



CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Developing Stewardship as a Way of Life

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Fr. Craig Doty
St. Peter Catholic Church
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Dear Fr. Doty,

Stewardship is about putting first things first. A good steward makes God the first priority in everything — family, finances, career, use of time — everything.

“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides” (MT 6:33).

A stewardship parish is, very simply, a parish full of good stewards — people who have adopted this mindset so that it creates a culture or “way of life” in the parish. It is a parish full of disciples following Jesus and actively living their faith. This makes for a joyful, vibrant, and Spirit-filled community, brimming with life, touching all those who walk through the church doors and spilling over into the wider community.

I am thrilled to report that the stewardship way of life is alive and well at St. Peter. This year 459 families returned commitment cards. These families made 3,178 prayer commitments, 1,975 commitments to parish ministries including 499 new commitments to ministries, a pledged offertory increase of over \$245,000, and 53 families that were not previously involved in ministry have signed up to participate in parish life.

I hope that you will find these results to be a source of joy in knowing that your parish family is embracing the gift of a stewardship way of life. I also hope it serves as motivation for you to continue to offer this gift with enthusiasm in the year ahead. Leading your parish to seek first the kingdom of God through a stewardship way of life is giving your parishioners an amazing gift!

In Christ,

Katie Henkel
Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc.

2018 Stewardship Renewal Summary

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| Registered Households..... | 1,398 |
| Commitment Cards Received..... | 459 |
| Return Rate (<i>active households</i>)..... | 49% |
| Return Rate (<i>all households</i>)..... | 33% |
| Prayer Commitments (<i>Stewardship of Time</i>)..... | 3,178 |
| Ministry Commitments (<i>Stewardship of Talent</i>)..... | 1,975 |
| <i>Re-commitments to ministries</i> | 1,476 |
| <i>New commitments to ministries</i> | 499 |
| Offertory Commitments (<i>Stewardship of Treasure</i>)..... | 366 |
| <i>Average pledge</i> | \$2,786 |
| <i>Total annual amount pledged</i> | \$1,016,824 |
| <i>Actual giving past 12 months</i> | \$770,980 |
| <i>Pledge Offertory Increase</i> | \$245,844 |

2018 Stewardship Renewal Highlights

There was a **49% response rate from active households** (411 of 846 active households), which is defined by those families who gave at least \$1 to the offertory over the past year.

90% of participating households made **prayer commitments**.
Each household made an average of 8 prayer commitments.

Parishioners are continuing to take ownership in the parish by signing up for ministries in large numbers.
Approximately **81%** of the participating households **made a commitment to ministry**.

499 of the 1,975 ministry commitments were **NEW commitments**, which is an indication that parishioners are stepping forward to get more involved in parish life.

Relatively inactive families are becoming involved at St. Peter. **53 families** who were not previously active in any ministry **signed up to get involved in ministries**.

80% of participating households made a **treasure commitment**, totaling \$1,016,824 from annual pledges. This is 32% more than they had actually given the previous 12 months. (This is calculated by comparing actual giving to pledged giving.)



Report of 2018 Stewardship Renewal Commitments

Stewardship of Time

Prayer Commitments3,178
Commitment Cards with Prayer Commitments..... 414
Average Number of Prayer Commitments per Family.....7.68

Attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament weekly 120
Attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Days 391
Attend weekday Mass at least once a week 170
Discuss our Catholic Faith with my family 209
Go to Confession at least every month 128
Invite a friend or acquaintance to Mass 67
Pray for an increase in vocations 213
Pray for my country daily 224
Pray for our priests and sisters 277
Pray for the sick, the lonely and the deceased 307
Pray the Rosary at least weekly 245
Pray together with my family 250
Read the Bible for a half hour a week 128
Spend at least 15 minutes a day in personal prayer 256
Spend extra time with my spouse each day 193



Stewardship of Talent (Household)

