

## Second Quarter Stewardship Report

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

“We hold a treasure, not made of gold, in earthen vessels, wealth untold.”

These words of a familiar hymn (quoting St. Paul) remind us that among the many gifts entrusted to our stewardship is the gift of faith dwelling in our individual hearts and in the communal heart of our Church.

The Year of Faith is a time for us to be grateful for this gift; it is a time to allow God to renew and revivify this gift in our lives; and it is a time to hand this gift on to others with enthusiasm and joy.

I hope and pray that this Stewardship Report will bear witness to our commitment to be faithful in preserving and sharing the precious gift of faith here at Good Shepherd Church.



Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson

Pastor

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## A Thought on Stewardship, from a New Catholic

by Adam Korengold

In modern life, we are often called upon to do what is best for us: to maximize our earning potential, live for today, and to pay less attention to what we may leave behind. These are all necessary given how challenging it is today to maintain a career and raise a family.

God calls upon us to live for something beyond us, but further, to contribute something



Adam (right) with his RCIA sponsor, Shawn Halford, after receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

of ourselves to that which will live longer than we will. This is the calling that we answer when we become followers of Christ, whether as “cradle Catholics” or, as in my case, from elsewhere, seeking the strength of faith that can root us to a cause beyond our own.

We affirm our faith each week at Mass. We honor it by giving of ourselves to something beyond ourselves, whether in the raising of our own families—an awesome task in itself—in our choice of profession, in our volunteer work in the Church or in our community.

We nurture this good earth around us, as Matthew’s gospel teaches us:

*As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it he indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold in another sixty, and in another thirty.*

- Matthew, 13: 23

How has your participation in RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) impacted you, particularly in your own faith formation?

**“Volunteering with this program has been incredibly rewarding, strengthening me and continuously renewing my spirit.”**



Cary Becker, RCIA Volunteer

## Financials

### Income Statement Highlights October 1 - December 31, 2012

Income	12/31/2012	12/31/2011
Offertery	\$ 946,577	\$ 976,133
Additional Collections	135,530	118,231
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>1,082,107</b>	<b>1,094,364</b>
Other Operating Income	248,301	299,450
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,330,408</b>	<b>\$ 1,393,814</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,124,041	\$ 1,236,148
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 206,368</b>	<b>\$ 157,667</b>
Other Extraordinary Income	493,411	-
Other Extraordinary Expenses	2,852,063	58,489
Net Other Income/(Loss)	\$ (2,358,652)	(58,489)
<b>Total Income/(Loss), Net</b>	<b>\$ (2,152,284)</b>	<b>\$ 99,178</b>

### Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2012

	12/31/2012	12/31/2011
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 368,570	\$ 181,736
DIAL Savings	1,088,433	2,639,498
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,457,003</b>	<b>\$ 2,821,234</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
Payroll Liability	\$ 3,018	\$ 3,185
Mass Stipends & Other Liability	9,187	7,784
Loan	866,542	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>878,747</b>	<b>10,969</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>578,256</b>	<b>2,810,265</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,457,003</b>	<b>\$ 2,821,234</b>



During Lent we are reminded of our call to be stewards with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. At Good Shepherd we appreciate your gifts, regardless of how they come. *Faith Direct* is an excellent way to support the parish while reducing administrative costs. To enroll, visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net), use our code, **VA208**, or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office.

## Renovation Update - Good News!

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of giving to the parish. Over 1,000 parish families (33%) have made a pledge to the Capital Campaign, and \$1,064,229 of pledges (30% of initial \$3.5M goal) have been redeemed.

With these gifts we have made significant improvements to our:

#### Church:

- Lighting and sound upgrades
- Stations of the Cross
- Direct access for handicapped parishioners from parking lot

#### Prayer Room:

- A quiet, peaceful space open for prayer and reflection

#### Parlor Lounge, Commons and Narthex:

- Lighting
- HVAC
- Improved use of space

#### Credon Hall/Pre-Event Hall

- New design, lighting, flooring and audio visual systems
- Direct access from Pre-event space allowing for better use of the space and heating/cooling system

The **classrooms, new restrooms, and expanded kitchen** are used daily in support of parish ministries. Thank you for your prayers, patience, and treasure that makes this work possible.



*Third Station of the Cross  
Courtesy: Joe Pham*