



# St. Daniel Catholic Community

Clarkston, Michigan

## ***Annual Parish Stewardship Report***

Fiscal Year July 2015 – June 2016

Dear Fellow St. Daniel Parishioners,

In 1992, the United States bishops published a pastoral letter entitled, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. The theme of the letter is that stewardship is based on prayerful gratitude for all the gifts God gives us out of His mercy and love; and we demonstrate that gratitude by how we live our lives as disciples of Christ.

The Gospels have many stories of how "stewards" managed their masters' households and enterprises, some good, some bad. Through these stories, Jesus teaches us that we are accountable for how we use God's gifts.

Likewise, St. Daniel's, as a parish, is accountable for how it uses God's gifts, delivered through parishioners' generosity in the offertory collection <sup>bb</sup> and in sharing of their time and talents. This Annual Parish Stewardship Report shows how the Parish Pastoral Council and the Commissions managed your financial gifts this past year. Parish income supports the many ministries and activities we celebrate and enjoy here at St. Daniel's, as well as the day-to-day operation of the parish and maintenance of our physical facilities, also important stewardship of God's gifts to the parish. The Report also shows how St. Daniel Parish reaches out to the larger community through parish tithing.

Our continued goal is to have even more parishioners involved in parish life, joining together in Christian discipleship by participating fully in our liturgies and spiritual exercises, as well as sharing their gifts of time, talent and treasure.

God bless you for all you do to sustain the generous spirit at St. Dan's.

Sincerely,  
Tom Scholler, Chairman  
Stewardship Commission

### **Parish Tithing Summary**

The Tithing Program at St. Daniel Parish benefits from a long tradition of generosity from parishioners. Tithing amounts are based on 6% of the weekly Sunday collections and the Christmas collection. The Tithing Committee meets monthly to discuss requests and recommend disbursements. The 2015-16 fiscal year total tithing and charitable distributions amounted to \$96,259. Beneficiaries included:

#### **Local Donations**

Habitat for Humanity, Lighthouse Clarkston, Pregnancy Health Center, Social Service Emergency Care, Gleaners Food Bank, FOCUS: Hope, Robert Matchan Nutrition Center, Open Door Outreach Center, Freedom House, Catholic Social Services, SS Peter & Paul Warming Center, Holy Cross Children's Services, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Baldwin Soup Kitchen, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Covenant House of Michigan, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Oxford Problem Pregnancy Center, Most Holy Trinity, All Saints Parish Soup Kitchen

#### **National Donations**

Alaskan Shepherd, Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Relief Services, St. Augustine Indian Mission, Catholic Bishops of North America, World Medical Relief, America's Second Harvest, Christian Appalachian Project, Damien Ministries, North Oakland Disaster Relief Team, Voluntary Mission Movement; Sisters, Servants of Mary

#### **International Donations**

Dominican Republic, Medical Mission Sisters, Save a Family, Cross International, Kids4Afghan Kids, Heifer Project International, Fr. Robert Singelyn--Brazil, Food for the Poor, International Rescue Committee, Church World Service, CARE, Comboni Missionaries, Send the Light Outreach, Catholic Medical Mission, Daughters of Charity-St. Vincent de Paul, Congo Orphanage, COAR Peace Mission, Maryknoll Sisters, PIME Missionaries, Doctors Without Borders

#### **Other Special Donations**

Rice Bowls, Hurricane Katrina

Through your stewardship of treasure, St. Daniel Parish is able to help our brothers and sisters in need locally, nationally and internationally. Your stewardship is sincerely appreciated! Watch for monthly donation updates in the parish bulletin.