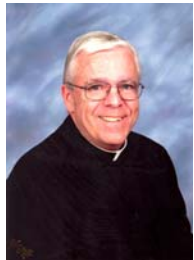




The Community of the Blessed Sacrament March 2006 Parish Newsletter



Pastor's Message

My Dear Friends,

When we hear the word "Stewardship," we automatically think of money. But true stewardship is so much more. It is a way of life, deeply rooted in the person and teaching of Jesus Christ. He came not to be served, but to serve. He came to teach us everything we need to know about life. Through this way of life, He draws us closer to Himself, day by day, we build a sense of communion in our Church, our parish, and we come to an understanding more clearly that God has given each of us something to do that no one else on earth can do. No one can be the parent, grandparent or member of our parish the way that you are called to be. Jesus makes clear to each of us our individual mission in life, giving us the grace to live stewardship as a way of life, a way of holiness, spirituality.

Stewardship is not confined to the portion of a person's time or income that is given back to the parish. Those are good things. The Church needs people who are actively involved and committed in the parish. But, the aim of stewardship is toward a more vibrant witness "out of the world." Stewardship is not promoted just to make sure that the parish needs are met, but to engage and energize every Catholic for service, starting in the family and then extending into the wider world.

Stewardship is also an invitation for people to recognize the presence of God in their lives: in their families, in their work, in their associations with the Church, in their reception of the sacraments, in the work that they do for the building up of the kingdom.

When our present time is recorded in the history books, I pray that we will be known for our good stewardship. That we faced the economic uncertainty and shifting demographics, that we faced the threats to the church from without and within, and we kept investing ourselves in the life of the Church. We kept praying, kept giving our life's blood for the sake of the Church and the people of God, and through our efforts and the grace of God, the world around us started to change. The culture of death became a culture of life.

That's the vision of stewardship. That's what we mean when we say Stewardship is a way of life, a practical spirituality.

In Christ,

Fr. Pat

Fr. Patrick Robinson, Pastor

A Ministry of Giving & Receiving

Members of a nurturing "Stewardship as a way of life" parish recognize the need to give beyond their own parish/members only. They have a need to serve and to give to the community at large.

Stewardship Ministry in its efforts to grow "Stewardship as a way of life" pillar of service - is asking "What ways are parishioners supporting the community outside our parish ministries?". Many parishioners, including our youth, are involved in non-profits, service organization community service and/or humanitarian projects. **Can you complete their survey?**



Are you giving of your time, talents and resources to:

- Service organizations, such as, Rotary International, Veterans Associations, American Legion, Lions Club, General Federation of Woman's Clubs...
- Volunteer at non-profits that serve the poor, the hungry, the distressed, the lonely, the sick...
- Support missions, adopt a child...
- Humanitarian efforts — disaster relief
- Volunteer at Senior Centers
- Volunteer at Schools—Mentors, literacy projects
- Volunteer at Hospitals
- Animal Shelter
- Other???

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Stewardship as a Way of Life
Pillar of Service—Survey



Service

Name (optional) _____

My family and/or I volunteer at and or support:

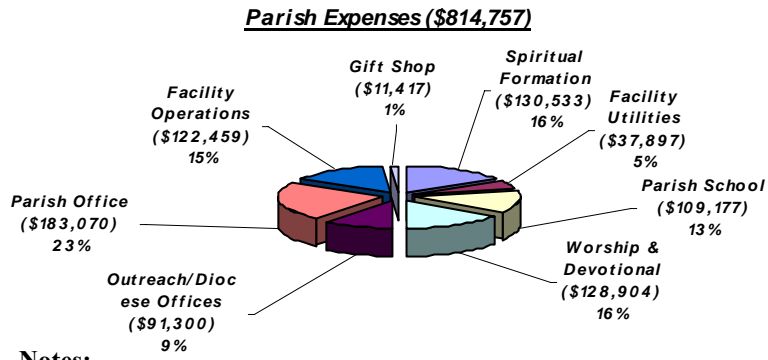
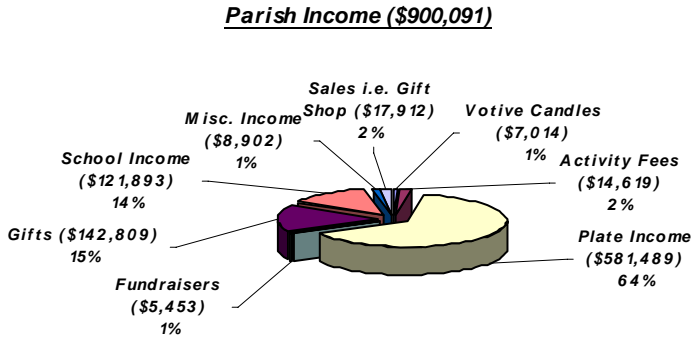
(list organization name, number of hours volunteered annually and/or resources given (value of gifts in kind, \$ donated...)

