

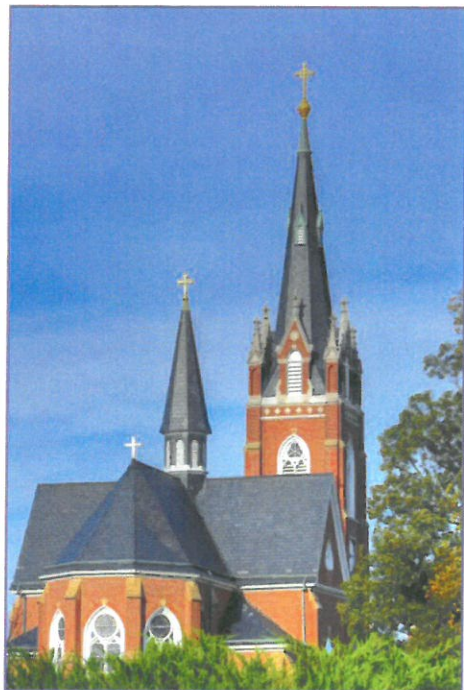
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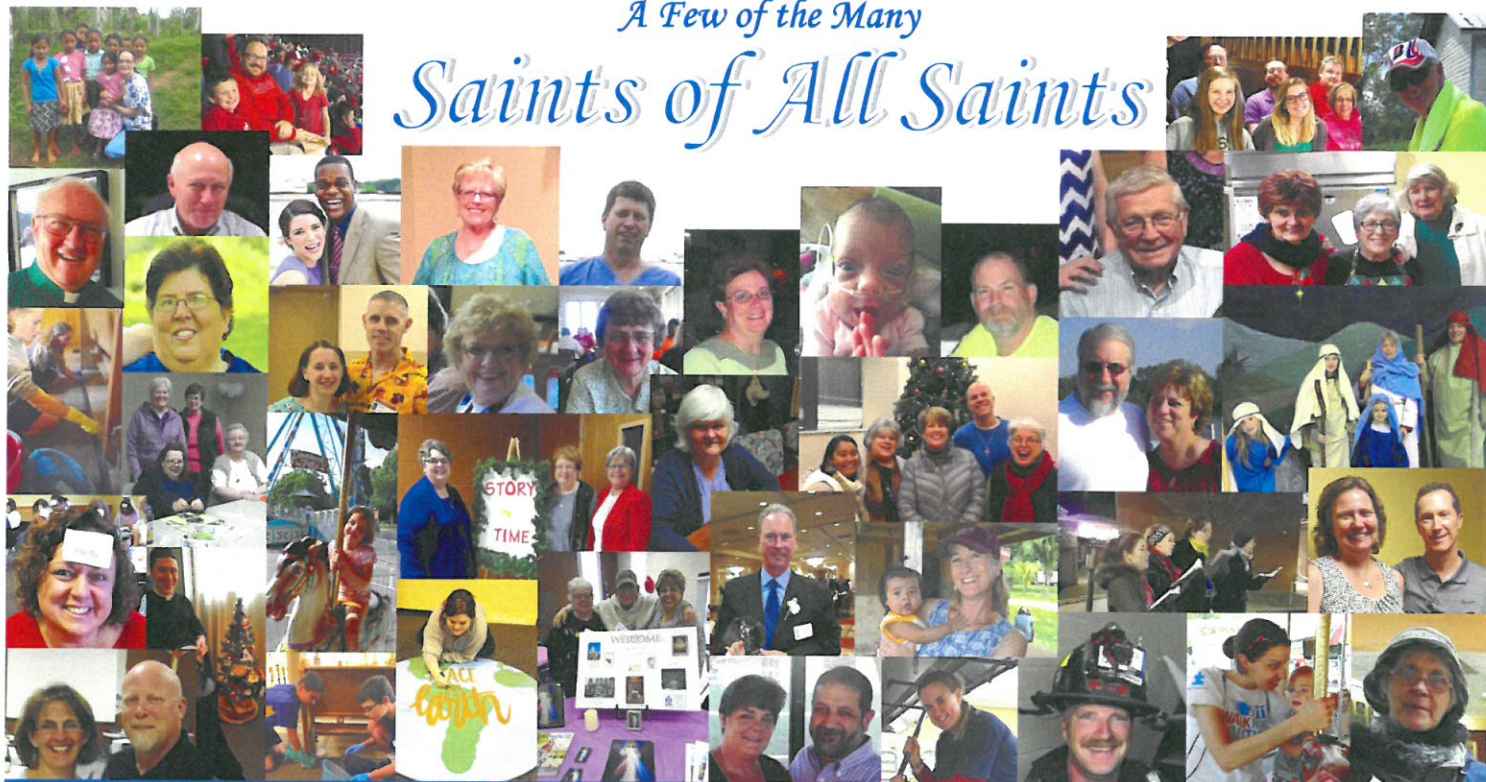
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*A Few of the Many
Saints of All Saints*

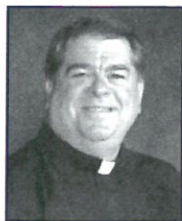


*"The Saints were not superhuman. They were people who loved God in their hearts, and who shared this joy with others."
~ Pope Francis*

PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION - 194 YEARS OF FAITH

*Our lives and our many blessings are gifts from God.
Our prayer and participation are our gifts given back to God.
And, oh, how we have given them back in abundance this past year.*

January 2017



It is my great joy to present this past year's summary of the vibrant life in the All Saints community. Here, prayer is fully embraced whether in solitude with a candle at the Lourdes Grotto, in children's classrooms, adult meetings, community gatherings, or in song during processions and shared praises during Mass.

