

St. Mary's Parish – Lanesville, IN
Parish Stewardship Accountability
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners,

Once a year our Parish gives an accounting of the sacramental, faith formation, and liturgical activities that identify the Christian stewardship of St. Mary's and enable us to grow in faith, hope, and love. We are all unique in the gifts we bring to this Body, but, in our unity, the Word of God, Christ, can be seen and heard. There are four very distinct attributes of a stewardship way of life: first, and most importantly, **gratitude** for God's gifts; then **accountability** for developing them; one's **generosity** in sharing them; and finally, a **willingness to give back** to God with increase.

The past year again has been one of milestones. In May 2007 the *Legacy for Our Mission: For Our Children and the Future* campaign got off to a sprint start. Your abundant generosity not only continued the Archdiocesan ministry work to our larger Catholic community but also began to build a parish *Legacy* fund dedicated "to our children and the future" of our beloved parish. By August of last year we had contributed our share of campaign expenses and 100% of the 2007 United Catholic Appeal, quite an initial feat. At present we have reached half of our *Legacy* pledge goal, fully two months ahead of the campaign mid-point. Words cannot express the gratitude for your continuing support. Thank you. A *Legacy* Update and Proposal is now before the Parish Council addressing those goals originally developed in the *Legacy* Case: our youth ministry, our music ministry, facilities enhancement/upgrade, and adult faith formation. Please continue to support St. Mary's with your prayers and your time, talent, and treasure.

In May of this year a Golden Jubilee Mass of Celebration took place for a very special man. Father Ripperger celebrated 50 years as a priest, 19 of those years with us. The occasion was one-of-a-kind, and the pictures will last forever. Thank you, Father, and God bless you. Our parish picnic set a record this summer with 4005 meals served and \$58,500 raised. What a wonderful day it was!

Stewardship intention cards for our 2008 United Catholic Appeal should be arriving shortly. Please consider and pray for that practical form of spirituality called stewardship. Volunteer your gifts to God, to our Parish, and to United Catholic Appeal. The work of ministry goes on. Our emphasis this year is adult faith formation. The Time and Talent Opportunities on your intention card will have an extra line under the Bible Studies and the Adult Catechism Studies labeled "additional (open)." Please consider joining any of the listed studies or add a day and time that would work for you. We might find an interested group(s) around a certain day/time that could form another study. In any case, give your time and talent. Join a ministry. Draw closer to God. You will be fulfilled!

In His service,

Chuck Lynch, Stewardship

	2006-2007	2007-2008
Parish Population:		
Registered families		511
Active families	446	462
Newly registered families	24	9
Sacramental Preparation Programs:		
Pre-baptism (for families, godparents)	13	9
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	5	2
First Reconciliation	17	14
First Communion	16	15
Confirmation candidates	13	18
Marriage preparation sponsors	9 couples	9 couples
Celebrated:		
Eucharist/Masses	7 weekly	7 weekly
Baptism	12	9
First Reconciliation	18	14
First Communion	17	14
Confirmation	13	18
Marriage	6	5
Funerals (Final Commendation)	13	12
Faith Formation Programs:		
Faith Formation students (gr. P/K-12)	174	156
Families involved	89	61
Faith Formation catechists	23	20
Adult Faith Formation		
Adult catechism study – Sunday morning	15	12
-“Young mothers”		10
Bible study – Sunday morning	20	25
- Thursday morning	9	8
Catholic book study group	7	8
<i>Christ Renews His Parish</i> (cumulative)		143
Men’s weekend (upcoming, Feb 7-8, '09)	18	12
Women’s weekend (upcoming, Feb 21-22, '09)	18	13
Lenten faith sharing – participants	50	26
Catholic Youth Ministry (youth group)	60	60
Vacation Bible School – children	91	71
- volunteers	25	19
Parish Outreach Programs:		
Charismatic prayer group	16	10
Church decorating & cleaning	11	15
Additional at Christmas	10	10
Communion to the sick	10 graced	15 graced
Funeral meals preparation	15	20
Food donations	43	call list
Knights of Columbus	80	80

	2006-2007	2007-2008
Lay Liturgical Ministries:		
Adult choir	18	20
Youth choir	12	10
Children's choir	10	11
Cantors	9	12
Organ/piano/guitar	7	7
Other musical instruments	4	6
Eucharistic ministers	56	57
Lectors	27	28
Servers	39	38
Ushers	47	53
"Over 55" group	23	25
Parish picnic	all 446 families	all 462 families
Prayer chain	11	21
Quilters	28	17
St. Anne's Society	60	60
Welcoming committee	10	10
 Administrative:		
Building & Grounds	12	12
Faith Formation Commission	5	2
Finance Committee	4	3
Parish Council	9	9
Parish Office help	12	16

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Parish Ministry Directory

Director of Religious Education
Sr. Barbara James 952-2854

Music Director
Dr. Janet Hamilton 923-1012

Youth Director
Leigh Ann Campbell 952-3141

Parish Office Manager
Lynnette Barr 952-2853

Ministry	Contact	Telephone
Administration		
Building & Grounds	Walter West	366-3874
Office Help, Telephoning, Computer Assistance	Lynnette Barr	952-2853
Parish Council	Joe Wuerth	952-2197
Communications		
Welcoming Committee	Robert & Teresa Schickel	952-3542
	Pete & Joan Schickel	952-2870
Website	Mike Minahan	951-2159

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Commission	Jennifer McFerran	738-3592 502-424-3147
Adult Faith Formation Team	Sr. Barbara	952-2854
Adult Catechism Study – Sunday	Larry Weimer	952-2517
- “Young mothers”	Adele Darnowski	952-3695
Bible Study – Sunday	Leslie Lynch	951-3664
- Thursday	Pat Wuerth	952-2197
Catechists	Sr. Barbara	952-2854
Catholic Book Study Group	Melanie Wermuth	952-3249
Lenten Faith Sharing Groups	Sr. Barbara	952-2854
RCIA	Sr. Barbara	“
	Larry Weimer	952-2517
Vacation Bible School	Sr. Barbara	952-2854
	Leigh Ann Campbell	952-3141

Family Life

Funeral Meals	Lennie Reinhardt	952-2800
“Over 55” Group	Rosemary Mayfield	951-2184
Quilters	Anna Geswein	952-2371
Youth Group	Leigh Ann Campbell	952-3141
St. Anne’s Society	Jane Berkley	952-3919
Knights of Columbus	Stewart Toney	968-3639

Finance

Church Picnic	Rick Geswein	952-2558
Finance Committee	Barry Geswein	941-0128

Social Justice

Pro-Life Committee	Robert & Rachel Casabella	366-3457
“Breaking Bread” Food Pantry	Diane Cooper	734-0101

Spiritual Life

Charismatic Prayer Group	Phil & Melanie Wermuth	952-3249
<i>Christ Renews His Parish</i>	Sr. Barbara	952-2854
- Renewal Weekends		
Prayer Chain	Lynnette Barr	952-2853

Liturgical Ministries

Children’s Liturgy of the Word	Sr. Barbara	952-2854
Church Decorating	Lennie Reinhardt	952-2800
Communion to the Sick	Jerry Reinhardt	952-2800
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Seng	969-2272
Lectors	Chuck Lynch	951-3664
Marriage Prep Sponsor Couples	Ken & Yvonne Abell	738-2583
Servers	Sr. Barbara	952-2854
Ushers	Dan Schmelz	366-3419
Music Committee,	Janet Hamilton	923-1012
All Choirs, Cantors,	“	
Organ/Piano/Guitar,	“	
Other Musical Instruments	“	