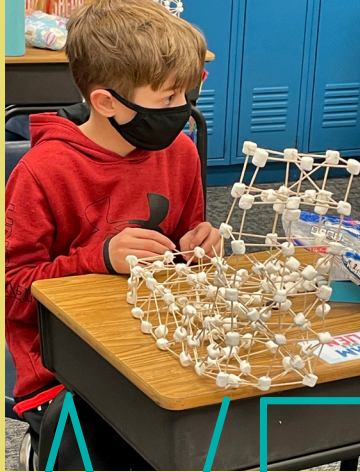


# GOOD SHEPHERD

Catholic Community



DID YOU KNOW...  
YOU are the  
COVID SUPER  
HERO for your  
support of the  
Catholic Charities  
food pantry.  
YOU donated  
18,820 pounds of  
food AND \$9,913  
to help feed the  
hungry in the  
metropolitan  
area.



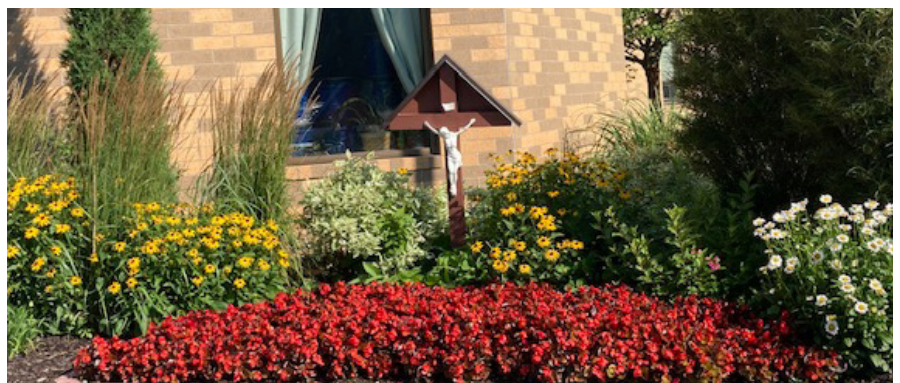
DID YOU KNOW...The Food Kitchen team prepared over 8,700 lunches on our 3rd Tuesdays at the KCK Food Kitchen. Feeding usually over 800 hungry guests monthly, these 35+ made and individually wrapped the sandwiches, bagged chips, fruit, water and cookies (28,000 baked by even more volunteers!), to provide nourishing sacked lunches for our guests. COVID SUPER HEROES!



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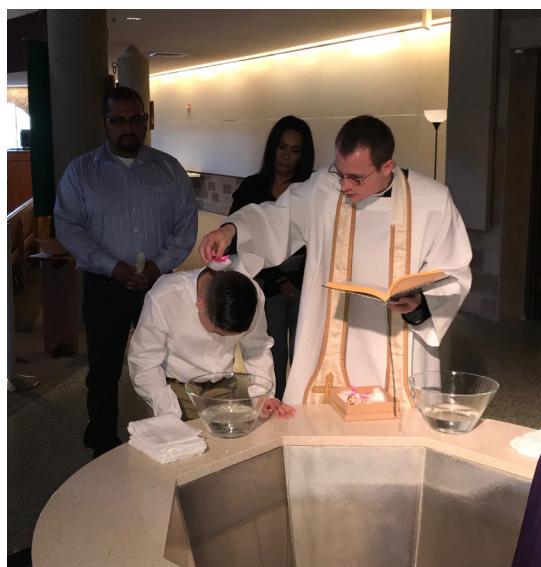
DID YOU KNOW...when some of our  
contracted services were cut to minimize  
costs, volunteer teams came regularly  
with their tractor mowers to mow our  
acreage and shovel our walks on snowy,  
cold days before Sunday Masses and  
school days. COVID SUPER HEROES!