Our relationship with God is an exciting journey and from it flows our desire for service to others.

While there are many hundreds of people involved in more than 80 ministries, I envision more to come. Let's not be afraid of doing something new or getting more deeply engaged in Christian service. When we reach out, we show the incredible richness of a lived faith in Jesus Christ.

With gratitude,

Father Don

Pastoral Leadership Council

Good leaders are always thinking beyond today and asking "What's next?" The Pastoral Leadership Council serves in that capacity, sharing its wisdom, experience and gifts with the Pastor.

The Council members represent various areas within the community and serve at the invitation of the Pastor. The meetings are held quarterly.

The Council led us through the Parish Planning and Viability Study. We identified the top 10 parish assets, things we do best, and the top 10 parish deficits, the things we need to improve. The assessment was a process of meeting with parishioners at assemblies where they could provide input.

Essentially, the Council assisted the parish in bringing a focus on 3 to 5 priorities and how we want to implement them. The final report is on the website.



Council members include (from l to r): Randy Burkemper, Carol Chipley, Todd Mesler, Jr., Brad Rigdon, Fr. Don Wester, and Marya Pohlmeier.

Our Hearts and Hands Reached Beyond Our Boundaries in 2016



500 greeting cards crafted, prayed over, and sent to grieving, homebound and military families

Over 2,000 stuffed animals, toys, and games collected and gifted to boys and girls at St. Augustine Parish on Hamilton Ave. in St. Louis

1,000 pairs of shoes donated to Shoes for Hope improving the lives of those both near and far—Belize, Guatemala, and Haiti

2,000 Alleluia Baskets filled with love and distributed to 28 different groups

166 turkeys donated to the Knights of Columbus No Hunger Holiday. 228 coats donated to the Knight's Coat Drive now provide warmth to new owners.

700 Giving Tree gifts brighten the Christmas of many—100 children in the Fort Zumwalt School District, 100 families in St. Louis City, Birthright of St. Charles and families within our parish boundaries through our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Journey through the Year



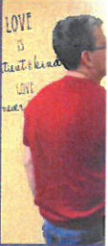
In January, 20 All Saints volunteers journeyed to Belize to share our love of Jesus and 2,000 pounds of our blessings with the villagers in the Toledo District. In June, another 20 volunteers with 2,000 pounds of supplies made the trip.



At the Easter Vigil, we welcomed 8 new members to our faith community.



In February, Father Don led 23 pilgrims to the Holy Land and Rome.



Living Our Mission

✠ 258 Children (full-time school and preschool) ✠ 167 Children in our PSR and 40 in Home School ✠ 104 Children in Vacation Bible School, 6 musicians and 44 group leaders ✠ 18 Children in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd staffed by 12 volunteers ✠ 323 Parishioners attended 4 Dynamic Catholic Mini-retreats ✠ 5 Adult Bible Studies attended by 33 adults ✠ 7 Catholicism and 101 Evenings with attendance of over 150 ✠ 550 Pro-Life Roses sold on Mother's Day by 25 volunteers ✠ 740 attended Christkindl by over 100

Participation

Room at the Inn guests served by 175 volunteers ✠ 27 Funeral luncheons serving over 900 dishes ✠ 1,950 Sandwiches made and delivered to the Salvation Army ✠ 152 Women attended Advent by Candlelight ✠ 6,500 Rosaries made and gifted ✠



In April, over 35 ministry workers attended an appreciation evening hosted by the Adult Faith Development Committee.



In May, the 1st held. In 201 through the



In October couples' Saint couples

ed Parish Population † 2,715 Families in our Parish † 132 New Families † 84 Baptisms
 y Communion † 1,975 Communion visits to homebound † 72 Confirmations
 ite of Christian Initiation of Adults † 63 Funerals † 21 Weddings
 Sunday Mass Celebrations with music † 40 Music ministers rehearsed more
 than 4,000 hours † 304 Liturgical ministers: lectors, extraordinary Eucharistic
 ministers, music ministers, servers, ushers, and sacristans, etc.
 † 221 Attended the Mass of Remembrance and

through Prayer

Lighting of Candles
 Mission † 39
 and 8th

† 532 Participated in our Parish
 Life Nights for teens † 51 Teens
 graders participated in Luke 18 † 14 Teens

In June, 75 volunteers offered up their Saturday morning to spruce up the newly acquired All Saints Annex.



attended Steubenville Youth
 Conference † 17 Teens attended
 All Saints high school retreats
 † 5 Teens attended Life Teen
 Leadership Conference † 62 All
 Saints Prayer Chain Members
 offered up 275

prayer requests



On Together...



In June, about 100 parishioners paraded from the Annex to the All Saints grounds to begin the 2016 Picnic.



At six All Saints Blood Drives was the lives of 133 people were saved giving love of All Saints donors.



In September, 19 women of the parish led by the Spirit attended the first of many to come All Saints Parish ACTS Retreats.



15 couples attended the Fall evening sponsored by the new All couples' Ministry. In May, 23 attended the first couples' evening.



In November, 293 spaghetti dinners were served by 35 volunteers to raise money for the medical treatment of children in Belize through the All Saints Belize Parish to Parish Ministry.



In December, over 90 people found peace and many Advent blessings through the first All Saints Stations of the Nativity.