

Future

Although our individual parishes vary in size and have a variety of gifts, our communities are filled with devoted individuals and families who will take the steps necessary to adjust and change with the times.

Saint James Catholic School brings all of our parishes together and with the addition of the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia in July of next year there is much excitement! These religious women will bring with them the skills to provide leadership to our school as well as become involved in our parish ministry to allow religious education and formation for all parishioners. The Dominican Sisters will assist in bringing our parish community together with the school through their joy and exuberance.

In order to welcome the sisters, Saint James Catholic Church must provide living accommodations and for this reason, the parish community will begin to see a change to the Robinbrooke campus to include development of a convent as well as office space. The Saint James Catholic Church that we have known and loved for more than 160 years is evolving. The foundation of the spiritual presence in the Heartland of Kentucky must evolve to meet the growing demands of our community. As in our venerable past, being a “pilgrim church”, will make us stronger as we begin a new chapter in the life of a church that remains vibrant for all parishioners, school children, faculty and staff. May God continue to bless us.

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Saint Ambrose Catholic Church
609 Main Street, Cecilia, KY 42724

Saint Ignatius Catholic Church
7786 Sonora-Hardin Springs Rd., White Mills, KY 42788



Saint James School

2014-15 Enrollment: 458

- Placed 1st overall in District Governor’s Cup Competition
- Carson Ching placed 1st in District and Region Social Studies Governor’s Cup Competition
- Sharon Hernandez received the Catholic Education Foundation Teacher Award for dedication and excellence in teaching in the Archdiocese
- Molly Eby received state recognition for her scores in the ACT test following the Duke Talent Search
- Mackenzie Husted placed 1st in grades 7/8 Vocations Essay Contest
- Alyssa Davis was the middle school winner in the District Soil Conservation Essay Contest
- Grades 6-7-8 all placed 1st in the Archdiocese of Louisville Book Bee Competitions
- Mary Kate Godfrey was elected President of the State at KYA
- Langley Williams was Outstanding Delegate at KYA
- Alyssa Davis and Macy Jent were Outstanding Speakers at KYA
- SJS presented a mock bill that was passed and signed by the Governor

Cost of Educating 1 Child - \$4,439

Cost of Educating 2 Children - \$8,091

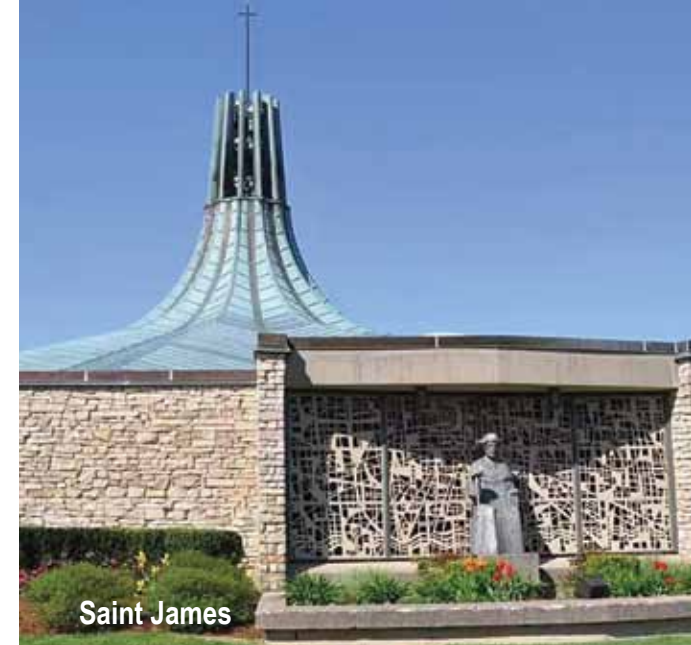
Cost of Educating 3 Children - \$10,481

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Saint James



St. Ambrose



Saint Ignatius

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

— Joshua 24:15





From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Upon prayerful reflection of our past year within our three parishes, I am reminded of so many ways that we are engaged in service to Christ, His Church and one another. My time in service to the good people of Saints Ambrose, Ignatius and James is a blessing and honor for me.

Together, our three parishes have nearly 1500 families – there is an immense difference in the size of the three with less than 100 of the total families coming from Saints Ambrose and Ignatius combined. Each weekend we celebrate six Masses among our three parishes but welcome less than 50% of our parishioners on any given week. We've some work to do to reach others who have fallen away for a variety of reasons.

