



The Beacon on the Hill

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Holy Disciples Catholic Church Scriptural Campaign Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Happy Lent! During this holy season we honor the death and resurrection of Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The Holy Disciples Scriptural Campaign continues to be part of this preparation through ongoing Welcoming Disciple visits which connect parishioners and obtain prayer requests for Prayer Vigils. Another way our Scriptural Campaign prepares us for Easter is through Sacrificial giving to reduce our debt. Reducing our debt gives us the Freedom to Serve God's Will and shine the light of Christ throughout South Hill.

Our numbers of participating households continue to climb. Praise God! Thanks to all who are fulfilling their pledges. If you are not yet taking part in our campaign, this Lenten Season may present the perfect opportunity to join. We encourage you to prayerfully consider adding our parish Scriptural Campaign to your Lenten observance.

"I am the Light of the world; they who follow Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." John 8:12

May God bless and keep you!

Steve and Kerry Kurpius

Scriptural Campaign Follow-Up Directors

Letting our light shine throughout South Hill and beyond.

Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Gifts

Monthly Update (as of January 31, 2016):

- Participating Households: 441 of 928 registered
- Gifts Pledged: \$2,293,702.46
- Gifts Collected to date: \$1,105,237.78
- Payments made to the Archdiocese: \$1,252,348.67
(These include payments from the General Fund)
- Current Loan Amount: \$2,320,786.64

Our call during Lent: "Ubi Caritas"

"Ubi caritas" means "Where charity."
We are called to show charity toward others throughout this Lenten season, especially during this Year of Mercy.

*Where charity and love are found,
God is there.*

1 Corinthians 13:2-8.

Small Group Opportunities in Lent

February begins the Lenten season and brings an opportunity to participate in **Small Faith Groups**, *learning and sharing together*. The short six week commitment provides the possibility of meeting new people and growing in our faith. These groups have proven to be one of the best ways to build lasting connections with others in our parish community and to strengthen the Catholic Faith we share.

If you are unable to join a small faith group, plan some time to read the book which they will be discussing together in the groups. It is the book by Matthew Kelly which was given out at Christmas: *Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation*. It has short chapters which are easy to read and meditate on. Additional copies are available through the Parish Office.

Treasure Principle:

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver! 2 Corinthians 9:7

My Lord, I offer you my all - whatever I possess, and more, myself. Detach me from the craving for prestige, position, wealth. Root out of me all trace of envy of my neighbor who has more than I. Release me from the vice of pride, my longing to exalt myself, and lead me to the lowest place.

May I be poor in spirit, Lord, so that I can be rich in you.

Everyone's Way of the Cross, Station 10. Ave Maria Press. 2006

