

Pastoral Planning Quick Facts

2018 Sacramental Stats	
Baptisms	14
First Communion	24
Confirmations	19
Marriages	12
Burials	55

Active Priests in the Diocese of Erie	
2005	159
2015	121
2019	~110
2025 (projection)	76
2034 (projection)	36

Demographic & Financial Trends (Combined Parishes)			
	2010	2018	% Change
Registered Households	1401	869	-38%
Adjusted Offertory	\$814,480.00	\$620,466.00	-24%

Weekly Envelope Usage		
Parish	Mailed	Used/week
St. Joseph	379	~147 (39%)
St. Stephen	487	~196 (40%)
<i>Total</i>	866	~343

Oil City Sunday Mass Attendance Projections Current: 800/week		
Years from 2018	Oil City Rate of Change from 2017 to 2018 -5% / year	Diocesan Avg. Rate of Change -8% / year
5 (2023)	619	528
10 (2028)	479	347
15 (2033)	370	229
20 (2038)	272	150

(over) →

List of Facilities Owned

Churches	Schools	Social Halls	Rectories	Outbuildings
1. St. Joseph	6. St. Stephen	8. OLHC	9. St. Joseph	13. Mausoleum
2. St. Stephen	7. Assumption (St. Elizabeth)		10. St. Stephen	14. Calvary Garage #1
3. Assumption			11. Assumption	15. Calvary Garage #2
4. OLHC			12. OLHC	16. St. Joseph Garage
5. St. Venantius				17. St. Stephen Garage

For Times of Uncertainty

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980)