



The Beacon on the Hill

June 2015

Holy Disciples Catholic Church Scriptural Campaign Newsletter

Dear Friends,

What an exciting time for Holy Disciples! Recently we celebrated our parish's Feast Day by honoring our family's origins with a potluck international meal. One of the highlights of this celebration was the burning of the rectory mortgage! Alleluia! What a wonderful achievement, Glory be to God! The rectory is now an asset and this meets our second stage of paying off the debt. The first stage was to pay off the back interest. These stages all lead to the ultimate goal of paying off our loan which then frees us to shine the light of Christ and be the "Beacon on the Hill" Thank you Holy Disciples for your work and sacrifice! We are truly blessed!

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the splendor of your glory may shine forth upon us and that, by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit, the light of your light may confirm the hearts of those born again by your grace, Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen (Opening prayer on Pentecost).

May God bless and keep you!

Steve and Kerry Kurpius

Scriptural Campaign Follow-Up Directors

Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Gifts

Story of Faith

Many of you heard us speak during the campaign about our personal giving and the importance of the success of the campaign for our parish community. David and I wanted to share how meeting our campaign commitment has made an effect on us so far. First, we took a close look at our budget and have been able to divert some of our funds to pay for the campaign; we are planning our meals ahead more and going out to dinner less. It has been good for us to ask ourselves, "Do I really need this?" It is challenging, but rewarding to give *sacrificially*. We have also paid off some of our own personal debt so that we can use that money to contribute to the campaign. As monthly and unexpected expenses come up, we continue to pray and trust in God. Through it all, God has been blessing us with the ability to pay for the things that we need as well as consistently give to the campaign. Our sons, Troy and Jeremy, have been really great about understanding that our commitment affects their lives too and are much more aware of asking for things that they truly need rather than everything they want. We are happy to give with joy in our hearts to support our parish family!

David and Lisa

Monthly Update (as of May 31, 2015):

- Participating Households: 393 of 858 registered
- Gifts Pledged: \$2,284,563.46
- Gifts Collected to date: \$651,567.76
- Payments made to the Archdiocese: \$703,136.09
(These include payments from the General Fund)
- Current Loan Amount: \$2,777,916.41

Rectory Mortgage—Paid Off!!

Alleluia! Glory to God!

Thank you for all your efforts, prayers, and gifts. You are clearly making a difference! If your circumstances have changed, or you are new to our parish and want to join our campaign, please contact us.

*Thanks so much for all you are doing!
The Follow-up Team*

Treasure Principle:

God sees our faith and finances as inseparable (Mt 6:19-21, 13:44-50)

We are called to seek the joy of finding great and eternal treasure that far surpasses the costs to obtain it (Christ paid that price); find the joy in surrendering lesser treasures to find greater ones.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1829: The fruits of charity are joy, peace and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence; it fosters reciprocity and remains generous; it is friendship and communion.

Freedom To Serve



God's Will