

# The Church of St. Martin



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## Highlights from 2016-2017

- Community prayer life is centered on the *Sunday Liturgy and Eucharist*. There is a solid balance of members in every age category from children to the elderly. We rely on the generous volunteers in our parish community who give generously of their time and talent at Mass to help as servers, ushers, greeters, lectors, eucharistic ministers, money counters, musicians, and CLOW,
- **Eucharistic Adoration** is a wonderful opportunity offered every Thursday immediately following morning mass, until 9 PM.
- The **Parish Festival** was extremely successful event this year, bringing in approx. \$40,000.00 prior to bill payments. Thanks to the hard work of each of you to make this such a successful and enjoyable day!
- **105** youth are enrolled in Faith Formation. New catechism programming has been initiated for all grades; for grades 1-6 the Sadlier "We Believe" Grade 7-8 CHOSEN by Ascension Press; Grade 9 YOU by Ascension Press; Grade 10 Dynamic Catholic – Decision Point and Altaration by Ascension Press. The Confirmation program is modeled after the St. Cloud Diocese program. This is the second year we are implementing.
- **17** youth are enrolled in the area Catholic schools (11 at Holy Family in Albany; 6 at Sacred Heart in Freeport). The German Dinner held in September helped subsidize the fund for the catholic school.
- **Youth Ministry** continues regular Sunday programming for youth in grades 6-12 from 7-9 pm. We will continue to offer programming that is

stimulating in the faith, engaging and fun. Youth will participate in area Diocesan related events like the *Youth Rally* at St. John's, *Castaways* retreat, and others... As we continue to grow the youth program, please consider your role in this ministry – **it takes a community of faith filled people where we are all ministers of faith to each other young and old alike.**

## Financial Summary 2016-2017

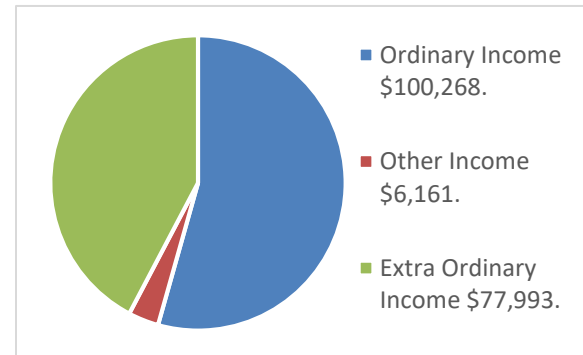
Total Income: \$184,422  
 Collection income \$100,268  
 Parish Festival (\$33,878\*)  
 Total Expenditures: \$166,734  
 Total debt: \$84,000

Households contributing over \$200/year: 118  
 Households contributing over \$100/year: 27

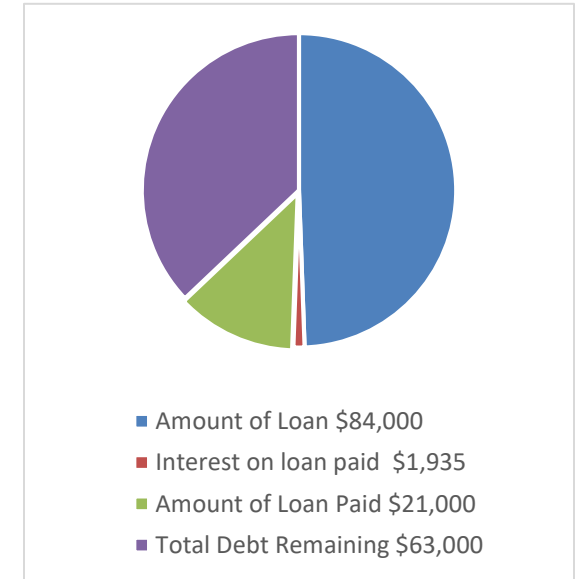
## A view of the parish:

753 Members from 294 Households  
 14 Baptisms; 14 First Communions;  
 5 RCIA; 9 Confirmations; 6 Marriages;  
 9 Deaths. 200-300 attend Sunday Eucharist  
 Age breakdown: 134 over 65; 103 are 55-64;  
 149 are 39-54; 169 are 18-38; 198 are 0-17.