I hope you will take a moment to read through this accountability report for fiscal year 2014-15. There is no way for us to capture everything that has happened within the past year; however, upon review, I am certain you will be reminded of all the wonderful things that have happened within our family of faith. You will also see that we have some opportunity to challenge each other to be better stewards in the year ahead from a financial and ministerial standpoint.

It is my hope that we continue in the way of Christ and become a stronger family unified in faith throughout the coming year. My continued prayer and blessings for you and your entire family.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Martin A. Linebach
Pastor

Time

- **Saint Ambrose Catholic Church** takes pride in being involved in Cecilia Days the second Saturday of August each year. Parishioners are quick to share the importance of the role of the Catholic Church within the small town of Cecilia.



Cover photo of Saint Ambrose and above courtesy of photographer Don Waters

- The faith community of **Saint Ignatius Catholic Church** gathered in December to donate toys to Helping Hand of Hope. Parishioners brought children to meet Santa Claus; however, instead of Santa handing out presents, the children brought him gifts that were, in turn, donated to help needy families during the Holidays.
- **Saint James Catholic Church** was blessed to have nearly 100 volunteers who worked on Thanksgiving Day to serve 1,140 meals to those in need. Fifty meals were served on the Saint James campus and nearly 1,100 were delivered to homes.



Photo courtesy of The News Enterprise, photographer Neal Cardin.

Talent

- The parishioners of **Saint Ambrose Catholic Church** came together to support Saint James Catholic School by providing funds to assist in purchasing textbooks for our school children. The generosity of the parish has allowed our school to continue to update educational resources and provide them to all of the students at the school.
- The women of **Saint Ignatius Catholic Church** came together to discuss the implementation of a new initiative – Mother Mary's Helpers. This group of women started making plans for how they can help their community. We look forward to sharing their stories and successes in next year's accountability report.
- **Saint James Catholic Church** currently has 411 parishioners who have volunteered to be involved in liturgical ministry. It is through the sharing of individual talent that these parishioners assist our pastor and associate pastor in providing a meaningful liturgical experience for our entire faith community.

By the Numbers

Saint Ambrose

Baptisms - 1
 First Communion - 0
 Confirmation - 0
 Marriages - 1
 Deaths - 0
 New Families – 1

Saint James

Baptisms – 56
 First Communion – 91
 Confirmation – 64
 Marriages – 9
 Deaths - 33
 New Families – 72

Saint Ignatius

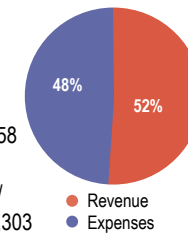
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 Confirmation – 0
 Marriages – 1
 Deaths - 0
 New Families – 1

Treasure

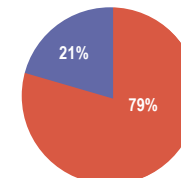
SAINT JAMES

Revenue **\$3,195,398**
 Expenses **\$3,075,440**
 Stewardship Revenue \$2,534,052
 Other Revenue \$661,346
 Parish Operating Expenses \$981,358
 School Expenses \$1,892,779
 Other School Expenses (Preschool/ After School/Extended Care) \$201,303

REVENUE VS. EXPENSES

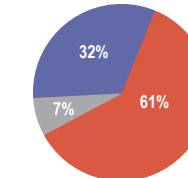


REVENUE SUMMARY



● Other Revenue
 ● Stewardship Revenue

EXPENSE SUMMARY

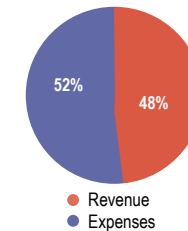


● Parish Operating Expenses
 ● School Expenses
 ● Other School Expenses

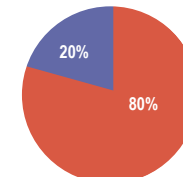
SAINT AMBROSE

Revenue **\$67,014**
 Expenses **\$71,159**
 Stewardship Revenue \$53,487
 Other Revenue \$13,527

REVENUE VS. EXPENSES



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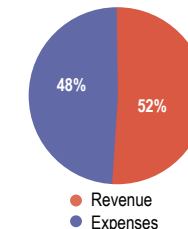


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 ● Stewardship Revenue

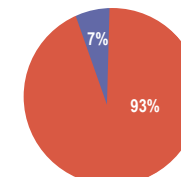
SAINT IGNATIUS

Revenue **\$49,712**
 Expenses **\$47,421**
 Stewardship Revenue \$46,432
 Other Revenue \$3,280

REVENUE VS. EXPENSES



REVENUE SUMMARY



● Other Revenue
 ● Stewardship Revenue

Complete financial statements are available in the parish office upon request.