



Church of Saint Henry

June 2019

Gifts of Treasure

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Our Parish Staff

I have really enjoyed my time at Saint Henry's. I sincerely mean this. This is, in no small measure, because of its people, you and our staff. First of all, let me thank you, the people of the parish. I have seen so many of you as ministers of teaching in our faith formation. The dedication that you have as small group leaders and teachers is always amazing to me, particularly when you also are volunteering in so many ways. May you grow in your own faith as a result of your generosity. I have also seen that we have over 100 people participating in our small groups. These are good places to get to know your fellow parishioners and support each other in your daily walk with Jesus. I have also seen groups get together to tackle the various maintenance projects that have come up such as maintaining our doors, cutting our lawn and painting our walls. I have seen you gather together to offer service to our homeless, mothers and fathers who will soon bring a child into the world, and those helped by our Help Center in our local community. And most of all, I have seen you come to our Sunday worship as you are, as families and friends before our Lord, offering your thanksgiving, making your prayers of petition, hearing the Word of God, and approaching our Lord in holy communion.

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All of your activity proceeds much more smoothly with an awesome staff who is here to serve you. I truly feel that our staff is made up of very dedicated individuals who work together and are experiencing the joy of working for the Church and for our Lord. They have servant's hearts and truly desire to see faith grow among God's people. There are many ways of working together. We can have co-existence, communication, cooperation, or collaboration. I believe that our staff has collaboration and that this is the spirit by which we operate on a daily basis. All of us truly work together as a team with the common mission of helping to make Jesus Christ known and loved. I believe that this has come about through prayer. At each staff meeting, typically held every two weeks, we begin with an open reflection on the gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Then we offer our prayers of petition for Saint Henry's, for all of the good work that you are doing, and for healing and

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that many would come to know Jesus Christ in their lives. We also have prayer partners. Sometimes at our staff meetings, we get together with our prayer partners and ask each other what we can pray for. Then, we pray for each other. I have often felt very supported in doing this. For whoever is in the office at 12:00 PM, we also pray the Angelus. This is a prayer traditionally prayed at 6:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 6:00 PM when the church bells would ring. Farmers in their fields would stop what they were doing immediately and pray this prayer. We also (at least I do) typically pray when we sit down to have a meeting with each other. Prayer is powerful and I have seen our Lord's blessings upon our staff and its work firsthand.

So what is the value of a great staff? Our Saint Henry's staff is made up of men and women who have expertise in various aspects of parish life such as music, faith formation, administration, and maintenance. While this



is important, our staff are here to help you live out your baptismal call to holiness. They help you care for this local parish entrusted to you. They help parishioners of all ages to learn what we believe and to put it into practice in our lives. They help us to become baptized and Confirmed Catholics who receive holy communion. They help us to raise our hearts in song and worship to God.

Your support of the Sunday offering pays our staff wages and salaries, which, in turn, helps us to be the parish that God is calling us to be. Our salaries, wages, insurance and pension costs make up \$452,488 of our total expenses of \$1,128,294 budget for next year, or 40.1%. Our staff are here to serve you and I am proud and confident to say that they do a great job! I have been very blessed to work with them!

Father Tony

Pictured on the left is our dedicated staff
(from the top, going clockwise):

Deacon Mike Medley	Adult Faith Formation
Mary Kline	Leader of Music
Jessica Soden	PreK-6th Faith Formation
Brian & Marilyn Vetsch	Cemetery Grounds
Vikki Buck	Receptionist
Audrey Davis	Music Coordinator
Jenna Leighton	7th-12th Formation & Youth Ministry
Sue Kunkel	Administrative Assistant
Grace Janssen	Youth Choir & Wedding
Lani Brouwer	Bookkeeper
Sister Carrie Link	Rights of Christian Initiation
Dan Dupay	Parish Administrator
Jerry Lindenfelser	Groundskeeper
Ken Stoick	Custodian