

St. David's Episcopal Church  
16200 West Twelve Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48076

Nonprofit  
Organization  
U. S. POSTAGE  
Permit No. 2  
Southfield, Michigan

Address Service Requested

Address



### Parish Schedule

Sundays Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.  
Choral Eucharist 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesdays Holy Eucharist in Chapel 8:00 a.m.

September–July

Nursery (infants–age 3)\* 7:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  
Godly Play (ages 4–6)\* 10:00–10:45 a.m.  
Church School (ages 4–10) 11:15 a.m.–12 noon  
J2A (high school) 11:15–12:30 p.m.  
Sundays at Nine - 9 a.m.–9:45 a.m.  
Adult Forums/Coffee Hour—Sundays 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  
\*available throughout the summer

Office Hours Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Phone (248) 557-5430  
Fax (248) 557-6213  
Web Site [www.stdavidssf.org](http://www.stdavidssf.org)

# Funding the Vision

## On the Threshold of a New Horizon 2012



*Jenny Sullivan leads a group of youngsters at our Vacation Bible School in July. Thanks to some great volunteers and the parish's continued commitment to young people, we had our most successful VBS in recent history.*

**2012 Pledge Campaign**  
**Fill out a Pledge Card**  
**Increase Your Pledge by 10%**  
**Turn in Pledges by January 1**

St. David's Episcopal Church  
Southfield, Michigan

# Funding the Vision!

What a wonderfully vibrant and enriching ministry we share here at St. David's! To keep up with our growth and ministry vision for 2012 we are asking each parishioner to do these three things:

- Turn in a Pledge Card
- Increase your pledge by 10%
- Turn your pledges in by January 1

In the pages ahead you will see how our parish touches the lives of hundreds of people every week. You'll see how we spend our resources, and you'll see the goals we have in the year ahead. You'll see how your leaders are working to hear the voice of the Lord directing our parish to do work that only we can do.

As you may know, for the last few years, we have been balancing our annual budget by taking money out of our savings account, depleting our savings by \$10,000 to \$30,000 per year. As we all know, we cannot continue to do this. The great news is that because of the increase in membership and energy in the parish, we believe that this year, 2012, we can put forward a balanced budget to the parish at January's Annual Meeting if we can 1) turn in our pledge cards, 2) increase our pledge by 10%, 3) turn in our pledges by January 1.



Howah Freeman and Desiree Dial pitch in at a South Oakland Shelter event—part of our vision is continuing our support of this worthy endeavor.

# We are all part of the Household

When we invite a guest over for dinner for the first time we usually make sure the table is properly set, the food is nutritious and delicious, and that our guest doesn't have to bring a thing. However if that guest decides to come to dinner every night, sooner or later we will ask that guest to bring a dish, help set the table, and do the dishes.

There's a difference between being a guest and a member of the household.

Those of us who call St. David's our church are members of our household. That means that we cannot treat our congregation as if we were guests, rarely bringing anything to the table, or only making small contributions.



We are asking our members to live into the reality of what it means to be a household and helping us fund our lives together by 1) making a pledge, 2) increasing that pledge by 10% over last year, and 3) turning our pledge cards in by January 1. Of course those who are able to increase their pledge by more than 10% should do so to help make up for those who are not able.

I hope you will join me, Natalie, and your Vestry in prayerfully considering your role in our beloved household!

Fr. Chris

# Giving at St. David's

Here's a look at how we do as a household:

In 2011, 92 families/individuals pledged a total of \$174,658 to the annual fund at St. David's.

The average gift was approximately \$1,900 per family/individual, per year.

Here's a breakdown:

Range	Households	Total
6-10K	3	\$22,340
3-6K	21	84,482
2-3K	5	12,740
1.5-2K	9	14,652
1-1.5K	17	20,072
500-1,000	24	15,852
300-500	8	3,376
>300	5	834



# Funding the Vision...

## Where We've Been...

2011 saw solid growth in mission, ministry and membership. In November we will welcome about 30 new members as we gear up for even more growth in the year ahead. Here are some of our 2011 highlights:

