

managing our treasure

INCOME

Parishioner sacrificial giving	\$ 775,082
ISU parents & alumni giving	\$ 115,618
Supple Endowment gift	\$ 85,000
Parking Donations	\$ 12,180
IA Knights of Columbus	\$ 10,000
Iowa Parishes	\$ 4,876
Sts. Peter & Paul parish	\$ 10,736
Honduras Support	\$ 31,246
Fees, gifts, misc. income	\$ 148,600

EXPENSES

Utilities	\$ 53,212
Campus Ministry	\$ 49,866
Bldg maintenance	\$ 85,797
Parking maintenance	\$ 11,047
Development office	\$ 33,719
Religious Education/YM	\$ 55,592
Liturgy/Music	\$ 10,800
Parish Family Life	\$ 13,991
Parish office/Admin	\$ 28,477
Staff benefiits	\$ 84,118
Staff Salaries	\$ 362,198
Priest Expense	\$ 76,671
St. Cecilia School	\$ 8,000
Diocesan Tax	\$ 10,931
Charity, Justice, Peace	\$ 3,766
Direct help to needy	\$ 78,738
Honduras Sister Parish	\$ 31,246
Social Justice grants	\$ 22,481
Stewardship	\$ 710

Total income **\$ 1,193,338**

Total expenses **\$ 1,021,360**

STA Charitable Giving

3 in 1 Collection	\$ 7,400
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$ 2,396
Missions Appeal	\$ 6,877
Religious Retirement	\$ 655
Rice Bowl	\$ 2,626
Honduras Ministry	\$ 20,583
TOMS Event	\$ 20,790
Individual "Love Your Neighbor" donations	\$ 27,250
Total	\$ 88,577

Questions?

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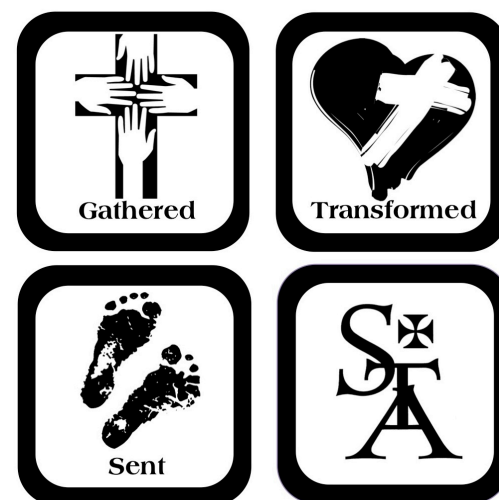


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Stewardship Highlights

FISCAL YEAR: JULY 2014 – JUNE 2015



a report to the
St. Thomas Aquinas
community

The parish community included
2,277 registered parishioners
716 **residents** (families, singles and grad students)
& 735 **registered ISU undergraduates**

sharing our time & talent

- In an effort to help “new and old” parishioners get to know one another, the Stewardship Ministry Team sponsored *Name Tag Sunday* each quarter.
- Twelve ISU students were awarded STA scholarships.
- 37 individuals served in the role of catechist, catechist aide, or faith formation secretary. 25 are college students.
- 7 new members received the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil.
- 14 parish youth were Confirmed in the Catholic faith.
- 7 parishioners completed 50 hours of training to become commissioned as Stephen Ministers.
- 69 couples completed their marriage preparation at St. Thomas Aquinas with 17 having their weddings at STA.
- 54 students took part in the New Student Retreat; 39 students made the fall Antioch retreat and 65 made the spring Antioch.
- Campus small groups involved 24 group leaders during the fall and 26 in the spring. An average of 200 students were involved in small groups.
- 175 joined the Prayer Network to pray for others, for a total of 226 parishioners.
- 44 people bring Communion to the sick, hospitalized and homebound.
- Individuals brought over 75 meals last year to those in need or families with newborns.
- 12 children received their First Communion.
- 32, including seven adults, were Baptized.
- There were 2 funerals and 2 memorial services.
- There were 4 Carpenter Shops during the year with an average of 125 attending each night.
- The Stewardship Celebration brought together 155 parishioners to share food and fellowship while being entertained by parishioner-comedians.
- Parishioners generously supported food collections for local people in need as well as the Christmas season gifts for Birthright.
- More than 50 parishioners lent a helping hand at the two parish clean-up days.
- On average, 45 parishioners came together to celebrate daily Mass and about 125 students gathered weekly to celebrate Eucharist at Thursday Night Liturgy.
- There were 10 Resident small groups with about 75 participants.
- The Love Your Neighbor program assisted 259 households, including 392 adults and 291 children when people were in danger of losing their home due to past rent due or facing utility shut-off notices. The fund distributed \$71,710.77.
- About a dozen parishioners met several times during the year to work on quilts, blankets and pillowcases for an orphanage in Nicaragua and for Birthright in Ames.
- 4 Lenten soup lunches fed over 200 after Noon Mass. Soups and bread were donated by parishioners.
- The Knights of Columbus served 3 Pancake Breakfasts and 2 Lenten Fish Dinners, serving over 900 for the meals. Besides serving as very positive parish fellowship opportunities, proceeds helped to fund the Knights charitable projects and ministries.
- Social Justice Grants were made in the amount of \$22,000. 57% remained in Ames and Story County, while the remainder went as far as Mexico, Nicaragua, and four African countries. Some of the grant recipients were brand new, while some are charities that we have supported for many years.
- STA Parishioners joined Deacon Alan Christy from St. Cecilia to raise sufficient funds to completely renovate the transitional housing units at the Emergency Residence Project. Approximately 10 faith communities in Ames raised over \$70,000 to replace flooring, kitchen cabinets, window treatments, woodwork and doors, bathroom fixtures and more with sturdy, child tolerant furnishings that will stand up to many more years of transitional family living. Members of the St. Thomas community contributed nearly \$9,000 to the efforts.
- 50 children took part in Vacation Bible School in which 60 volunteers came together to provide a rich summer experience.
- Five STA/ISU students, along with other ISU members of Students for Life attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C.
- 7 from our priesthood discernment group began the seminary in fall 2015.
- There were 9 Stone Soup Suppers with 83 guests participating.
- Average Mass attendance: 4:45pm- 305; 8:00am- 387; 10:30am- 632; 7:00pm- 364.

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