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Gene and Rita Goerlich *Stewardship and Thankfulness*

One of the most beautiful things about our Catholic faith is that it offers us many opportunities to be part of the Church’s mission, no matter our stage in life. Whether single, married, widowed, young or retired, there are ways in which you can be involved and be a vibrant member of the parish community. Indeed, there is something for everyone, and as parishioners Gene and Rita Goerlich remind us, living a life of stewardship doesn’t have to be complicated – in fact, when it springs from an attitude of thanksgiving, then it can be very, very fulfilling.

But like all couples, their story begins with “once upon a time,” and it involves a girl from Waverly and a boy from Quincy who met at a dance. It was the fall of 1960. They didn’t know each other, no one introduced them – but when he asked her to dance, they discovered they had many things in common. They really loved to dance, they had mutual interests, and they both came from strong Catholic families. Almost one year later from when they met, Gene and Rita were married.

“We got married Oct. 7, 1961, and this month it will be 55 years we have been together,” Rita says. “When we met, it was a good beginning because we had so much in common.”

It’s been a good 55 years. Gene and Rita have three children – April, James and Duane – and 12 beautiful

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Gene and Rita Goerlich were married October 7, 1961 and this month they will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

Gene and Rita Goerlich *continued from front cover*

grandchildren. And as much as they are enjoying retirement, they still stay incredibly busy – they wouldn't have it any other way. Through the years, they have always volunteered at the parish, but their involvement has also evolved to reflect where they are in their lives. While they volunteered with their schools when their children were young, now they are just as busy – but with different things.

Which is exactly how stewardship is supposed to work. Living stewardship is a lifelong process and, no matter where you are in your life, it's about being open to the opportunities to do what you can, when you can, however you can. Sometimes we can only give of our time through prayer, sometimes we have talents to share, and sometimes we are in a position to share our treasure. The key is to look for those opportunities.

"I like change," Rita says. "I like to move furniture and paint walls. I like to mix things up because change makes me feel young. If I did the same things for 40 years, then I would feel old. So I like to try new things, meet new people, volunteer for different ministries. I'm always looking for things to do. I am 77 years old, Gene is 80, and we don't want to be couch potatoes."

Of course, for stewardship to be spiritually meaningful, it has to be firmly grounded in faith, and faith is something that has always been important to Gene and Rita. Ever since first meeting at that dance over 50 years ago and realizing that they were both Catholic, their faith has been a big part of their lives. They married in the Church and raised a family here in the parish – incidentally, Gene is a lifelong member of St. Anthony's. Much of their involvement has been faith-based – volunteering for the Key Ministry, serving

as Eucharistic Ministers, gift bearers and usher, helping out with Fish Fries, counting money, and serving on the Parish Council. But as much as faith is the foundation for how they live their lives, the *reason* for doing all they do is thankfulness.

"Everything comes from a place of thankfulness," Rita says. "We are so thankful for our family, our health, our faith. We are thankful when we get up in the morning. When you're thankful, you don't have time to feel sorry for yourself. And it works the other way, too – if you feel sorry for yourself, then you're not being thankful."

But just because you have faith, and just because you have a heart of gratitude, doesn't mean that bad things don't happen. Rita says they've experienced crisis – the time Gene, who was working construction, fell off a bridge and was knocked unconscious, Rita's heart attack and, just last year, her stroke. But both say that faith and gratitude become the springboard to recovery.

"When a crisis occurs, like when Gene got hurt or when I had my stroke, there is always a period of depression," Rita says. "But the recovery time is also a time to think about the Lord. So, you get through it. You start moving, start looking forward to the day, start thinking positively. Before you know it, you will start to find things that you are thankful for."

Ultimately, Christ calls each and every one of us to be good stewards of all that we have been given, and no matter our stage in life, God gives us exactly what we need so that we can always be part of His mission here on earth. And as Gene and Rita remind us, it is simply a matter of being open to the opportunity and, most of all, being grateful for our many blessings.

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A LETTER FROM OUR PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

Reflections on Our Financial Report

Dear Friends,

I am proud to present the 2015-2016 Financial Report for St. Anthony Church and St. Dominic School. Not only is this report a necessary fulfillment of legal, canonical, and moral obligations to keep our parishioners informed of the financial well-being of our parish and its ministries, but it is also one of my major responsibilities as your Parish Administrator to account for the Stewardship of Treasure you have entrusted to the parish.

