



Annual Report

2016

Father Philip Reifenberg.....
Temporary Administrator

Mission Statement

St. Thomas Aquinas, a parish family united in the Eucharist, continues the mission of Jesus Christ. Through the varied talents found in our Christian community, we encourage lifelong spiritual and social growth committed to living our faith through service to others.

Membership Statistics

**Based on 2016 Status Animarum Report*

January 2016—December 2016

Registered Catholics ~ 1,134

Registered Households ~ 470

Newly Registered Households ~ 8

Households Moving from the Parish ~ 8



Sacramental Statistics

**Based on 2016 Status Animarum Report*

January 2016—December 2016

Baptisms ~ 5

First Reconciliations ~ 5

First Holy Communions ~ 5

Anointing of the Sick ~ 48

Confirmations ~ 9

Marriages ~ 7

Funerals ~ 12



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Leadership

Trustees

Red Platz ~ Treasurer

Ron Nielsen ~ Secretary

Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council is a consultative and planning body in regards to pastoral activity. It strives to fulfill the pastoral mission of the parish. It does this by developing Catholic identity, promoting evangelization, and fostering stewardship. The council engages in a continuous process of pastoral planning, taking into account the needs and priorities of its parishioners, the Archdiocese, the broader community, and the world.

Fr. Philip Reifenberg ~ Temporary Administrator

Red Platz ~ Trustee * Ron Nielsen ~ Trustee

Kerry Gigot ~ Chair * Linda Leibham ~ Vice

Mary Jo Jetzer ~ Secretary

Bev Dippel * Lynn Kulow * Matt O'Connor

Finance Council

Finance Council is a consultative body in parish financial matters. The council provides advise and guidance to the Pastor in the administration of parish assets, monitors the financial condition of the parish and prepares the annual budget and reports.

Fr. Philip Reifenberg ~ Temporary Administrator * Red Platz ~ Chair

Ron Nielsen ~ Trustee * David Bardon * Chris Merklein

** Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. .*

St. Thomas Aquinas Faith Formation Report 2016/2017

The goal of our Faith Formation program is to share our knowledge and experiences with our students, to provide them with a better understanding of our Faith along with the tools and desire to connect their Faith to life.

Lisa Gross ~ Religious Education Coordinator, Gr. 1-11

Faith Formation Year Highlights

Enrollment

Grades 1-6 : 31 students

Grades 7-11 : 36 students

Catechists

Grades 1-5: 4 catechists

Grades 6-11 : 6 catechists

Sacraments

9 confirmed, March 13, 2016

5 receive First Communion, May 7, 2016

1st grade - some new DVD lessons accompanied by coloring books were purchased and I believe they were well received .

2nd grade – Reconciliation went well. Next year we will have Reconciliation Retreat. First Eucharist Chalice painting and banner making on retreat Day was awesome and the Chalices were beautifully displayed on altar.

3rd grade - New teacher /volunteer was on the injured list for the first semester, however we had 2 parents who filled in for her. Planning on less chaos for this group in 17/18

4th and 5th – There is only one 4th grader so the two grades are combined and they are led by a wonderful teacher.

6th – spent the 1st semester doing small group with 7th and 8th. We were fortunate to have 4 additional volunteers so small groups were 4 students and all volunteers had positive feedback during discussions.

The second half they participated in a Bible Encounter Unit, per the students “it is really interesting.

4th – 8th had Ministry nights where games were played to re-enforce topics they studied and to break away from the book and have some fun. These were very successful.

9th - Began the Chosen Confirmation Program and assisted with younger students during activity nights.

10th grade – Altaration’s program (study of the Mass), also papers written on designated topics and preliminary sponsor work completed. In January of 2017 they began the online course lessons 1-5 and completed additional studies when each 2 lessons were completed.

11th grade – Completed Altaration’s and the online program. Thanks to the online program a student whose family recently moved to New Mexico was able to work online with his class and then flew home to be confirmed with his grade. His cousin from FDL also joined us for the online program and she was Confirmed with the STA group.

This year we had a Reconciliation service for all 3rd – 10th graders

We had an Advent Retreat for 2nd – 5th and the 6th 7th and 8th graders volunteered and led parts of the Retreat.

We had a few Ministry nights for 4th – 8th which the students really enjoyed.

During Lent we attended stations and the older kids helped the younger kids begin Lenten journals and also made Holy week projects that were displayed in the Hallway for one week.

Our 2nd Living rosary was held in March.

Confirmation retreat

Passion Play attended in Appleton (26/28 - 8th – 11th graders attended and the play was spectacular.)

We met for a total of 31 hours with a makeup day built into schedule and used for grades 4th = 10th.

I completed forming the Catechetical Spirit 10 Saturdays total 40 hours.

Also have in the past completed 40 hours Ministry At cardinal Stritch and 30 hours Directors Institute

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

2016 Building and Grounds Report

The Buildings & Grounds Committee evaluates the current needs of our parish properties and plans for current and future requirements. They study project and maintenance bids and make recommendations through the Finance Council. The committee monitors on-going building and grounds maintenance and provides business and/or trade knowledge and support.

Building and Grounds Committee Members

Fr. Philip Reifenberg ~ Pastor * Marlow Schubert * Steve Holzmann

Steve Gross *Bradley Heim *Mark Thielmann *Mike Wilmas

Major Repair, Maintenance and Capital Improvement Projects Completed

- * Dehumidifier System in Basement (\$1,635.).
- * Remove peninsula from the parking lot (\$2,453.).
- * Landscaping around the sign (\$1,196).
- * Roof the Rectory (\$21,300).
- * Remove Tree, grind stump and topsoil by garage (\$705.).

2016 Cemetery Committee Report

The Parish Cemetery Committee oversees the operations and maintenance of St. Thomas Aquinas Cemetery. Committee members manage records, sale of lots and insure ongoing, long-term viability of the parish cemetery.

Cemetery Committee Members

Fr. Phil Reifenberg * Red Platz * Bill Neils * Al Gross

Income 2016: \$3,913.27

Expenses 2016: \$5,198.87

Statistics 2016: 2 Burial~St. Fridolin's & 5 Burials~Rhine Cemetery

No Lots Sold ~ St. Fridolin's & 1 Lots Sold ~ Rhine Cemetery

Major Repair and Maintenance and Capital Improvement Projects Completed

- * Purchased new signs for both sites. (2,400).