- Mentorship Partnership with Vandenberg School
- Vandenberg Magazine and Box Top Projects Launched
- Partnership with Campus Crusade for Christ
- Lift Up Southfield! Forgotten Harvest Outreach
- Celebrated 50 Years as Alcoholics Anonymous Hosts
- Lenten Series on Tolerance
- St. David's Young Families Group Started
- Unveiling of the Parish Strategic Plan
- Record participation in South Oakland Shelter outreach
- Partnership with Jewish Vocational Services clients
- Record Easter Attendance
- Hosted first-ever Deanery VestryFest 2011
- St. David's Men's Fellowship Founded
- Led Diocesan Drive to Rebuild Haiti's Cathedral
- Vacation Bible School Grant / Outstanding Event
- Launched Greeting Card Ministry to Shut-ins
- Rite 13 Service Project to Chicago
- New J2A Group Started
- Lift Up Southfield! 9/11 10th Anniversary Community Worship Service
- New Parish Musician—Devon Hansen
- New Parish Administrator—Veronica Dunbar
- Online Email Project Launched
- Renewal of St. Anne's Guild
- 60th Anniversary Celebration Committee Launched
- God's Harvest Community Garden -Doubled 2010's Harvest

Of course, none of this includes our ongoing ministries, which are too many to list; but it does include our work with: the Haiti Outreach Mission, South Oakland Shelter, the Altar Guild, Camp Chick, Friday Feasts, Daughters of the King, Christian Service Brigade, SCRIP, Detroit Rescue Mission Outreach, and our Sunday School. Our sacramental ministries are just as busy as we celebrated several funerals, baptisms, weddings, confirmations, and reaffirmations.

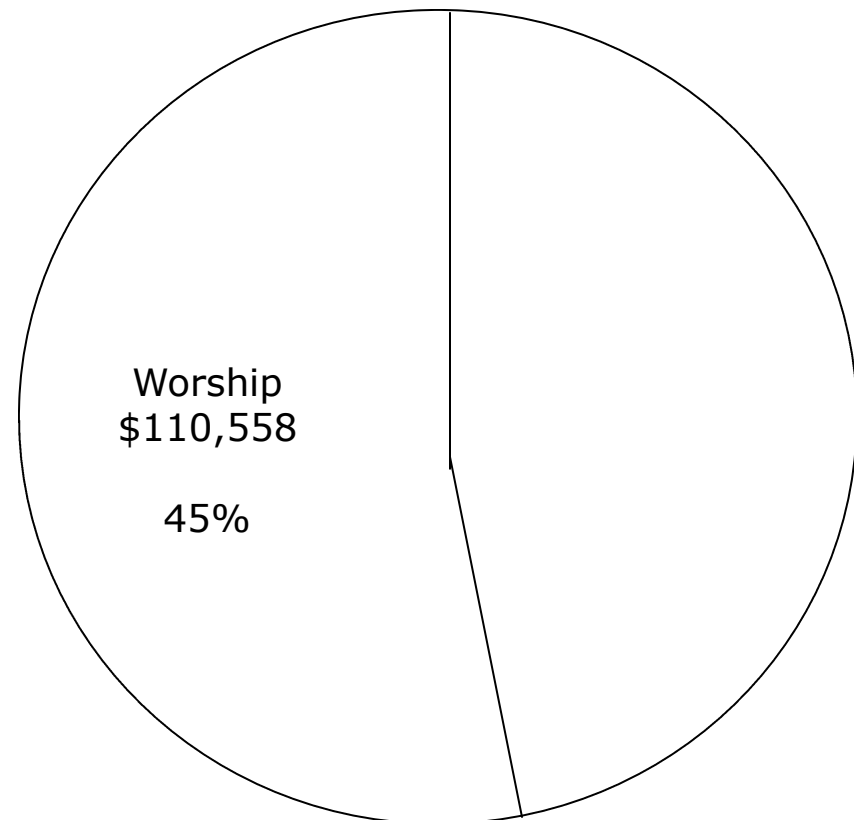
# Worship

It's encouraging to see that our biggest line item at St. David's is worship. We Episcopalians traditionally value our communal gatherings as, first and foremost, opportunities to say thanks and worship, as the Psalmist says, "in the beauty of holiness."