Our current financial situation is fairly tight, and while things definitely aren't ideal, the issues we face are certainly no cause for alarm.

In a nutshell, here is what we are up against – while we had nearly \$200,000 in the local and diocesan banks on June 30, 2016, almost all of that cash will be needed to cover the funds we had taken in as tuition revenues for the 2016-17 school year expenses. Beyond that, we were unable to pay the residual of our Annual Catholic Services Appeal assessment (\$49,700), and we still owed \$47,700 to the lay pension plan for 2015-16. These obligations have been carried into the new fiscal year and will need to be completely balanced.

You can see that the regular offertory (52 weeks, plus holy day collections) resulted in about \$580,000 collected through the year. That is a weekly average of nearly \$11,200. Unfortunately, we will be unable to eliminate our debt and may encounter difficulties paying bills and payrolls in time if our offertory continues at the current numbers.

This past year, we ran at a deficit of \$84,700. As good stewards of the parish's income, our goal must be to get back to "break even" as soon as possible. If our weekly offertory average increased by only \$2,000 each week, the parish would continue to grow, thrive, and quickly become more financially stable.

Moving forward, we will need to examine all sides of the financial equation to see where we can optimize our resources in the coming years, including tuition rates and staffing requirements that have already been set for this year. Some things will need to be done differently. Remember, though, that change isn't necessarily a bad thing. In this case, we believe some changes to the way we manage our Stewardship of Treasure will be a wonderful thing!

As you look over this financial report, I ask you to consider whether or not the amount of your weekly or monthly offering needs some adjusting. Sometimes we get used to a particular amount, and it is good to review our personal circumstances and discern whether this gift of our treasure accurately reflects our life right now. Household and personal expenses are going up each year, and so are those of our parish family.

As a member of our parish family, what is the Lord asking of you right now in terms of sharing the gift of your treasure? Remember, as a stewardship people, we are called to give of ourselves not simply because the Church has needs, but because each of us has a need to give. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states in its pastoral letter on stewardship, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, "We need to give our money to individuals and families in need, to the Church, and to other worthwhile charitable organizations because giving money is good for the soul and because we need to return thanks to a loving God for all of the many blessings each of us has received."

If you have additional questions regarding the information contained in this report, please feel free to reach out to me or one of our Finance Council Members: Dan Reichert (Chair), Donna Gail (Secretary), Joe Drier, Cathy Carpenter, Michelle Kasparie (School Board Representative) or Ron Kasparie (Parish Council Representative).

I stand in gratitude for the goodness of the people of the St. Anthony parish family and St. Dominic school community. Thank you so much for the sharing of your time, your talent, and your treasure, so that the Lord's work may continue to be done in our midst. May the Lord Continue to bless you and your loved ones.

Gratefully in Christ,

Fr. Tom Donovan
Pastoral Administrator

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Financial

Parish Receipts

Regular Church Support (52 weeks + holy days)	\$ 581,964.24
Stole Fees (weddings, funerals, etc)	\$ 2,600.00
Religious Education	\$ 3,200.00
Building Fund	\$ 10,491.00
Rent	\$ 3,281.68
Bequest	\$ 3,937.88
Picnics (St. Dominic's, St. Anthony's)	\$ 59,334.50
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,266.48
Votive Offerings	\$ 1,348.38
We Care	\$ 1,051.98
Interest Received from Diocesan S/L	\$ 2,185.44

TOTAL RECEIPTS: PARISH \$ 672,661.58

School Receipts:

Rent (3700 Columbus)	\$ 6,000.00
Tuition, net	\$ 362,185.98
Registration/Book Fees	\$ 34,017.48
Annual School Fund (school envelopes)	\$ 56,688.00
Magic Match	\$ 2,668.00
Pre-School and Before/After-Care Tuition/Fees	\$ 52,147.10
Service Hour Assessments	\$ 845.00
Grants and Scholarship Awards	\$ 19,781.47

TOTAL RECEIPTS: SCHOOL \$ 534,333.03

TOTAL RECEIPTS: CHURCH + SCHOOL \$ 1,206,994.61

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: CHURCH + SCHOOL \$ 1,241,990.62

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RECEIPTS MINUS DISBURSEMENTS: \$ (34,996.01)

Annual Catholic Services Appeal owed from 2015-16 \$ (49,669.00)

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TOTAL NET LOSS (2015-16) \$ (84,665.01)



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Disbursements:

