

The Church of St. Martin

Stewardship Report

2013-2014

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Time



Talent

Treasure

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(Please return this pamphlet with updated contact information and check off any volunteer activities you have interest in.)

A Look at the Parish

793 Members from 312 Households
 11 Baptisms; 8 First Communions;
 3 Marriages; 8 Deaths
 170-300 attend Sunday Eucharist
 Age breakdown: 119 over 65; 83 55-64; 121 39-54; 206 18-38; 176 0-17; 85 unknown

Year's Highlights

- Community life is centered on the *Sunday Eucharist*. There is a solid balance of members in every age category from children to the elderly. Mass is coordinated through the generous volunteer leadership of musicians, ushers, servers, lectors, and money counters. *Adoration* is faithfully conducted weekly, and the *rosary* is recited before each mass. Seasonal prayer opportunities include the *Stations of the Cross* and *Morning Prayer*.
- More than 120 people are involved in *Faith Formation*. Regular Wednesday programming includes a monthly *Families Breaking Open the Word* and sacramental preparation for Baptism, First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation. We have 13 children from the parish enrolled in *Catholic Schools*, showing a dedication to Catholic Education. A Lenten bible study was offered for adults.
- The *Youth Group* remains active through regular meetings, the

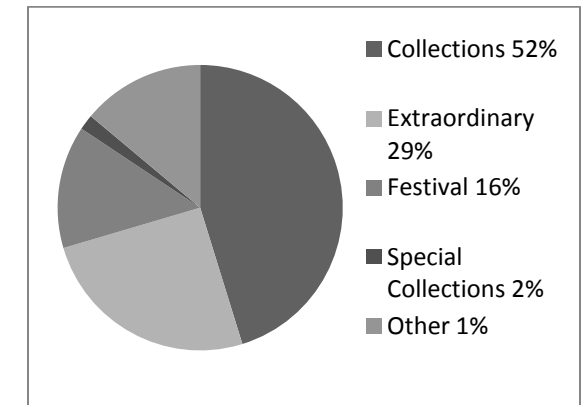
Halloween Party, and participation in the Diocesan *Castaways* retreat.

- A new *Parish Directory* was completed in coordination with Sts. Peter & Paul. A new *web page* is under construction. A bi-annual *newsletter "At the Saints"* was issued in cooperation with Sts. Peter & Paul.
- The Annual *Parish Festival* was a great success, bringing in \$31,900 in income. At the festival *Fr. Aaron Nett* celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving, after being ordained to the priesthood a week earlier. Aaron was baptized and confirmed as a member of the parish.
- Annual events include: the *Parish Festival, Halloween Party, First Communion Sunday, Healing Mass, Mass of Remembrance, the German Dinner* in support of Catholic Education, *Catholic United Financial Pork Chop Supper* for Faith formation, *Christmas Pageant, Christian Women Society's rummage & soup sales* and *St. Anne's Day celebrations, St. Joseph Society card parties, and the Harvest Mass*.
- Several renovations and maintenance projects were completed, including the parish center parking lot, carpeting and expansion of the sanctuary, a handicap accessible restroom, air conditioning in the church and parish hall, replacement of lights in the church, and replacement of wiring in the parish hall.

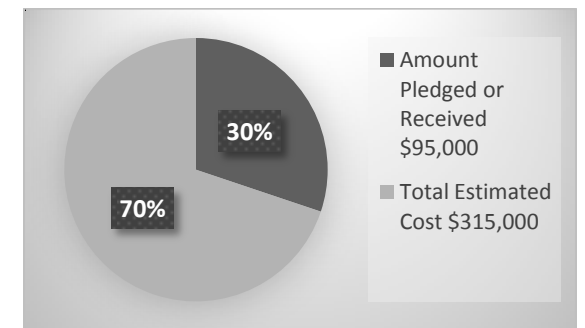
Annual Financial Summary

Total Income: \$187,043
 Collection income \$97,188
 Extraordinary income \$55,466
 Festival \$30,000
 Total Expenditures: \$186,635
 Total debt: \$19,288
 Households contributing over \$100/year: 149 or 48%

Parish Income



Parish Hall Addition



Significant Financial Issues

Proposed Renovation of the Parish Hall

A Building Committee has outlined a plan for a new entry to the parish center that would allow for an elevator and handicap accessible bathrooms. Air conditioning has already been installed with a corresponding increase in summer events. Preliminary cost estimates are \$315,000

Support of Catholic Education

Currently there are 13 children enrolled in neighboring Catholic Schools. The diocese has set a standard for parishes to match tuition costs of their member's children who are enrolled in Catholic Schools. Tuition is between \$1250-\$2100, depending on the school.

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. Please prayerfully discern how you might use your gifts of time, talent, and treasure toward the goal of witnessing to Christ in St. Martin through the parish.

Time & Talent

(Please mark any of the following areas of service you have interest in, and return the folder with your name, address, phone, and e-mail address)

Ministries at Worship

- Musician/Singer
- Eucharistic Minister
- Sacristan
- Altar server
- Lector
- Usher
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Funeral Ministries
- Art & Environment

Communications

- Photographer
- Parish Website assistance
- Computer maintenance/Repair
- Audio/Visual Maintenance/Repair
- Graphic Artist/Public Relations

Administration

- Money Counter
- Parish Office helper
- Parish Archives
- Maintenance of Parish Grounds
- Maintenance of Parish Buildings
- Event set up/clean up
- Event meal preparation

Outreach ministry

- Communion Minister
- BeFrienders
- Funeral Luncheon
- Prayer Chain

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

- Catechist
- Catechetical Assistant
- Set up, clean up
- Sponsor Couple for Marriage
- Sponsor Couple for Baptism Prep
- Sponsor for RCIA Christian Initiation
- Vacation Bible School
- Activities/Craft Coordinator
- Youth Ministry Assistant
- Transportation
- Special event coordinators

Parish Affiliated Groups

- Knights of Columbus
- Catholic United Financial
- Christian Women's Society
- Catholic Foresters
- St. Joseph Men's Society

Parish committees

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Stewardship Committee
- Faith Formation Committee

Personal Commitment to Prayer

- Attend mass weekly and on Holy Days
- Participate in Adoration for 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
- Make a personal retreat
- Find a spiritual director

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.

USCCB Standard for Tithing

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

Means of Offering Financial Stewardship

- Envelopes and the weekly collection
- Annual Diocesan Appeal
- Participation in special events and parish fund raisers
- Planned Giving through making the parish a beneficiary.