

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE 2012

November 20, 2011

Dear Parishioners,

The time has come again for our annual stewardship renewal. As you know, our parish has really responded well to our financial situation a couple years ago and we are at a point to begin considering how best to address our current needs. These needs include fulfilling our loan balance and addressing some major projects with our church. Our feasibility study report should be presented to us by the Diocesan Office of Planning and Development in January, at which time we will move forward.

*Of course even as we pursue these exciting projects, it is necessary to sustain our current healthy level of offertory contribution in order to continue financial stability. This year's parish budget anticipates a 4% increase in offertory. Please consider, also, the use of **Electronic Funds Transfer**, as that allows for a more even and reliable income to our parish. I ask that parishioners take this opportunity to review the **Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure form** and to complete it, indicating your spirit of giving and sharing. Please note, whether you are making a new commitment or continuing a present commitment we ask that you please return your completed form to the Parish, Office of the Pastor. As you can see, there are many different activities and organizations that make St. Mary a vibrant faith community. We all benefit from the generous offering of time and talent from our parishioners and we are all very grateful.*

This is an exciting time for St. Mary as we look forward to the future. I thank you for your continuing participation in the life of our parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Father James P. Black, Pastor

(Address Label)

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Each family is asked to prayerfully renew their commitment of a 5 to 7% increase in their parish offerings.

My/Our Intentions for offertory giving for 2012 is \$_____

I/we intend to fulfill this Weekly Monthly Other _____

I/we will use the following method: Envelopes Continue EFT New EFT
 I/we do not presently receive offertory envelopes and wish to receive them.

For EFT Giving Please Complete the Following:

I hereby authorize St. Mary Church to establish automatic withdrawals in the amount specified below:

INSTALLMENTS:

Monthly \$_____ on the ____ day of the month
Bi-monthly \$_____ on the ___ and ___ day of the month
Single gift \$_____ in the month of _____
Easter gift \$_____ deducted April 6, 2012
Christmas gift \$_____ deducted December 25, 2011
Renovation Savings \$_____ on the ____ day of the month

Payment method preferred:

Visa (Credit) **American Express** **Master Card** **Discover**
 Checking (attach VOIDED check) **Savings (attach deposit slip)**

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date__/____

(Please remember your 2012 EFT commitment will begin January 1, 2012 and will continue until stop request is received.)

I/we understand that the determination of my ability to fulfill my/our time, talent and treasure commitments shall rest with my/our good conscience. I reserve the right to alter my commitments in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

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Please provide any updates to your family information below. Providing your email address allows our parish to be more "green" in our communication. Thank you!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

*St. Mary Catholic Church
Parish Mission Statement*

We will always strive to be a faithful community of Christian believers who joyfully embrace and share the Catholic faith and traditions passed on by the apostles of Jesus Christ.

We will extend our joy, hospitality and the meaningful voices of our faith to brothers and sisters in Christ both within and outside our parish borders.

We will reach out to the physical and spiritual needs of all of God's creatures. Being a community of faith, we are committed to using the personal gifts of every member to the benefit of all and the growth of the Kingdom of God.