	PARISH	SCHOOL
Salary, Taxes, Benefits, Clergy	\$ 58,443.12	
Salary, Taxes, Benefits, Lay	\$ 134,131.29	\$ 749,292.73
Religious Education (PSR)	\$ 6,102.11	
Property Insurance	\$ 10,909.00	\$ 7,175.00
Utilities		
Electric/Gas	\$ 15,483.27	\$ 23,003.70
Phone/Internet/TV	\$ 3,460.37	\$ 2,460.48
Water/Garbage	\$ 6,493.57	\$ 9,070.32
Contractual Services		
Payroll, Accounting	\$ 3,673.24	
Stewardship	\$ 30,525.53	
Other (security, etc)	\$ 1,168.70	
Repairs	\$ 7,043.55	\$ 1,395.20
Equipment and Furniture	\$ 2,336.82	\$ 334.98
Altar, Sanctuary, Choir	\$ 10,905.79	
Supplies, Office	\$ 2,733.11	\$ 938.10
Supplies, Maintenance	\$ 1,847.24	\$ 11,340.36
Miscellaneous and Other	\$ 26,597.55	\$ 1,775.06
Catholic Times, net owed after collection	\$ 7,897.00	
Pre-School and Before/After School Salaries		\$ 45,209.60
QCES, share of expenses		\$ 21,185.33
Books and Educational Supplies		\$ 39,058.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 329,751.26	\$ 912,239.36

Cash Resources on June 30, 2016:

Local Bank:	\$ 89,366.65
Diocese S/L	\$ 93,675.20
Total:	\$ 183,041.85

Pre-Paid Tuition (tuition paid since March 2016 for 2016-17)

\$ (179,076.72)

2015-16 obligations accounted for in net loss, but still to be paid:

Residual for 2015-16 Annual Catholic Services Appeal (ACSA):	\$ (49,669.00)
Residual Lay Employees Pension Plan payment owed: (all prior payables are up-to-date)	\$ (47,700.00)

Free Cash to Meet Total Obligations on June 30, 2016

\$ (93,403.87)

“There Is a Larger Church and a Bigger World, and We Have a Responsibility to Be a Part of That” *The Annual Catholic Services Appeal in Behalf of the Diocese*

Jesus’ final words in the Gospel of Matthew, His last direct message to us on earth according to Matthew, was “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age” (Matthew 28: 19-20).

Each year at this time, we strive to live out Christ’s important direction, as our Diocese of Springfield conducts its Annual Catholic Services Appeal to support the many programs and services provided to parishes.

“As a stewardship parish, we understand what it means to share and to help others,” says Fr. Tom Donovan, our Parish Administrator. “Stewardship reminds each of us that we do not operate in a vacuum – there is a larger Church and a bigger world, and we have a responsibility to be a part of that, as well as right here in Quincy. The annual diocesan campaign is an example of this fact. It unites us with other parishes, the diocese and, of course, the bishop.”

John Maxwell is the Director of Finance for the diocese and a native of this parish, as is his wife, Connie. He provides some historical perspective of this diocesan appeal.

“Prior to the late 1980s, the Diocese of Springfield was supported by a *cathedraticum*, which was essentially a tax on parish income,” John says. “Faced with having to increase the *cathedraticum* to a very high level and thereby burdening the parishes, the diocese started the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. The appeal can be looked on as a way for parishioners to directly support the diocese, which in turn supports their own parish. The services provided by the diocese would be difficult, if not impossible, for parishes to manage on their own.”

The appeal is directed by Shaun Riedell, Director for the Office of Development for the diocese.

“For many folks, their idea of Church ends at their parish walls,” Shaun says. “We are all part of a much larger entity, which is the diocese. When we need



support, many of us personally turn to our parish. Some of the most important events in our lives revolve around our parish – baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, to name a few. Where do our parishes turn for support to assist them in ministering to you? Here is where the diocese steps in by providing expert support and services. Who ensures the quality of our Catholic schools? The diocese. Who provides training and continuing education for our priests? The diocese. Who helps secure low cost loans for our parishes? The diocese. This list could go on and on.”

As Shaun says, the list of services provided by the diocese is extensive. Some which personally impact us at St. Anthony of Padua include training for parish religious education personnel; programs for lay ministry; our clergy, priests and deacons; education of seminarians; marriage preparation; youth ministry programs; consultation on building, restoration, and renovation; training for parish staff; assistance with legal issues; low interest loans when necessary; and a wide variety of assistance to parish ministries. This is not a complete list, of course, and materials provided by the diocese to each parishioner are more expansive in explaining these.