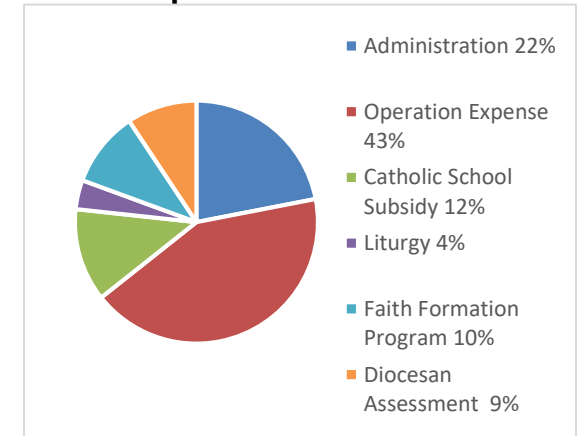
## Parish Income 2016-2017



## Parish Hall Loan



## Parish Expenses



## Renovation of the Parish Hall

Construction on the parish center entry provided an elevator with handicap accessible bathrooms. The total renovation \$378,000 with remaining debt \$63,000 next payment is due January 1, 2018.

## Stewardship Commitment

All good things come from God above. We are stewards of God's creation and his gifts. Good stewardship means offering our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to be used for the good of all. Prayerfully discern how you might use your gifts of time, talent, and treasure toward the mission of discipleship and stewardship for Christ in St. Martin parish.

### Electronic Withdrawal

St. Martin parish has implemented an electronic withdrawal program that allows parishioners to make automatic monthly contributions from an account of their choice. The funds will be deposited into the St. Martin parish account. This makes it easier for parishioners to budget their contributions. To enroll in the automatic contribution program, please contact the parish office to get enrolled.

### Other Future Projects

**Cemetery renovation** is ongoing, with the entry way and the grave site directory. Future projects under consideration include adding permanent walls or new soundproofing walls to the classrooms in the parish center, replacing the remainder of the green carpeting in the church. All these future projects are pending adequate financial resources and future discussion.

## Time

### Personal Commitment to Prayer

Attend mass weekly and on Holy Days  
Eucharistic Adoration one hour  
Spend 15 minutes in personal prayer daily  
Pray together with others  
Read the Bible for one hour a week  
Pray the Rosary  
Sacrament of Reconciliation twice a year  
Prayer Chain  
Make a personal retreat  
Find a spiritual director



## Talent- Please consider

### Ministries at Worship

- Musician/Instrumentalist
- Singers for Choir
- Eucharistic Minister
- Funeral Ministries
- Altar server
- Lector     Usher

### Parish Affiliated Groups

- Catholic United Financial
- St. Ann's Christian Women's Society
- St. Joseph Men's Society
- Mission Group

### Parish committees

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Stewardship Committee
- Faith Formation Committee
- Youth Ministry     Peer Leader
- Social Ministry
- Cemetery Committee
- Liturgy Committee

### Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

- Catechist     Catechetical Assistant
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Activities/Craft
- Youth Ministry Chaperone

### Sacramental Prep

- Marriage Sponsor Couple
- RCIA Christian Initiation Sponsor

### Evangelization-Outreach ministry

- Homebound Communion Minister
- Funeral Luncheon
- Volunteer for Social Ministry

### Administration/Communications

- Audio/Visual/Photographer
- Social Media
- Parish Mailings
- Money Counter

### Maintenance/Custodial/Environment

- Maintenance of Parish Grounds
- Maintenance of Parish Buildings
- Shrub/Planting/Gardening
- Event set up/clean up
- Event meal preparation
- Art & Environment
- Cleaning Group

## Treasure

*"From all the gifts you receive, and from the best parts, you are to consecrate to the Lord your own full contribution." Numbers 18:29*

Families have a responsibility for their own fiscal well-being. Members of the Church also have an obligation toward supporting the mission of the Church. Giving "a tenth (a tithe) of one's harvest to the poor" is a biblical notion that remains valid when considering how to be a steward of your own resources. Consider how these percentages might be applicable to your family.

### Offering Financial Stewardship

- Envelopes and the weekly collection
- Annual Diocesan Appeal
- Automatic withdrawal (forms available in the parish office)
- Participation in special events and parish fund raisers
- Planned giving through making the parish a beneficiary. Please contact the parish to discuss this option.

*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

### **USCCB Standard Guideline for Tithing:**

- 4% to the parish
- 1% to the diocese
- 5% to other charities

IN SINCERE APPRECIATION  
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO  
with YOUR  
TIME- TALENT- AND  
TREASURE  
FOR THE PARISH OF  
ST. MARTIN

THANK YOU!  
Fr. Edward