**DID YOU KNOW...** Our choir and musicians practiced on Zoom before weekend Masses! As you can imagine, that was quite a feat but nothing compared to what was involved for Easter Sunday... each vocalist/musician recorded his/her own part on Zoom and those parts were mixed to make the glorious choir we heard! **COVID SUPER HEROES!**



**DID YOU KNOW...** the School Opening Committee are **COVID SUPER HEROES**, working long, long days all summer to prepare for Opening Day. Yes, they prepared their own classroom and lessons and also set in place **COVID** protocols, shifted classroom furniture to accommodate social distancing, developed schedules, wrote safety plans and set up new online education – with guidelines and restrictions ever-changing!



**DID YOU KNOW....** Sacraments were difficult to schedule this year because of so many restrictions but that didn't stop our priests who were masters of flexibility and adaptability! Drive-thru confessions, more First Communion celebrations to accommodate smaller groups, bringing sacraments when called to those unable to attend and often on their "free" Sunday afternoons. **COVID SUPERHEROES!**



**DID YOU KNOW...** YOU can be a **SUPER HERO** too! There are lots of opportunities! Tell us your interests and we'll find a good fit for you! Contact Mary Mueller, 913-563-5304 [mmueller@gsshawnee.org](mailto:mmueller@gsshawnee.org) or Mary Losik, 913-563-5311 [mlosik@gsshawnee.org](mailto:mlosik@gsshawnee.org).



# Our parish BY THE NUMBERS

595 MASS CELEBRATED

75 BAPTIZED

55 FIRST COMMUNIONS

101 CONFIRMED

7 QUINCEANERAS

7 WEDDINGS

26 FUNERALS

1,921 REGISTERED FAMILIES

130 NEW FAMILIES WELCOMED

## our school

70 Students enrolled in Religious Education

365 Students attending Good Shepherd  
School, PreK-8

## our community

48% of All Families Donate

583 Families making Offertory pledges

373 Families giving online

\$892,142 Annual dollars from online giving

42 Families making non-cash gifts  
(IRAs, stock, etc.)

## our generosity

\$527,370 Dollars shared by Parish families  
in service to others outside this community  
(includes Call to Share and One Faith campaign)

18,820 Pounds of food collected for people in  
need AND \$9,913

9,410 Meals served to the hungry including  
28,000 home baked cookies!

We sponsor many outreaches to Advice & Aid, Christ  
the King School (KCK), Catholic Charities, Catholic  
Relief Services, Community Blood Center, Food  
Kitchen, Newhouse, Shawanoe Elementary School,  
St. Catherine's-Emporia, Unbound, Uplift -  
and many more!

We walk with El Buen Pastor in El Salvador, our  
sister parish of 34 years, providing scholarships,  
medications and support for regional and community  
projects.



## VIRTUAL

In an uncertain environment, the digital world became a necessity, the best way available to be "church". Facebook and You Tube connected us with Mass, news and upcoming events!

### ONLINE VIEWS SINCE MARCH:

2,403 Facebook followers

26,736 Flocknotes (online bulletin)  
reaches



**DID YOU KNOW...** It was a just a handful of savvy fundraisers that converted our largest charity fundraiser Lollapalooza into a virtual event and not just once this year but twice (to make up for a lost April due to the pandemic). With your generous support, these few Super Heroes were able to raise over \$300,000 for church and school. **COVID SUPER HEROES!**



Several years ago before I came to Good Shepherd, someone handed me a copy of Good Shepherd's Annual Report and said something like "This is amazing! Wouldn't it be nice if we had an annual report like this?" And I agree. It was colorful, informative and presented the broader picture of the parish beyond simply the financial "bottom line".

Here I am now at this amazing parish! I am grateful to our incredible team that put this annual report together. Because of them, I am able to present this report that tells the story of our parish over the past year. It's more than just financials. It's a presentation of faith. This is who we are and who we have been. It's faith through numbers, with pictures, in action!

I am so grateful to you. What I had heard about for years, I now have personally witnessed: your generosity, your love, your faith. Take a look for yourselves!

I hope that, by reading this annual report, it will remind you how blessed we are and excited for who we will become in the future.

We are filled with hope and inspiration for the year ahead.

*Fa. Kent O'Connor*

Father Kent O'Connor  
Pastor



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