

Annual Report

A yearly update for our parish members

Father Jim reports on the “State of the Parish”

To continue our stewardship tradition, I am sending you a brief “State of the Parish” report for St. Francis. While it in no way includes all the activities and events in the life of our parish, it does include the parish financial report for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of our 127 ministries and groups. You have helped make St. Francis a strong community centered in Christ, and as a result, St. Francis was named one of the 300 outstanding parishes in the United States. While we should be honored by this, it also challenges us to further growth and improvement as a parish community.

Financially we have once again completed the year in the black while continuing to repay our diocesan loan. **We have also been able to update our physical plant in the following ways:**

- installed lighting in the rectory parking lot
- replaced a section of the school roof.
- replaced rotting frames in the east church windows
- renovated the religious education office
- acquired the property on Stadium Blvd immediately west of the parish for future development
- continued to replace windows and lights in the school classrooms
- repaired the steps in front of church.

Last year, we also added direct debit for Sunday offerings. Many have already signed up for this time-saving way to realize their stewardship commitment to the parish. If you are interested in this service, please call the parish business manager, Dave Barera, at 821-2111.

Along with this report, you will find your personal Statement of Contributions for the first seven months of this calendar year. If there

are any errors, please advise our business manager.

Also included is a refrigerator magnet giving Mass times, parish phone numbers and also our web address. I remind you that the web page contains a wealth of information and also the latest edition of our weekly bulletin *The Forum*.

Thank you again for your dedication to our parish community. As we move into this next year, I call your attention to each person’s responsibility to good stewardship. The biblical norm for finance is tithing: 10% of our income back to the community in which we live — 5% to our church and 5% to other charities. I have personally followed this Gospel teaching for many years and highly recommend it to you. It not only helps build God’s kingdom, but has enriched my life in ways I would never expect.



Stewardship is displayed in the gifts we share with others—like above, where volunteers share time to sort donated food to be delivered to local families in need

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