

Freedom To Serve



God's Will

***Equal Sacrifice
Not Equal Gifts***

The Beacon on the Hill

Holy Disciples Catholic Church Scriptural Campaign Newsletter

October 2017

Dear Friends,

Our Scriptural Campaign's three year journey comes to an end next month.

This campaign encouraged every person in the parish to embark on a personal spiritual stewardship journey with four elements:

- 1) Pray about what God would have you do to further the mission of Holy Disciples, specifically what amount would God have you give to the campaign and what would God have you give up to provide that gift ... pray until you hear an answer.
- 2) Consider whether the amount of your gift is sacrificial, life-changing, and specific. If not, return to your prayer and listen again for God's answer.
- 3) As you pray, be willing to be obedient to God's will.
- 4) As you fulfill your gift, **take joy in giving and serving the Lord.**

Now is the time to take joy and celebrate! Please join us in a Celebration of this milestone on November 18, 2017 at Holy Disciples. More details to come!

To give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise. Psalm 106:47

Steve and Kerry Kurpius

Scriptural Campaign Follow-up Directors

Monthly Update (as of October 1, 2017):

- Participating Households: 520
- Gifts Pledged: \$2,301,268.44
- Gifts Collected to date: \$2,186,717.04
- Payments made to the Archdiocese: \$2,494,396.78
(These include payments from the General Fund)
- Current Loan Amount: \$1,248,292.57

Major Milestones of our Scriptural Capital Campaign:

November 2014: Our goal: "Freedom to Serve God's Will".

In a decade's worth of attempts to address the debt, none has resulted in significant decrease to the principle owed. We are buried under a burden of a \$3,114,852 loan plus \$203,257 in back interest with monthly obligations of \$25,000. Holy Disciples launches the "Scriptural Capital Campaign" to help renew our parish spiritually, using scripture-based principles to become better stewards, in hopes of ridding ourselves of a debt that has weighed us down for years.

November 2015: Holy Disciples rejoices together during a "One Year Celebration Event." In the first twelve months of the campaign, nearly \$1 million in contributions are applied to the reduction of our debt.

November 2016: Holy Disciples continues to have reasons to rejoice! New parishioners are invited to join the Campaign, adding \$17,400 to the total amount pledged.

November 2017: As we approach the conclusion of our 3 year campaign, pledges are being fulfilled. We have reduced our debt by more than two million dollars - surpassing the first three of our four Campaign Goals: "The Father's Blessings," "The Son's Glory," "The Spirit's Triumph," "Thy Will Be Done".

Thank you for your faithfulness to your sacrificial gifts in support of your parish. You are a blessing to Holy Disciples!

"Sweet Success"

Scriptural Campaign Celebration

Saturday

November 18th

Holy Disciples Parish

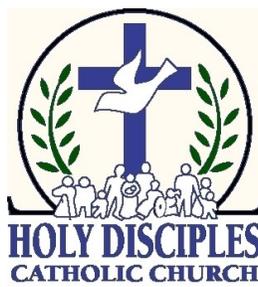
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Treasure Principle:

We are given these eternal rewards for doing good works (Eph 6:8, Rom 2:6,10), persevering under persecution (Lk 6:22-23), showing compassion to the needy (Lk 14:13-14), and treating our enemies kindly (Lk 6:35).

(The Treasure Principle. 2008. p 39)

Extra copies of The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn are available in our parish library; help yourself!!!



Letting our light shine throughout South Hill and beyond.