

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT: JANUARY 2019

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Here are our most important spiritual and material goals for 2019, as good stewards of God's gifts to us!

## SPIRITUAL GOALS

- Invite more people into our parish community through community outreach programs.
- Increase participation in parish educational programs for people of all age groups.
- Recruit more volunteers for parish charitable activities and for parish social organizations.

## MATERIAL GOALS

- Repair the HVAC thermostats and other controls that are no longer fully operative.
- Research lighting system options, as the light bulbs we use are no longer being made.
- Increase donations to the church, pay off the long-term parish debt, and plan for the future.

### Dear Parishioners,

Now that we have celebrated the silver anniversary of the dedication of our church building, we are strategically planning for our next twenty-five years as a thriving parish community of faith. These are indeed difficult times for the church, our country, and our world. But, when were they ever not challenging? It is precisely through these opportunities that we can nobly respond to a call for excellence in our faith.

We are a faith community of prayer, learning, and charity. In 2019, let us make great strides forward as intentional Disciples of Christ, by achieving these spiritual and material goals for our parish community. Thank you for your participation in parish life, and for your generous support of your parish community. In April, we will joyfully celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of our parish community.

### Father James Dvorscak

P.S. Here are a few additional announcements for all our parishioners. Please read the bulletin each week.

- We have updated our parish website to make it more informative and user-friendly. Please check it out sometime. If you add our parish website to the home screen of your phone, you have our parish app.
- Please mark your calendars for our first Chili Cook-Off event in the Parish Center on Saturday, March 2, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with several kinds of chili, hot dogs, beer and wine, desserts, and much more. While there is no charge, donations are welcomed to help defray the cost of this new parish FUN-raiser.
- Financially, we are up-to-date on all our bills. Although we have been making interest payments on our parish debt, we have not been making principal payments lately. This is due to the leveling off of donations that can be attributed to increased secularization, compounded by the bad publicity about the Catholic Church in general. Please contact our parish business office for any financial questions.
- Regarding donation levels, other denominations have also noted the same decline in contributions at their churches as well. What does all this mean? It means that we must redouble our efforts for evangelization so that, as we live out our faith better in daily life, we can invite other people of good will to walk along with us as Intentional Disciples of Christ. This has always been our mission as Christians!