*Jesus said, "Worship the Father in spirit and in truth" - John 4:23*

Included in Worship are:

Acolytes, Sunday Services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am, Tuesdays at 8:00 am, Altar Guild, Taize Healing Services, Lectors, Gospel Choir, Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Celebration of Holy Days, Church Maintenance & Utilities, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, Nursery Attendants, Organ Upkeep, Clergy, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Greeters, Guest Musicians.



Men's Fellowship, Sunday School, South Oakland Shelter Week—the list goes on regarding activities that bind us together and build us up.

Young Families Ministry (right, at the zoo) and Cultural Sunday (Lorraine Tyler shows off her wares, below) continue to be important parts of our life together.



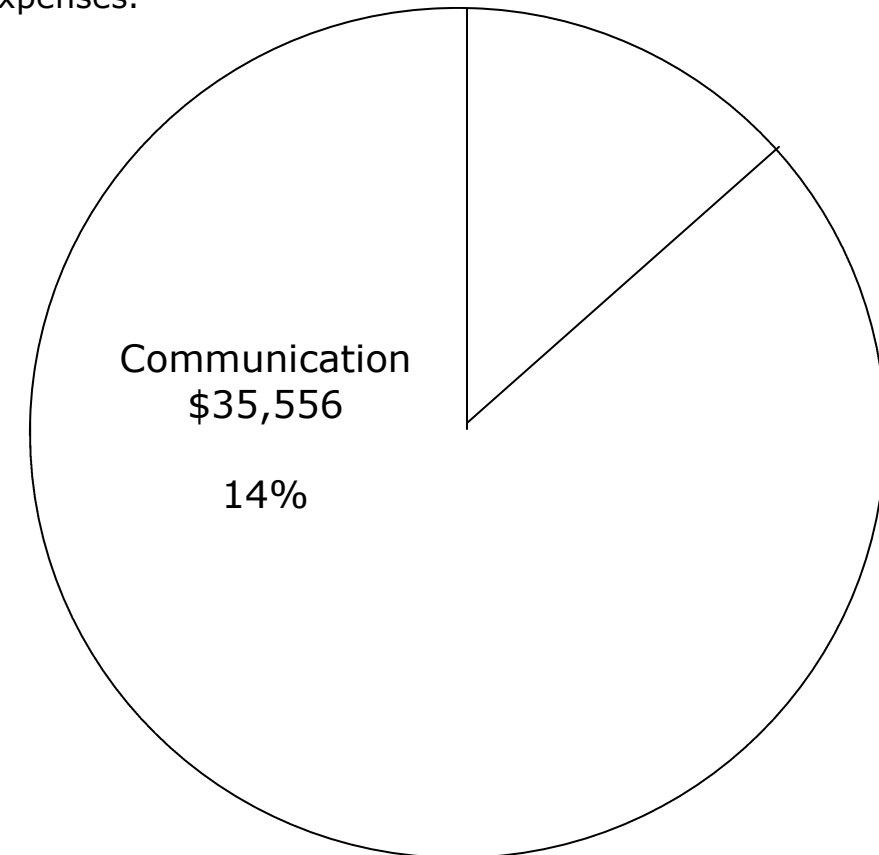
## Communication

As with any close family, St. David's places keeping in touch in high priority. Communication, in myriad ways, helps us share one another's burdens and joys. Knowing what activities and opportunities are available at St. David's is crucial for a busy family.

*The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ - I Corinthians 12:12*

Included in Communication are:

*Reflections* newsletter published 11 times per year, Parish website and computers, Weekly E-News, St. David's Facebook Group, *The Record* Diocesan newspaper, *Episcopal Life*, national church newspaper, Flyers, E-mail, Letters, Annual Report, Other information regarding church programs and events, Newcomer Packets, Brochures, Certificates for special events, Telephone, Printing and copying, *St. David's Quarterly*, Postage, Office expenses.

