,948	3,866
Atlantans Building Leadership for Empowerment	3,158	3,092
Operation Rice Bowl	<u>1,771</u>	<u>961</u>

Total Parish Charitable Contributions: \$173,903 \$168,475

Total Charitable Contributions: \$230,243 \$223,110

**This financial information does not include the results of the operations of St. 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.

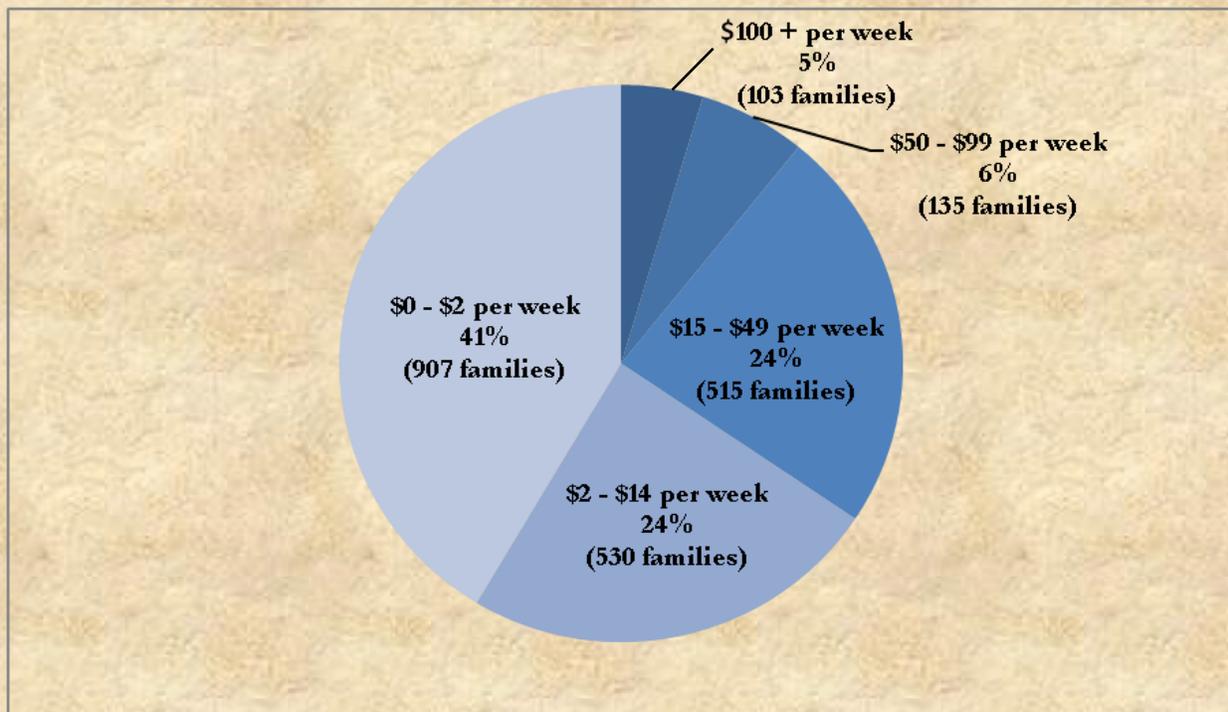
Each year consider increasing your gift to your parish until you have reached 6% of your income. If you give 6% of your income to your parish; 1% to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and 3% to other charities you will have reached the biblical tithe!

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!



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS GIVEN BY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

WHERE ARE YOU?



Percentages here indicate percentage of total number of registered families. For example: 41% indicates that this percentage of St. Jude's total number of registered parishioners contribute \$0 to \$2 per week. This chart reflects only registered parishioners. The offertory shown under 'Revenue' on the financial information page reflects both *registered* and *unregistered* parishioners. The database of registered parishioners will be reviewed in the upcoming year, and the information in the above chart may vary significantly as the database is updated to reflect current information.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Did you know that St. Jude offers the convenience of electronic giving? One-time and recurring contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. You can also create a secure profile to modify or stop recurring payments and track your payment history. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our parish.



To date, 260 parish families are making recurring contributions using electronic giving.

Registration is quick and easy! Scan the QR code or go to www.stjudeatlanta.net/giving for more information.



Thank you
for your continued support of
St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church.



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