



ONE BODY, ONE PARISH



2022 STEWARDSHIP REPORT



EVANGELIZATION

To share the Gospel through outreach, prayer, proclamation, and pastoral care

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor; if either of them falls down, one can help the other up.”

– Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

At the conclusion of his Gospel Matthew shares the words Jesus gave to his apostles: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ... I am with you always, until the end of the age." We hear these same words today as we are sent out from Mass each Sunday to proclaim the Gospel and share the Good News. In this Year of the Eucharist, we remember to center our lives around the source and summit of our lives as Christians--His Body and Blood presented to us in the Mass. Every act of outreach, to those within our parish boundaries or not, is an action to make disciples of all. We go with confidence, knowing that Jesus will be with us until the end.

The **Wildfire ministry** recently underwent a renewal and is now focused on deploying the Church's teachings on evangelization. The group is studying texts from experts and the Magisterium and discussing how to evangelize in our culture.

Shekinah, a monthly night offering opportunities for praise, worship, and healing, is growing steadily. It is also a time for adoration and provides Unbound prayer teams who offer one-on-one prayer for healing and encouragement.

SFA parish evangelization was renewed this year when SFA formed a pilot team to make home visits to parishioners to invite them back to Mass if they aren't currently attending, to pray with them over any needs they have, and to explore how SFA could meet their needs. Ambassadors will soon be invited to begin a broad, personal outreach to the parish.



This summer, 49 participated in our 7th and 8th **ACTS retreats**, designed to help people personally encounter the Holy Spirit and to build community within the parish family. As our ACTS family grows so does their evangelization and networking within the parish and beyond. In addition to hosting events and groups at SFA, St. Francis parishioners helped train ACTS leaders at Magdalen and St. Anne's, both of which hosted retreats this year.



The **Funeral Dinner Ministry** serves countless home-cooked meals to our community on a regular basis. By offering a simple meal, they invite Catholics and non-Catholics alike into the love of Christ and provide a welcoming, loving environment in a time of sorrow.

STEWARDSHIP

To inspire parishioners to have a greater appreciation for the stewardship way of life

Through the Stewardship Way of Life, our baptismal call to discipleship is fulfilled through the mission and ministry of the parish. The four pillars of stewardship are the manner in which we make our grateful response to God's call visible through our imitation of Christ. Throughout the past year, our parish has continued to embrace stewardship as a way of life, strengthening these pillars and forming faithful disciples that are ready to serve as One Body ... One Parish.



HOSPITALITY

To love our parish! To know and care about each other, to share a deep sense of belonging, and to welcome the stranger.

- **Ushers** worked tirelessly to manage the ever-changing needs of welcoming more and more parishioners back to Mass.
- The **Welcoming Committee** reestablished a breakfast to welcome new parishioners and updated the welcoming packet.

PRAYER

To love God! To nurture our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- At least six different **rosary groups** pray the rosary each week.
- 305 faithful stewards commit to **Perpetual Adoration**, each praying at least an hour each week.
- 550 volunteers signed up to pray for intentions submitted to the **Prayer Chain**.



FORMATION

To love our Catholic faith! To seek continuous conversion that involves education of the mind and conversion of the heart.

- **Called and Gifted**, a program to help discern an individual's charisms (spiritual gifts), saw increased participation this year.
- St. Francis School received the **Distinguished School of Excellence: Catholic Culture Award** for its work forming students in the faith.



SERVICE

To love our neighbor! To take stock of our personal gifts and discern where God may be calling us to put our faith into action.

- The **Parish Workday** saw the successful completion of many much-needed projects through the generous gift of parishioners' time and talents.
- The **Landscaping Guild** provided many beautification efforts throughout the parish campus.
- 17 SFA teams provided and served meals at **St. Anthony Family Shelter** this year.
- **Sacristans** saw increased participation in assisting the priests in preparing the sanctuary for Masses.

