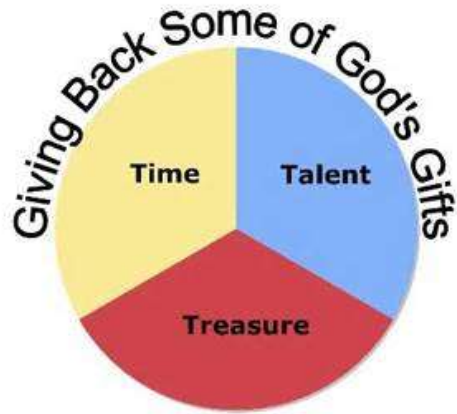


# Stewardship

## Time-Talent-Treasure



### The Church of St. Martin

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**Please return this pamphlet with the updated contact information and volunteer ministries selected.**

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### A Look at the Parish

782 Members from 296 Households  
 14 Baptisms; 10 First Communions; 11 Confirmations; 2 Marriages; 9 Deaths;  
 200-300 attend Sunday Eucharist  
 Age breakdown: 110 over 65; 108 are 55-64;  
 136 are 39-54; 230 are 18-38; 198 are 0-17.

### Year's Highlights

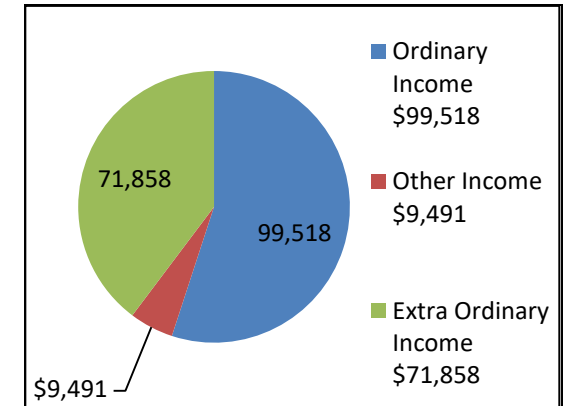
- Community life is centered on the *Sunday Eucharist*. There is a solid balance of members in every age category from children to the elderly. Mass is coordinated through generous volunteers of musicians, ushers, servers, lectors. *Adoration* is faithfully conducted weekly, and the *rosary* is recited before each mass. Seasonal prayer opportunities include the *Stations of the Cross* and *Morning Prayer*.
- 118 children and youth are involved in *Faith Formation Programming*. Families participated in three large service projects; packaging food for Kids Fighting Hunger, cleaning litter from the church grounds and streets surrounding the church as well as Operation Christmas Child.
- 21 children from the parish are enrolled full time in area *Catholic schools*, showing a dedication to Catholic Education. An annual parish budget of \$10,000.00 is set aside to cover half the tuition; the other half is raised through the German Dinner fundraising event. This support is important to continue the ongoing Catholic Education entrusted to each of us.

- Youth Ministry* continues to grow. Regular Sunday night get-togethers are scheduled between St. Martin and Richmond. Youth nights may include volleyball, bowling, or other activities that provide an opportunity for fun and an opportunity to build and share faith. The youth participate in Diocesan related events like the *Youth Rally* at St. John's, *Castaways* retreat, and others... As we continue to build the youth program, please consider your role in youth ministry – **it takes a community of faith filled people where we are all ministers of faith to each other young and old alike.**
- The *Parish Festival* was successful event, bringing in \$33,878 income. It featured a polka mass, antique car and tractor show, 5K, baseball tournament, quilt raffle, and evening entertainment by the BLT band.
- Annual events include: The *Parish Festival*, *Halloween Party*, *First Communion Sunday*, *Healing Mass*, *Mass of Remembrance*, the *German Dinner* in support of Catholic School 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*.