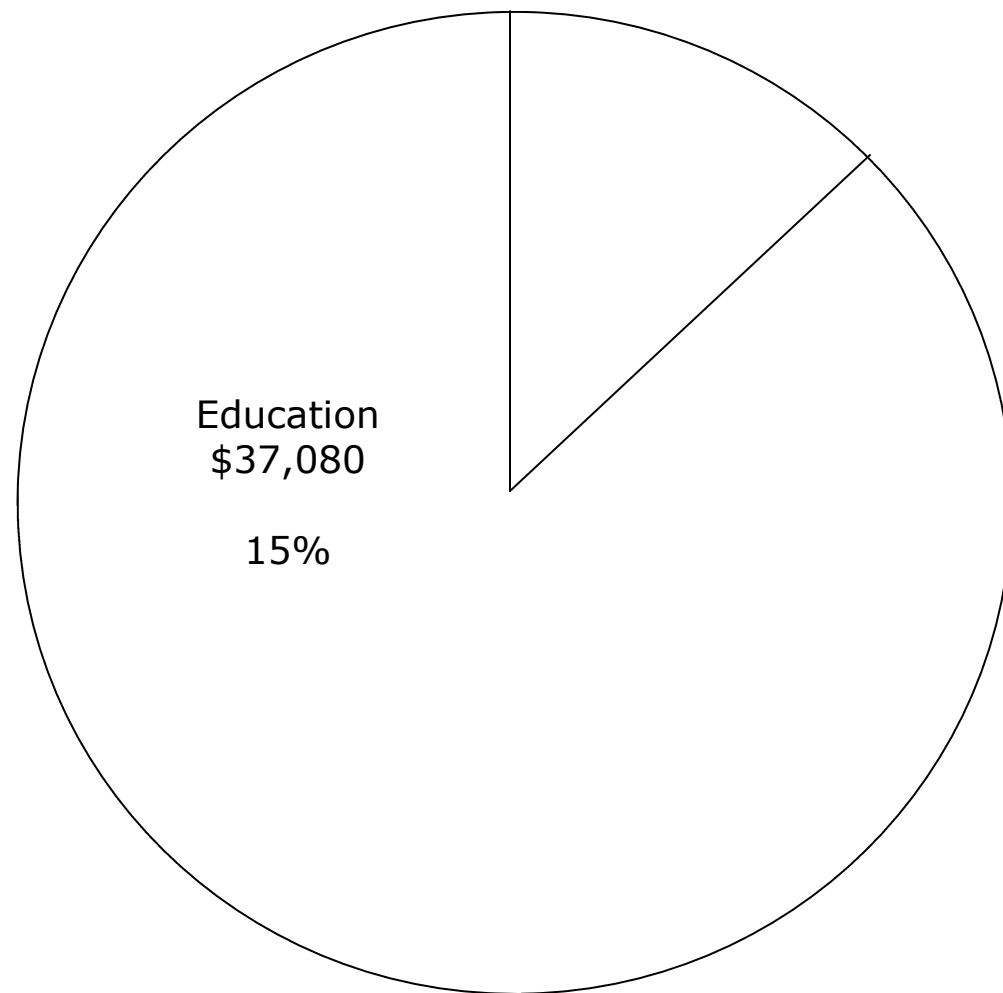


# Education

Education has always been a high priority at St. David's. This portion of our budget goes to equipping saints of all ages for the work we are called to do.

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. - 2 Timothy 2:15.*

Godly Play, Living the Good News, Journey to Adulthood, Christian Service Brigade, Camp Chick, Weekly Bible Studies, 9 am Study Group, Adult Sunday Forums, Inquirers' Classes, Lenten Classes, Vacation Bible School, Seasonal Devotionals, St. David's Bookstore, St. David's Luncheon Series.



## Worship

In 2012 St. David's is working to start a music school for young children, open not just to the parish, but to the community. Parish musician Devon Hansen, who has done this kind of work before, plans to welcome children as young as four.

Also, we are planning for our 60th anniversary! A special dinner will be planned for Saturday, March 3rd followed by a special Eucharist on Sunday March 4th.



*Parishioner John Albrecht plays St. David at the 2011 feast of our patron.*

## Organization and Purpose

In 2010, the St. David's Vestry initiated a Strategic Planning initiative to help our parish move forward in mission and ministry. We have identified our Core Values and Purpose, and in 2012 we hope to present this plan to the parish.



