

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Each year, people throughout the world make New Year's resolutions. For many, these resolutions are short lived and quickly forgotten. At our Baptism and Confirmation, we made New Life resolutions. Our baptismal promises are lifelong commitments to Jesus and the Church.

We recognize that all that we possess comes from God. We are God's stewards. We have been empowered to manage the abundant gifts that we have received. As "good stewards," it is our responsibility to give back a portion of the time, talent and treasure we receive from our generous and loving God. Let us recommit ourselves to the Lord by taking the time to plan. Let us make stewardship of time and talent part of our lifestyle, and stewardship of treasure part of our budget.

God has blessed us in so many marvelous ways. Stewardship is a way of life built around gratitude to God, lived out by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us. There is no more precious inheritance we can pass on to our children than this lifestyle of gratitude.

As we travel our faith journey through the Church Year, following in the footsteps of Jesus as His disciples, let us reflect on how accountable and responsible we have been with the gifts God has given us.

Were we the good stewards that we are called to be? Did we give back with increase a portion of what we have received from our abundantly generous God? Have we grown in our faith and shared our time, talent, and treasure with others? It is not too late.

St. Charles Parish has made a commitment to enhance its stewardship of treasure by inviting you to give thought to what we are giving to your parish. All of us have said "thank you" over the years, for blessings the Lord has given to our families and to the life of our parish.

In order to keep our parish life vibrant and our ministries available to the entire parish family, we ask that everyone prayerfully consider a small additional sacrifice in their weekly offering to our parish, if you have not already done so.

Thank you for everything you have done for the parish, and thank you for continuing to do so. We are good stewards of what you have given us and we ask that you in turn practice good stewardship with your blessings. As Sacred Scripture tells us "*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*" I am sincerely grateful for all you do for St. Charles parish and I pray that the Lord's blessings be upon you and your families. Thank you!

Fr. Dennis

St. Charles Parish Income Statement - Finance Review 6/30/13 - \$000

		Parish			Diocese/Deanery		
		2012	2013	Budget 2014	2012	2013	Budget 2014
<u>Income</u>							
Offertory	Envelopes	204	279	277	40	58	45
	Loose	106	117	110			
	Faith Formation	15	17	17			
	Other 2 nd Collections	18	23	15			
	Special Mail Appeal	5	-	-			
	Heating & AC	8	8	7			
	Debt Reduction	51	10	-			
	Facility Repair Fund	-	37	28			
	Charity	3	22	18			
Holy Days	New Year's	1	2	2			
	Easter	11	12	12			
	Christmas	29	31	32			
	Other	3	5	5			
	Weddings/Funerals	3	5	4			
	Interest Income	2	1	1			
	Pledge Payments	32	2	-			
	Parish Pay Fees	-	(2)	(3)			
	Other/Special	24	16	19			
	Total Income	515	585	544	40	58	45
<u>Expenses</u>							
	Salaries/PR Tax/Med	199	196	220			
	Contracted Services	19	23	18			
	Auto & Property Insurance	23	23	24			
	Supplies	41	43	43			
	Repairs & Maintenance	10	17	14			
	Groundskeeping	28	32	30			
	Utilities	60	65	65			
	Continuing Ed/Retreats	1	1	2			
	Vehicle Expense	3	2	3			
	Equip Purchases/Renovations	26	-	-			
	Other Christian Form/Adult Ed	9	8	9			
	Charity (CommCare,Needy,Pantry)	5	23	18			
	Assessments-Envelopes				46	63	51
	Other Remittances				55	57	61
	Socials/Hospitality	3	6	4			
	Clergy Reimbursement	5	5	5			
	Misc/Other/Rounding	10	11	11			
	Interest Expense on Mortgage	16	2	-			
	Total Expenditures	458	457	466	101	120	112
	Net Income/(Deficit)	57	128	78	(61)	(62)	(67)
	Grand Total Income/(Deficit)	(4)	66	11			

Charitable Giving Summary
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	2012	2013	2014
Community Caregivers	2.5	2.2	2.2
Care Net Pregnancy Center	2.0	1.9	2.0
Fire Victims	2.0	-	-
Parish Needy	17.6	8.8	10.0
NH Catholic Charities	64.9	65.8	63.5
Meredith Food Pantry	2.3	2.0	2.0
Mission Coop	7.6	7.1	7.2
Other	-	3.5	3.5

Cash Balances – 6/30/13 - \$000

Cash/Checking	13.5	42.5	30.0
Central Fund Savings	103.7	104.6	105.0