I am willing to share my story about this non-profit and/or service organization. Contact me at:

Drop in basket at Mass or drop off or mail to parish office.



Parish Financial Report July 1—Dec 31, 2005



2nd Envelope Outreach	Contributions
Native American Missions	\$2,808
Special Needs	\$2,838
Missionary Coop—India	\$6,274
Peter's Pence	\$5,099
Mission Sunday	\$2,368
Campaign for Human Development	\$14,874
Religious Retirement	\$17,377
St. Vincent de Paul	\$21,936
Tsunami	\$21,051
Katrina	\$23,601
Total	\$118,226

Notes:

- Gift Income—a significant portion, which was received prior to 07/01/05, is carryover for specific wish list items - pending bids, availability of vendors, Diocesan approval and/or scheduling.
- Utility rates have significantly increased and in general expenses and income are within year-to-date budget plan.

Parish Wish List— Items not included in Parish Budget Plans (k = \$1,000)
Can you help? Contact Fr. Pat or Honora, Parish Manager at Parish Office

Art & Environment Storage Room	\$75k	Parking Lot Repairs (\$15k)	<i>GIFT</i>	Courtyard Project	\$65k
Caring Place Adult Day Center	\$1.7M	Parking Light Pole Painting (\$3k)	<i>GIFT</i>	Courtyard 4-corner Remodel	<i>GIFT</i>
Parish School Addition	\$350k	Rectory Garage	\$20k	Painting—Building & Walls	\$40k
Theatrical Lighting Altar (\$3k)	<i>GIFT</i>	Social Hall Audio/Visual Upgrade	\$20k	Painting—Church Interior	\$25k
Difibrillator (1) (\$3k)	<i>GIFT</i>	Utility/Haul Trailer & Hitch(\$2k)	<i>GIFT</i>	Seasonal Parking Lot Banners	\$8k
Parish Office Flooring Upgrades	\$20k	Office Phone System (\$35k)	<i>GIFT</i>	Sport Court Landscape(\$25k)	<i>GOLF</i>
Choir Risers & Sport Court Bleachers	\$5k	Office Computer Sys Upgrade (\$20k)	<i>GIFT</i>	Recordkeeping Safes	\$8k
Stain/Repair Church Pews	\$8k	Confessional Changes per Diocese	\$3k	Social Hall/Offices New A/C	\$35k
Chapel Door Entrance Covers	\$10k	Brides Room/Cry Room	\$150k	Stewardship DVD (\$8k)	<i>GIFT</i>
Safe Courtyard Sign Displays (\$3k)	<i>GIFT</i>	Computer Server Cabinet	\$2k	Security System—Phase I	\$9k

- **Caring Place**—Given the rising tide of our senior population and our faith commitment to proactively serve their social, physical, and spiritual needs, the Foundation for Senior Living is currently addressing site analysis, site master plan, conceptual floor plan, conceptual elevations and preparing for parish and city meetings. FSL, utilizing the St. Clare Endowment, will construct a multi-purpose facility in keeping with the architecture of the parish along 64th Street—south of Church. The building will house state-of-the-art adult day health care facility, adequate space for the on-site delivery of learning and wellness service for seniors and family caregivers, outdoor walking area and administrative offices. Caring Place is a faith-based partnership, currently with St. Patrick parish. Pastoral and Finance Councils will begin addressing on-going financial support issues for this facility.
- **Courtyard Project** - The courtyard fountain & surface are 30 years old, the base beneath the tile has cracked and deteriorated. Various attempts at repair continue to be short lasting—broken tile and loose grout are a continual problem and safety issue.
- **Items marked “GIFT” have donors** — Some of the projects have been completed—others are pending bids, availability of vendors, Diocesan approval and/or scheduling. The *GOLF* outing proceeds will be used to upgrade sports and picnic area landscaping. The donors of these gifts challenge other parishioners to consider funding the above projects.

**The Pillar of Hospitality
A Ministry of Joy**

A way in which our parish can live “stewardship as a way of life” is by being a place of true hospitality and welcome. If we model our parish’s life after Jesus, then we, too, must be overwhelmingly welcoming and hospitable. Our parish is our spiritual home and place of refuge—for all, but especially for the stranger and the marginalized. Assess your role in our parish’s hospitality by asking yourself these questions:



- When new people come to our parish, do you greet them, and invite them to be a part of our community?
- Do you welcome diversity of people, cultures, and traditions into our community?
- Are you hospitable to fallen away Catholics or ecumenical families during obvious connecting points, such as, sacraments and other family celebrations?
- Do you participate in parish social events—donut and cookie Sundays, community potlucks, picnics, golf outings, dinners, concerts, missions, retreats...?

Sign me up—Complete the slip below...