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| Ministry commitments | 1,975 |
| <i>Already Involved.....</i> | <i>1,476</i> |
| <i>Interested in Joining.....</i> | <i>499</i> |
| Commitment Cards with talent commitments..... | 370 |
| Average Number of Ministry Sign-ups per family..... | 5.34 |

| | Already Involved | Interested In Joining | Total |
|--|------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Altar Server | 35 | 4 | 39 |
| Acolytes | 38 | 1 | 39 |
| Altar Servers | 44 | 2 | 46 |
| Baptismal Preparation Class | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Boy/Cub Scouts | 24 | 1 | 25 |
| CCD: (Grades 1-5)/Faith Factor (Grades 6-8) | 22 | 3 | 25 |
| Children's Liturgy | 14 | 0 | 14 |
| Church Cleaning | 24 | 47 | 71 |
| Church Decorating | 8 | 21 | 29 |
| Coffee/Rolls | 16 | 8 | 24 |
| CSS (Catholic Social Services) Food Pantry Collection | 30 | 17 | 47 |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) Homebound | 24 | 8 | 32 |
| Family Game Nights | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| Finance Council | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| Funeral Luncheon | 68 | 50 | 118 |
| GodTeen | 38 | 5 | 43 |
| Knights of Columbus — Council #10510 | 121 | 5 | 126 |
| Lectors/Readers | 21 | 13 | 34 |
| Legion of Mary | 15 | 2 | 17 |
| Lending Library | 3 | 12 | 15 |
| Marriage Preparation Class | 14 | 6 | 20 |
| Mass Greeters | 13 | 29 | 42 |
| Meal Train | 23 | 29 | 52 |
| Men's Golf League | 19 | 7 | 26 |
| Men's Saturday Morning Formation Group/Saturday Morning | | | |
| Rosary Walk to Planned Parenthood | 35 | 5 | 40 |
| Music Ministry | 25 | 10 | 35 |
| Parish Council | 16 | 7 | 23 |



| | Already Involved | Interested In Joining | Total |
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| Parish Fall Festival | 49 | 9 | 58 |
| Parish Fundraiser | 51 | 15 | 66 |
| Parish Maintenance | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Parish Office Help | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) | 105 | 19 | 124 |
| Perpetual Adoration | 114 | 32 | 146 |
| Prayer Line | 68 | 31 | 99 |
| RCIA | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Right to Life | 21 | 11 | 32 |
| ROCK | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| School (Pius X High School: ninth through 12 th grade) | 55 | 4 | 59 |
| School (St. Peter School: Pre-K through eighth grade) | 92 | 5 | 97 |
| School Volunteers | 53 | 13 | 66 |
| SCRIP | 38 | 5 | 43 |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society | 18 | 9 | 27 |
| Stewardship Council | 11 | 3 | 14 |
| Totus Tuus | 44 | 1 | 45 |
| Ushers | 31 | 7 | 38 |
| Women's Friday Morning Bible Study | 21 | 9 | 30 |



Stewardship of Treasure (Household)

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| Households with Treasure Commitments | 366 |
| Average Annual Pledge | \$2,786 |
| Total Annual Amount Committed | \$1,016,824 |
| Actual Giving Past 12 Months..... | \$770,980 |
| Pledge Offertory Increase | \$245,844 |

Weekly Pledges 149

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| <i>Between \$1 and 9</i> | <i>6</i> |
| <i>Between \$10 and 19</i> | <i>23</i> |
| <i>Between \$20 and 29</i> | <i>28</i> |
| <i>Between \$30 and 39</i> | <i>18</i> |
| <i>Between \$40 and 49</i> | <i>10</i> |
| <i>Between \$50 and 59</i> | <i>15</i> |
| <i>Between \$60 and 99</i> | <i>24</i> |
| <i>Between \$100 and 9999999.....</i> | <i>24</i> |

Monthly Pledges 182

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| <i>Between \$1 and 49</i> | <i>15</i> |
| <i>Between \$50 and 99</i> | <i>24</i> |
| <i>Between \$100 and 199.....</i> | <i>59</i> |
| <i>Between \$200 and 299.....</i> | <i>39</i> |
| <i>Between \$300 and 399.....</i> | <i>18</i> |
| <i>Between \$400 and 9999999.....</i> | <i>27</i> |

There were 35 households who made a pledge with an interval amount other than weekly or monthly.