*The Vestry is St. David's. Here facilitator Susan Diehl leads parish leaders in a Strategic Planning exercise as we look to the Holy Spirit to guide us in the year ahead.*



**Hunger**

In 2012, St. David's is looking to partner with a new subsidized food provider, as our successful work with Angel Food Ministries ended with their bankruptcy in 2011. We are working to partner with an organization that can help meet the food security needs of middle class families. We are planning to continue to use St. David's as a pick-up point for the ministry, providing once-a-month food packages for families in our area.



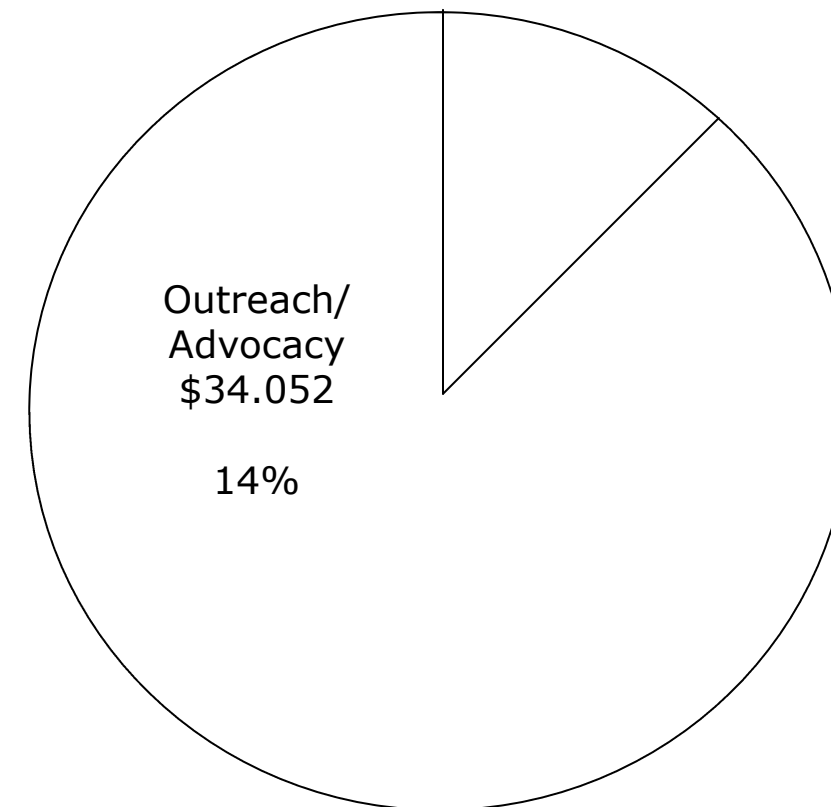
Steve Ernst (top) is St. David's link with the Helping Hands Food Pantry at St. John's in Royal Oak where parishioners donated more than a half a ton of food last year. Anne Jeanette Lasavoge (above, left) works at Forgotten Harvest as a part of the Lift Up Southfield! interfaith community group which sorted 36,000 pounds of grapefruits one afternoon.

# Outreach and Advocacy

St. David's has traditionally allocated a large percentage of its resources toward outreach. Many other donated resources come in the form of time and talent, and financial contributions that never make it onto the parish books. St. David's sees its generosity as a reflection of God's generosity toward us.

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart... it is the Lord Christ you are serving."* - Colossians 3:23-24

Haiti Outreach Mission, Habitat for Humanity, CROPWALK, Crossroads Soup Kitchen, Detroit Rescue Mission Outreach, Holiday Baskets, Staff participation in professional and community groups, Diocesan Pledge supports local, national and international ministry initiatives, CESA donation supports community agencies, Episcopal Relief and Development, Welcome Inn Warming Shelter, Open Hands Food Pantry, South Oakland Shelter Host Church, McGregor Missionary, Youth Mission Trips, St. Anne's Mead, Sunday Community Garden, AA & Al-Anon, Southfield Noontimers, Parents of Murdered Children, Yoga.