OPERATIONS

To ensure facilities, finances, & communications are in place to support our mission

***"Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans."***

– Proverbs 16:3

FACILITIES

The Rebuild My Church campaign will transform our parish for years to come. With the help of nearly 800 families, we secured pledges of over \$6 million and, as of June 30, we have received over \$3.35 million in gifts against those pledges. In addition to the projects listed below that have been completed, we have deposited \$2 million into savings with the diocese to fund the next phase of projects in the coming year.

LOOK BACK

Projects completed this year include...

- HVAC for church & 3rd-6th grade
- New roofs for Cana Hall, 3rd-6th grade, and gym, school office & library
- 7th/8th grade restrooms & ADA/faculty restroom
- New school boiler
- Campus-wide cameras and surveillance
- Gym floor resurfaced & painted
- Parking lot cracks sealed
- Stewardship Hall entrance repaired



LOOK FORWARD

Projects to be continued or started in the upcoming year include...

- Bell Tower completion
- Electronic doors in church
- Architectural plans for church, Bonaventure, and Clare Hall renovations
- New flooring, lighting, sound system, and pews in church



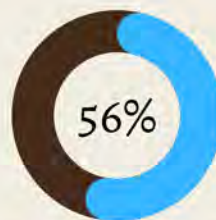
FINANCES



Total parish receipts were up 36% including RMC gifts.



Regular contributions and ordinary receipts were up from the previous fiscal year.



56% of pledged gifts to the RMC campaign have already been fulfilled.



One in three registered households made a pledge to the RMC campaign.

Even with the extraordinary stewardship from the Rebuild My Church campaign, regular contributions were up 3.3% over last year. Other ordinary receipts were up 5.1%, while bequests and extraordinary receipts were down from the previous year. With the gifts received from the RMC and building funds included, total parish receipts were up 36% to the highest amount ever received in one year to \$8,613,000. Total parish disbursements were \$6,938,000, with \$1,140,000 spent on capital improvements.

STEWARDSHIP ENDURES

Reflections on One Body, One Parish | The Stewardship Council

OUR STEWARDSHIP REPORT'S theme this year is One Body, One Parish. You'll see in this report that our parish family pulled together to fully realize this unity through our achievements during challenging times. Our parishioners have responded to the call to carry on the Stewardship Way of Life.

Because of the Providence that created our family of disciples, we are constantly searching for ways to adore Christ, form ourselves in the faith, welcome others, and serve those in need. As members of the Body of Christ but also as members of St. Francis parish, we are the means by which the Church flourishes. Everyone is needed to sustain the body.

It is just as St. Paul says: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). In Christ, we are one.

The quotes that follow are from parishioners who shared their stewardship witnesses with the parish this year. While all stewards come from different backgrounds and have different gifts to share, the joy found in living the Stewardship Way of Life is universal. We hope that this report inspires and renews you in your stewardship so that we can live as One Body ... One Parish.

**"YOU HAVE SOMETHING
VALUABLE
TO GIVE TO SFA, AND
WE NEED YOU."**



"ST. FRANCIS IS MY HOME. WE ARE A FAMILY. IN OUR OWN HOME, WE EXPECT EVERYONE TO HELP OUT BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT FAMILY DOES."

"THE MORE YOU ARE INVOLVED, THE SMALLER THE PARISH BECOMES."

"LIKE OUR OWN FAMILIES, WE NEED EACH OTHER TO FUNCTION WELL."

"WHAT STARTED OUT AS A NERVOUS 'YES' TO THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE HAS TURNED INTO ONE OF THE GREATEST JOYS..."

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

REBUILD MY CHURCH CAMPAIGN



782

RMC PLEDGE FAMILIES



\$6 million

TOTAL PLEDGED

5 in seminary



4 consecutive years
SFACS named a
Capturing Kids' Hearts
National Showcase School

WEEKEND MASS STEWARDS

20 per Mass



2,428
HOUSEHOLDS



7,053
PARISHIONERS



25
MARRIAGES



71
BAPTISMS

- 6** Ushers
- 4** Servers
- 3** EMCs
- 1** Priest
- 1** Greeter Family
- 1** Cantor
- 1** Organist
- 1** Lector
- 1** Sacristan
- 1** Offertory Family



79
FIRST COMMUNICANTS



100
CONFIRMANTS