


# DOEPA – PARISH ANNUAL REPORT for the 2023 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
<p>Saint John The Baptist Orthodox Church 93 Zerby Avenue Edwardsville, PA 18704</p>	

Clergy
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<p>No Clergy Assigned Administrator: Fr. Innocent Neal Fr. Michael Evans, Attached</p>
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Committees/Societies
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Since January 2022
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Highlights of Top Three Activities
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<p style="text-align: center;">Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (<i>Fundraisers are not Outreach</i>)</p>
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1. Yearly Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners for St. Hedwig's Veteran Center provided by Sunday School.

2. FOCA Chapter

- Contributed medical supplies for disaster relief in Kentucky in January
- Contributed money to parish donation in memory of Fr. Slovesko
- Donated money to Gifts of Love which supported children's activities at the All-American Council
- Contributed health supplies to the people of Ukraine
- Contributed to the FOCA St. Nick's Project which aided seminarians in Alaska
- Delivered poinsettias and lap blankets to parishioners in nursing homes
- Donated take-out containers for the parish Food Fest
- Spearheaded and contributed to a toy drive for the children of Ukraine which yielded 10 totes of toys
- Currently purchasing items for the IOCC Hygiene kits

3. Ongoing collection for Ukraine

4. Ongoing Monthly Collection for St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen

5. Collection for Seminarians

6. "Outreach Station" at area festival - Fr. Michael and Parishioners greet visitors

Major Challenges Faced

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We need full-time clergy! MANY visiting clergy have expressed how active and busy we are - it this is absolutely true! We need a spiritual father to provide a robust schedule of services and lead us.

The past year we contended with some major “downstairs” issues which will hopefully position us for better things in the new year - the audit, sidewalk issues, air conditioning issues, heating issues - much attention was focused on these items instead of “upstairs” issues - filling and growing the church.

COVID still lurks in the background - still waiting for many folks to return

Money

### Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2023 to December 2023

2022 was a year of working on “downstairs problems” as mentioned above. 2023’s focus will be outwards – “Upstairs problems” – working on becoming a welcoming church, expanding our outreach and impact in the community. We must take time to recognize the labors of all and celebrate our successes – which are many.

	As of October 1, 2022
<b>Active Members Count</b>	55
<b>Children (under 18)</b>	5
	January 1 thru December1, 2022
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance</b>	25
<b>Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants</b>	12
<b>Average Saturday Vigil Attendance</b>	No Vigil Service until we have full time clergy
<b>Number of Catechumens</b>	0

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	January 1, thru December 1, 2022
<b>Baptisms</b>	2
<b>Funerals</b>	1
<b>Marriages</b>	
<b>Receptions into Orthodoxy</b>	4 (changed parishes, not converted)
<b>Church School/Number Enrolled</b>	5
<b>Adult Education/Number Enrolled</b>	No Adult Education until we have full time clergy