

# Saint Mary Catholic Church

## Finance Council Report to the Parish

It feels different.

However your life is touched by St. Mary's, it just feels different.

If you are sick you will be covered in a blanket of prayer.

As you attend mass you may periodically notice many bags of groceries for the food pantry on the altar.

At times, you may notice pictures of parishioners on the wall offering to open their homes for reflection and prayer through Small Christian Communities.

In the summer you may see a picture board with many happy faces of our young Catholics attending Vacation Bible School.

If you attend any meetings relating to the parish you will undoubtedly reflect on the upcoming gospel reading before attending to the matters at hand.

This is only a sampling of the efforts that make up the grander theme of a mission driven parish. Through the hard work of the Parish Council and many dedicated volunteers, St. Mary's parish has consciously committed to focus on the mission of our parish. The cornerstones of these efforts—Worship, Education, Service, and Hospitality—are now woven throughout every thread of the fabric we call St. Mary's parish.

The Parish Finance Council fully supports both the mission of our parish and of our diocese. In fact, the mission of our parish is not limited by the boundaries of Crown Point. It extends throughout the diocesan community in the form of the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). Our parish is nearing the end of our drive for the 2009 CSA and your help is needed to support our obligation to serve our greater community. Please know that your stewardship to the parish and the CSA will be properly managed and be used for the good of our parish and our diocese.

As members of the Finance Council we would like to take this opportunity to share some information with you, and ask that you please consider ways in which you may assist in preserving the proud heritage that is St. Mary's.



## Parish Facts

Total Families: 2,242

New Families This Year:  
188

Total Weekly Parish  
Volunteers: 325

Students educated at St.  
Mary School: 570

Children Served Through  
Faith Formation: 525