

Time, Talent and Treasure by Sr. Pat Pieper

The fundamental understanding of stewardship is: Everything belongs to God and we are blessed to be the stewards, (managers, not owners) of God's gifts. Being a follower of Jesus Christ commits us to a life of good and faithful stewardship of our Time, Talent and Treasure.

TIME: Time for God in personal and communal prayer. Time for others in our profession, in volunteering to help with projects, events and in reaching out to meet others' needs.

TALENT: The Gospel parables tell us not to hide or bury our talents. In this and the following newsletter we will be featuring our parishioners who share their time and talent with us all.

TREASURE: Stacy Mayer's article on our Capital Campaign explains one way parishioners and other friends have been/are/will be sharing their monetary treasure with all of us. Tithing is another powerful way some choose to share their treasure.

Stewardship is Alive!

by Stacy Mayer

Once again this year, the Easter season is quickly approaching, and we have the marvelous opportunity to thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed on each of us and our Parish community. The accomplishments we've made over the past few years have been astounding, and we wouldn't have been able to achieve all that we have without dedicated parishioners like you.

With Easter season also comes spring, and it is always fitting that the Bishop's Annual Appeal campaign coincides with this season of growth, renewal and awakening. Once again this year, every Parish family has another opportunity to participate in the rejuvenation of our Diocese in conjunction with our parish Capital Campaign upon which we embarked just two years ago.

And how far we've come in that time! Beautiful stained glass window restoration, a new copper roof, hard wood floors in the Sanctuary, replacement of the clocks on the bell tower... the list goes on and on. We are building the future and what an awesome opportunity we have as a family to leave a mark on the legacy of our historic church and faith community.

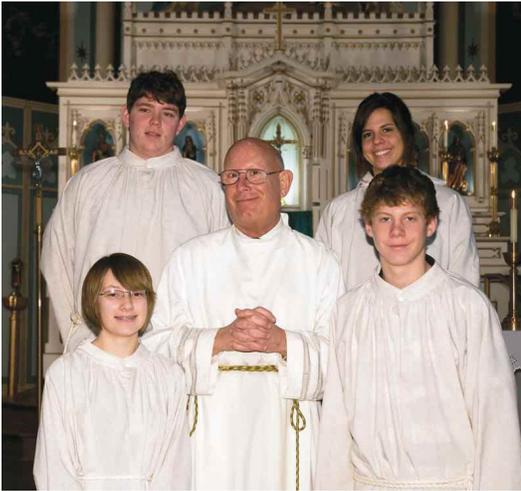


Members of the finance committee are shown, clockwise - Fr. Jerry Stluka, Stacy Mayer, Terry Creedon, Jack Balogh, Mike Agriesti and Pat Kearns Davis (Richard Lumpe, not pictured).

As these projects have helped to increase the useful life of our physical assets, it has certainly taken its toll on our financial assets, but rest assured, we have made impressive progress toward our campaign goal of \$350,000 to replenish the savings used for these critical capital improvements. We are currently at 80% of our goal with \$277,157 in total pledges, but we aren't finished yet. We would like everyone to consider making a final contribution

to this effort, especially those Parishioners who have yet to make a pledge to our Capital Campaign drive, to put us over the top!

Thanks again to all of those who have supported the campaign through the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship is certainly alive at Holy Cross, and we hope that this renewed spirit continues to grow through the months and years to come!



Servers



Choir

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Readers of the Word



Ministers of the Eucharist