4 REASONS TO BE EXCITED ABOUT STEWARDSHIP AT EPIPHANY

Stewardship is one of the ways we show God that we love him. Stewardship includes financial giving, volunteering, and prayer. Hopefully, we’re all able to give something to each of those three categories. When it comes to what you give, I want to encourage you that what you give, no matter how big or small, does make a difference.

I would like to share with you some of the ways your stewardship has helped to contribute to this parish:

1. The beauty of our Church and campus. Epiphany has a beautiful, well-maintained campus. This is a sign of how well the community here is doing, how much care you take to keep things nice, and it is a sign to visitors and potential new parishioners that this is a parish that is doing well. Maintenance and landscaping may seem insignificant but they are actually quite important. The interior of our Church, too, is clean and well maintained. Visitors often remark on how nice it is. Your stewardship in helping with landscaping, joining a cleaning team, and donating to the building fund is recognized and appreciated.

2. Children’s Ministry – This past year, we had another successful Vacation Bible School, a summer children’s choir camp that was internationally recognized, a thriving Children’s liturgy of the word, two full sessions of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with our preschoolers, and a highly enrolled PSR. Through the commitment of our many, many volunteers a new generation is being introduced to Jesus. 3. Social justice – Our SVDP was recently highly complimented by the district president as being a model group. Breviary Coffee and our hospitality volunteers who assist with the coffee hour have been complimented by the St. Louis Catholic Magazine. Our pro-life ministry continues to be highly active in a number of creative ways, and we are continuing to participate in the Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry with the other churches in our neighborhood.

4. A new Mass! Many parishes in recent years have had to eliminate mass times from their schedule - Epiphany is doing the opposite. This year, we added a new Sunday evening Mass and it is thriving. It is drawing new parishioners and a steady stream of visitors here to pray with us. This new Mass is the result of the hard work of parishioners who both requested the new time and also have filled the necessary volunteer positions to make it happen.

I know I missed a lot, but there’s so much going on at Epiphany that it’s hard not to be excited about how God can take our gifts and turn them into much more than we could have ever imagined. When you contribute your donations to the parish, I promise you that they are not wasted. Everything goes to good use and promotes the Kingdom of God.

This stewardship letter will encourage you to look ahead and plan your giving for the next year so that when I write this letter next year I have many more things to highlight to be excited about. Each one of us, through our gifts large or small, are making a huge difference in the world and in the Kingdom of God.

-- Pondus Meum Amor Meus
The Rev. Michael Rennier
Pastor, Epiphany of Our Lord
Over the past years, more than a few people had mentioned that our old Stations of the Cross were hard to see because they were so dark, so when Blest Art was here earlier this year and I saw they had a Stations of the Cross design that was both beautiful and colorful, I wondered if they might work for our parish. I never want to be the priest who makes changes inside of the Church that no one likes, so I began asking parishioners for feedback. Everyone seemed interested in the idea of new Stations, so we put it to the ultimate test — if we really wanted them, we would need to raise $7000. I let you all know the cost and the money was raised within a week! That sort of generosity told me that we were all united and motivated. We made the purchase and the new Stations look gorgeous.

The Stations were handmade by Christians living in the Holy Land. The background is made of seashells and embedded in each station is rocks or flowers from the Holy Land. We are having a single plaque made to honor contributors (some of you decided to remain anonymous) and the Stations will be officially blessed and put into use once we add a small bronze cross under each one. To my eye, the colorful new Stations brighten the walls and emphasize how beautiful our stained glass windows are. The best part? You can see them really well!

Written by Fr. Michael
After more than 35 years of fundraising, the Msgr. Sullivan Committee has decided to disband. Over the years the Msgr. Sullivan Committee has raised more than $100,000 for Cardinal Glennon Hospital.

“SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital is a non-profit inpatient and outpatient pediatric medical center in St. Louis, Missouri. Since its founding in 1956, SSM Health Cardinal Glennon has provided care for children regardless of ability to pay.”

On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, Cardinal Glennon hospital recognized the accomplishments of the Msgr. Sullivan Committee and dedicated a portrait of Msgr. Sullivan at a special Mass held in the hospital chapel.

Besides raising funds for Cardinal Glennon Hospital, the group has also contributed more than 18 years of fundraising for the Backstoppers. “Backstoppers supports families of fallen heroes by paying off all debt, providing health and dental insurance, and reimbursing for out-of-pocket medical expenses.” This year alone they raised $9,494.00

The committee has seen many volunteers come and go through the 35 year span, but a core group has remained dedicated throughout. We would like to acknowledge the official members of the Msgr. Sullivan Committee who have dedicated so much of their time, talent and treasure to making these fundraisers so successful! The Msgr. Sullivan Committee spearheaded by retired Officer Sgt. Jim Przada, and include the following members: Pat & Jan Holmes, Ray & Kathy Migneco, Mark & Linda Palardy, Matt & Julie Ellison, Steve & Patty (Tacchi) Richardson, Mike & Laura Kerber, Carol Mueller, John & Sara Roden, Bobby Curran & family, and Joe Cox & family.

Of course the success of the Msgr. Sullivan Committee would not have been possible without the support of our Epiphany parishioners and friends.