- Hospitality Minister at Sunday liturgies
- Assisting with Donut Sundays, Cookie Sundays or Community Potlucks
- Organizing Parish Picnic
- Mentor a new parishioner, returning Catholic or engaged or newly married couple.
- Organizing a “Family Night Out”
- Organizing a “Murder Mystery Dinner”
- Organizing parishioner “Art Celebration/Show”
- Organizing Parish Golf Outing
- Organizing a “Celebrate Diversity & Cultural Traditions” Party
- Assisting with development of parish’s “Stewardship as way of life” DVD & web-video”
- Adopting a grandparent (grandparents & young family connection—many are transplanted to AZ with no local relatives)
- Organizing a community service project—house or yard renovation projects in low income area
- Other ideas?

**The Pillars of Hospitality & Formation
We will be filming!**

Stewardship Ministry has learned that many parishes within our Diocese and throughout the country are developing DVD’s and web-videos to tell their story of “stewardship as a way of life” within their parishes.

Parishioners are being asked to be part of a Project Team, which will help develop the script, select uplifting musical theme, assist those willing to tell stories and/or be interviewed, select parish events to be filmed, design captioning, manage film scheduling and logistics, etc. The DVD would be given to each current & new parishioner. It would be part of the new parishioner orientation package and our parish’s formation program.



A Blessed Sacrament parish family has already donated money to pay for most of this project. Special thank you to them! Also a parishioner, who is President of a company that produces top quality marketing videos, will handle the production of the DVD and web-video.

What we need now is a parishioner Project Team Chair and team members—can you help?

Most planning will take place over the next couple of months and filming would be completed by mid-May, 2006. If you are interested, contact Honora, Parish Manager, at 480-948-8370 X223 or email hnorton@diocesephoenix.org.

**Parish 3rd Annual Golf Outing
Saturday, May 6, 2006
Orange Tree Golf Resort
Benefiting Pillar of Formation
Youth Sport/Picnic Landscaping
11:30AM -Registration**



Noon Putting Contest for \$10,000 — 1PM—Shotgun Start
Mexican Buffet & Awards Following Tournament
Various Cash Sponsorship/Packages Available
Fees Include: Cart & Green Fees, Range Balls,
Buffet & Chance at On-Course Prizes
Great Place and Raffle Prizes & Special Events
Registration Forms in Church Lobbies & Parish Office
For sponsorships or to donate prizes contact:
Jack or Jean Northroup 480-596-3878

Stewardship as a Way of Life—Hospitality -The Community of the Blessed Sacrament

Name: _____ **Telephone #** _____

Contact me about: _____

Email Address: _____

Drop in basket at Mass or drop off or mail to parish office.



Hospitality

Did your know?

□ **Parish Vision Planning:**

A parish Vision Planning Committee has revised our parish's Mission Statement, Vision Statement, as well as, developed Visioning Objectives/Goals and initiated 32 strategies/projects. The Visioning process will allow our parish to assess where we are as a parish, and, what we wish or need to become a dynamic and spirited faith community.

Projects were based on in-pew survey findings, demographics studies, interviews, retreat discussions and analyzing our parish's strengths and weaknesses. Projects support "Stewardship as a Way of Life" process's building blocks—defined as the 4-Pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. Check out the Vision Plan documents on our parish website.

□ **Commitment Sunday Update:**

50+ parish ministries may have new stewards! "Stewardship as a Way of Life" Commitment Sunday allowed hundreds of parishioners to commit and/or recommit to use their talents here at the parish. Those who responded will be contacted soon. Stewardship is about following Jesus through Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. THANK YOU!



Parish Photo Directory Update:

Close to 350 portrait sittings were scheduled. The parish photo directory will be sent to the printer in time for distribution at our June 4th Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. A special thank you to Judi Wilson for leading this project. Through her efforts, we had two completely booked weeks and a support team who assisted with sign-in and hospitality. THANK YOU!!!

□ **Lenten Mission Update:**

Plan on attending our Parish Lenten Mission Monday, March 13 through Thursday, March 16, 8:30AM and 7PM. See the bulletin for details.

□ **Parish Endowment Fund**

Blessed Sacrament has established an Endowment Fund. This is a true heritage gift opportunity and a way for community members, who believe in sharing their gifts can reach out to others by leaving a legacy of care and support far and beyond their lifetime. See parish website for more information or contact Fr. Pat.

□ **Parish Gift Shop**

There are many new items for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation. Come in and shop. See bulletin for store hours or shop by going to our parish website.



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Parish Mission Statement

"We are a Spirit-led Catholic Community that welcomes all to celebrate the Eucharist, to pray, and to know, love and serve Christ."

Vision Statement

"To foster Stewardship as a way of life, engaging our community in works of ministry founded on hospitality, prayer, formation and service."

To:

