

The Church of St. Martin Stewardship Report For Year 2014-2015

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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

791 Members from 312 Households
12 Baptisms; 8 First Communions; 8 Confirmations; 5 Marriages; 10 Deaths;
200-300 attend Sunday Eucharist
Age breakdown: 120 over 65; 108 55-64; 133 39-54; 231 18-38; 199 0-17

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*.
- Around 120 children and youth are involved in *Faith Formation*. Regular Wednesday programming includes sacramental preparation for First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation. Families took part in two large service projects; packaging food for orphans of the Ebola Crisis and cleaning litter from streets surrounding the church. We have 14 children from the parish

enrolled full time 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, bowling nights, and participation in the Diocesan *Castaways* retreat. We welcome Jessie Johnson to our staff to coordinate youth programming with the Vital 3.0 team.
- The Annual *Parish Festival* was a great success, bringing in \$38,545 in income. It featured a polka mass, antique car and tractor show, 5K, baseball tournament, quilt raffle, and evening entertainment.
- 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 St. Anne's Day celebrations*, *St. Joseph Society card parties*, and *the Harvest Mass*.
- Construction is proceeding on a handicap accessible addition to the parish hall.

Annual Financial Summary

Total Income: \$173,985

Collection income \$99,870

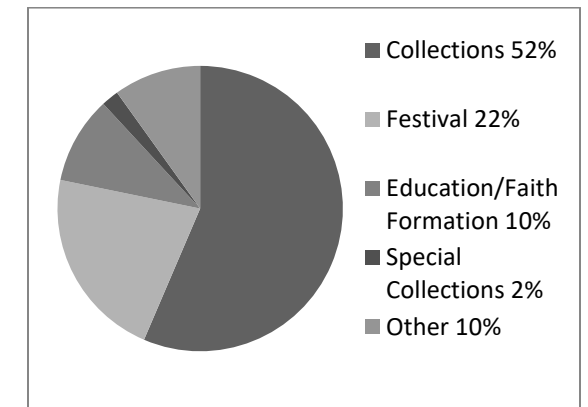
Extraordinary income \$74,115

Total Expenditures: \$166,882

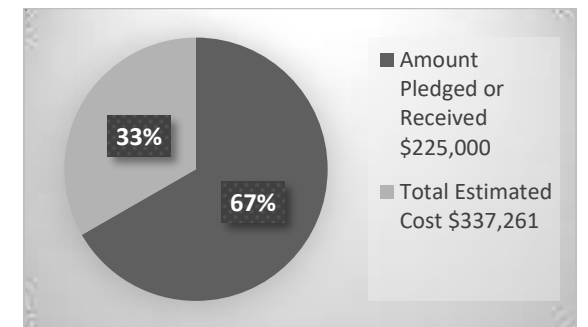
Total debt: \$0

Households contributing over \$100/year:
146 or 47%

Parish Income



Parish Hall Addition



Significant Financial Issues

Renovation of the Parish Hall

We are in the middle of constructing 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 \$337,261.

Support of Catholic Education

Currently there are 14 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. We currently cover about half of this through the annual budget and are working toward support through donations and the annual German Dinner. Tuition is between \$1350-\$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.

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.

USCCB Standard for Tithing

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