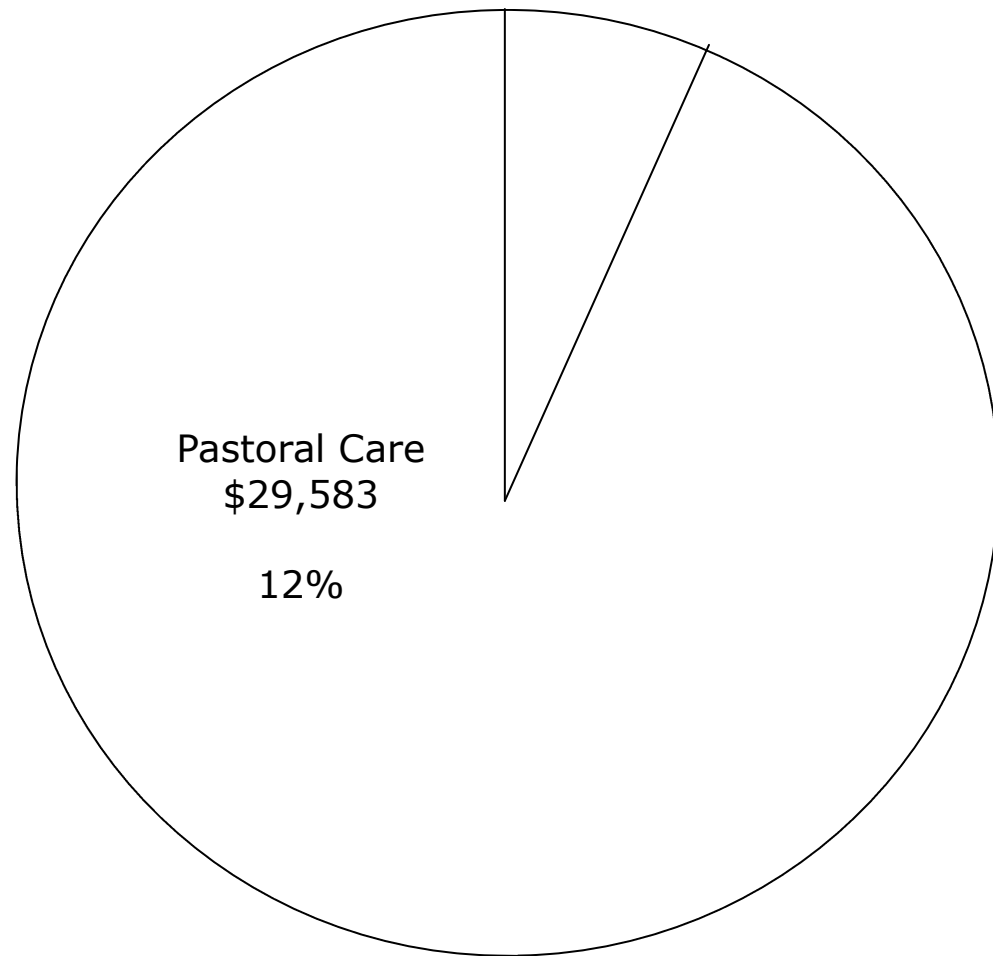


# Pastoral Care

Caring for one another has always been a primary concern at St. David's. When we care for others we are imitating God's care for us. In fact, most visitation and pastoral care takes place on a personal level, and therefore, donated resources are not reflected on our books. St. David's does an amazing job caring for one another.

*"Come to me, all you who are heavy laden and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28*

Hospital visits, Counseling, Greeters, Nursing Home Visitation, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Clergy Visits, Birthday and Anniversary Cards, Pastoral Care Cards, Daughters of the King, Flowers, Baptism and Confirmation Preparation, Telephone Calling Tree, Funeral Services, Social Activities, Coffee Hour.



# Where We're Going...

## Funding the Vision

Our first goal is to follow the Holy Spirit's call. We believe the Lord is calling us to minister to the growing needs around us. We are called to extend gracious hospitality, offer inspirational worship, and reach out to our community as Jesus would.

## Education

In 2012 we are planning to build on our terrific partnership with Vandenburg World Cultures Academy. This magnet school is one of the bright lights in the Southfield School System, attracting students from 29 different countries and is less than a block from St. David's. In addition to the two teams of volunteers we send to Vandenburg each week to help tutor in reading, math, science, English and computers, we are bringing magazines and hosting a pen pal program with our parish members.



## Vacation Bible School

*Every one of our children is St. David's. In 2011 we received a generous grant from the Diocese of Michigan that helped us host our largest Vacation Bible School in years. Parents and volunteer teachers helped bring us all closer to Christ.*