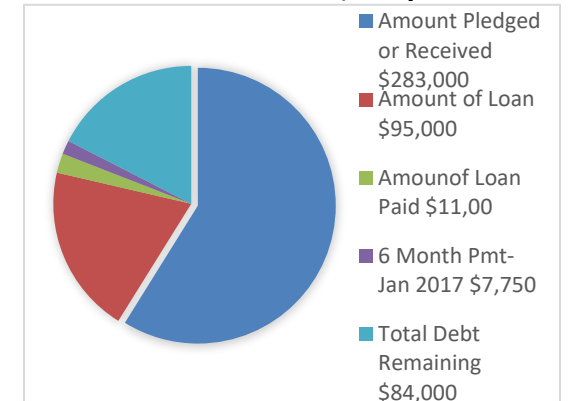
### Financial Summary 2015-2016

Total Income: \$180,867  
 Collection income \$99,518  
 (Parish Festival \$38,545)  
 Total Expenditures: \$163,149  
 Total debt: \$84,000  
 Households contributing over \$100/year: 146

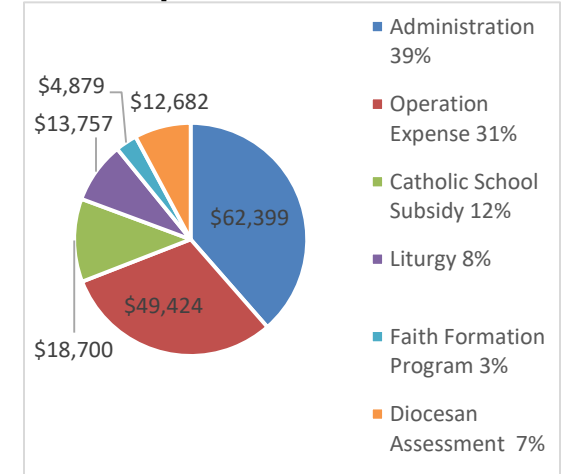
### Parish Income 2015-2016



### Parish Hall Addition \$378,000



### Parish Expenses



## Renovation of the Parish Hall

Construction on the parish center entry provides an elevator and handicap accessible bathrooms. The total renovation \$378,000 with remaining debt \$84,000.

## 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.

### Electronic Withdrawal

St. Martin parish is initiating an electronic withdrawal program that will allow parishioners to make automatic monthly contributions from an account of their choice. The funds will be deposited into the St. Martin parish account. This will make it easier for parishioners to budget their contributions. To enroll in the automatic contribution program, please contact the parish office and we will get you set up.

### Other Future Projects

A **youth center** is currently under construction in the attic of the parish house, paid for by past youth fundraisers. **Cemetery renovation** is ongoing, with possible enhancements to the entry way and the grave site directory. Future projects under consideration include adding permanent walls to the classrooms in the parish center for better soundproofing, replacing the remainder of the green carpeting in the church, and renovating the organ to

reattach the pipes to the terminal. All of 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

### Ministries at Worship

\_\_\_ Musician/Instrumentalist  
\_\_\_ Singers for Choir  
\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister  
\_\_\_ Sacristan  
\_\_\_ Altar server  
\_\_\_ Lector  
\_\_\_ Usher  
\_\_\_ Funeral Ministries

### Parish Affiliated Groups

\_\_\_ Knights of Columbus  
\_\_\_ Catholic United Financial  
\_\_\_ St. Ann's Christian Women's Society  
\_\_\_ Catholic Foresters  
\_\_\_ St. Joseph Men's Society  
\_\_\_ Mission Group

### Parish committees

\_\_\_ Parish Pastoral Council  
\_\_\_ Finance Council

\_\_\_ Stewardship Committee  
\_\_\_ Faith Formation Committee  
\_\_\_ Youth Ministry VITAL 3.0  
\_\_\_ Social Ministry  
\_\_\_ Cemetery Committee  
\_\_\_ Liturgy Committee

### Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

\_\_\_ Catechist \_\_\_ Catechetical Assistant  
\_\_\_ Set up, clean up  
\_\_\_ Vacation Bible School  
\_\_\_ Children's Liturgy of the Word  
\_\_\_ Activities/Craft Coordinator  
\_\_\_ Youth Ministry Chaperone

### Sacramental Prep

\_\_\_ Marriage Sponsor Couple  
\_\_\_ Baptism Sponsor Couple  
\_\_\_ RCIA Christian Initiation Sponsor

### Evangelization-Outreach ministry

\_\_\_ Homebound Communion Minister  
\_\_\_ BeFrienders (Richmond- Paynesville)  
\_\_\_ Funeral Luncheon  
\_\_\_ Volunteer for Social Ministry  
\_\_\_ Special event coordinators

### Administration/Communications

\_\_\_ Computer maintenance/Repair  
\_\_\_ Audio/Visual/Photographer  
\_\_\_ Graphic Artist/Public Relations  
\_\_\_ Parish Office volunteer  
\_\_\_ 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.

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

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