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**Irish Prayer of Gratitude**

You’ve blessed me with friends, and laughter, and fun.
With rain that’s as soft as the light of the sun.
You’ve blessed me with stars to brighten each night.
You’ve given me help to know wrong from right.
You’ve given me so much.
Please, Lord, give me too, a heart that is always grateful to you.

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**2018-2019 Fundraising Report**

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CERTIFICATE/GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Epiphany’s certificate/gift card program has always been the unseen, background fundraiser. The program requires very little to make it successful. You simply purchase gift cards/certificates before shopping, getting dollar for dollar what you pay, and Epiphany earns a % of the sale. The percentages earned on each sale can range anywhere between 3-25%! The revenue earned since the start of the certificate program has amounted to more than $330,000. The closing of our local Shop and Save grocery stores has had a huge impact on our certificate program. The Shop and Save gift cards were by far the largest selling certificate/gift card that Epiphany sold. One new option to keep the program viable is to consider our online purchasing. Online purchases can be made at the last minute and require very little planning. Contact Trish at the parish office for more information in signing up. Please help us keep this fundraiser alive by considering purchasing gift cards before shopping or dining out.

Thank you to all of you who have participated in the program through the years. It has truly made a difference. And thank you to all of our volunteers who make this program possible especially, Julie Schlichting, Suzanne Brake, Sharon Brown, Mary Brown, Sue Fletcher, Sherry Heuing, Barb O’Neill, Kris Ranciglio, John Toney, Sue Weaks, Rose Wells, and Pam Zacher.

Trish Nerviani
Certificate Program Chairperson

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Thanksgiving Day Is Coming!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, “Pass me the mashed potatoes, please.” This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day’s football games. That’s why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life.

Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.

So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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The Faces of Epiphany’s Stewards
### General Expenses

General Expenses include: Permits, Entertainment, table and chair rental, lift rental, equipment upgrades, etc.

**Note:** The Volunteer Drink Booth expenses were absorbed by the Beer, Cocktail and Soda Booths this year, the volunteer food tickets have always been absorbed by Inside and Outside Food booths.

Miscellaneous Deposits are made before or after Fall Festival Weekend and include:

*Advance Raffle Ticket Sales, Advance Rides, Sales of leftover merchandise etc.*

### Booth Financial Report

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<th>MISC. DEP.</th>
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**General Expenses** | **$ 8,686.15** | **$ 8,892.71** | **$ (206.56)**

**Ride Profit to GSA** | **$ 6,272.70** | **$ 5,174.60**

**Net to Epiphany** | **$ 26,422.40** | **$ 20,110.31** | **$ 6,312.09**
Fiscal Year 2019

Income
$720,457.85

Endowment Income
$24,078.24

Expenses
$673,729.81

Capital Expenditures
$27,804.00
(Plaster work & Parking Lot rescaling)

Credit Card Transaction Fee
-$1,658.56

Endowment Contributions
$115,319.64

Net Income
$163,005.46

Assets as of July 1, 2019

Parish Checking
$138,290.20

Parish Money Market
$188,623.98

Beyond Sunday
$32,816.25

Sum of CD’s
$71,835.98

Endowment Fund
$539,937.92

Organization’s Checking
$38,875.76

Epiphany 2018-2019 Statistics

Household Information

- Registered Parish Households: 614
- New Families: 26
- Total Number of Catholics: 1459
- Contributors: 265

Sacramental Information

- Baptisms: 13
- Deaths: 14
- First Communions: 12
- Marriages: 7
- Confirmations: 3
- Christian Initiation: 0
Epiphany of Our Lord
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**2020 Epiphany of Our Lord Special Events Calendar**

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<td>January 5, 2020 - Feast of Epiphany</td>
<td>Gymnasium</td>
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<td>Fish Fry</td>
<td>Fridays: Feb 28, March 6, 13, 20 &amp; 27 and April 3, 2020</td>
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<td>Palm Sunday - Holy Thursday, Good Friday &amp; Holy Saturday</td>
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<td>Annual Easter Egg Hunt</td>
<td>April 9, 10 &amp; 11, 2020</td>
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<td>April 12, 2020</td>
<td>Msgr. Sullivan Field</td>
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<td>November - April</td>
<td>After All Masses</td>
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<td>Flea Market w/Scout BBQ</td>
<td>June 26 &amp; 27, 2020</td>
<td>Gymnasium</td>
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<td>Fall Festival</td>
<td>September 18 &amp; 19, 2020</td>
<td>Parish Grounds</td>
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<td>Quarter Auction</td>
<td>October 8, 2020 (2nd Thursday of Oct.)</td>
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<td>Chili Cook Off/ Gateway Science Academy Trunk R Treat (Combined Function)</td>
<td>October 24, 2020</td>
<td>Gymnasium &amp; Parking Lot</td>
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<td>EFF Adult Coed</td>
<td>November 12, 13 &amp; 14, 2020</td>
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<td>Volleyball Tournament</td>
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<td>Scout Breakfast with Santa</td>
<td>December 6, 2020</td>
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There are many other events that take place at Epiphany which are held by our associates, but are not listed on the above calendar. For more information on current events visit us @ www.epiphanystl.org.