“I am well aware that there exists and has always existed in the Church a sense of disconnectedness from the diocese and the diocesan bishop,” Father says. “That is not unique to our diocese. However, this appeal is an opportunity for us to participate with all the other people and parishes of the diocese in a way which provides benefits right back to us. I encourage people to seriously consider helping us out by making a gift indicative of their ability to give and share, just as stewardship asks us to do.”

If you would like more information on the Annual Catholic Services Appeal, contact the parish office at 217-222-5996 or the Diocesan Office of Development at 217-698-8500.

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A Privilege to Serve *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*

Parishioner Bill Anderson can't point to a single moment or event that initially led him to join St. Anthony of Padua's team of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. As is so often the case, it was a gradual process that was rooted in his desire to give more to Christ and His Church, and his desire to set a good example for his children.

"I guess I was just trying to be a good role model to my children and family," Bill says. "I looked at this ministry and thought it was something that I could and should be doing."

Yet, what seemed at first like merely a simple act of service ended up being far more powerful than Bill could have ever imagined. For as you share our Eucharistic Lord with others, says Bill, you cannot help being "transformed" and "strengthened in your faith."

"It is a distinct honor and privilege to be able to distribute Holy Communion and the Precious Blood to people," Bill says. "The Mass and the reception of Holy Communion is the absolute pinnacle of what we do in the Church – receiving our Lord in the Eucharist and that outpouring of graces is the most important part of the Mass."

For Bill, assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion brings everything into focus, preventing him from simply "going through the motions" and reminding him of what a tremendous gift the Eucharist really is. He also finds it deeply moving to witness the reverence of parishioners as they come forward to receive Lord into their hearts and bodies.

"Some people come up with such great reverence and it is truly inspiring to watch," says Bill. "Not everyone gets an opportunity to do this ministry, either because of physical limitations or other responsibilities. Being able to serve as a Eucharistic Minister makes me realize how blessed I am to be up there serving."

Handling the Precious Body and Blood is not only a privilege, but it is also a great responsibility. Extraordinary



For parishioner Bill Anderson, coordinator of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, being able to distribute Holy Communion and the Precious Blood to the congregation is both a blessing and a privilege.

Ministers are tasked to protect and reverently distribute our Eucharistic Lord, setting an example for the faith community through their attitude, actions and attire.

"Eucharistic Members need to remember that they are setting an example in everything that they do," Bill says. "As such, they need to dress in an appropriate way that is respectful to the Lord. They also need to show up on time and to show reverence both when they approach the altar and while distributing Holy Communion."

Because serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is such a powerful experience, Bill seeks to involve as many parishioners in this ministry as possible. At last count, 190 parishioners had been trained in serving Holy Communion, and Bill is always willing to train new volunteers.

"I don't want people to have to wait for an annual training," Bill says. "If someone tells me that they are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, the time to get them involved is right away, while they are thinking about and desiring to do it. I don't want them to have to wait for months to become involved."

Another unique aspect of this ministry is that no formal schedule is posted. Instead, Eucharistic Ministers are able to serve on a purely voluntary level, allowing them to easily fit this ministry in with their schedule. Crosses hang in the back of Church, indicating the amount of Extraordinary Ministers that are needed for each Sunday liturgy.

"What we'd like is for people wishing to serve to put one of the crosses around their neck," Bill says. "Once all of the crosses are gone, other Eucharistic Ministers know that we have a sufficient amount for that Mass."

In this way, the pressure of serving is removed and more parishioners are able to become involved in the ministry.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Bill Anderson at bml44@comcast.net or 217-257-2108. Current Extraordinary Ministers are also invited to attend an annual training, updating them on procedures and policies, on Oct. 8 following the 4 p.m. Mass, and on Oct. 9 following the 8 a.m. Mass.

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CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 5:15 - 6:15 P.M.

Did You Know...?

- *The cemetery cross was blessed Nov. 6, 1904, by Fr. Symphorian and the land was also blessed at that time.*
- *The cross blew over on several occasions and, in 1917, Paul Schonarth, Joseph Schroeder and John Aschemann built a four-foot pedestal on the very spot where the cross stands today.*
- *The cemetery was called "Gottesacker," translated as "God's Acre."*

To learn more about stewardship at St. Anthony of Padua, please contact the Stewardship Committee at stanthonystewardship2015@gmail.com.