

## **The Future of St. Francis de Sales**

### **Thrive or Just Survive? Contract or Grow?**

*A Call to Action from the Parish Finance Council, July 2014*

First, the good news:

- We're a vibrant, diverse parish.
- We're on the path to becoming a stewardship parish.
- The *Growing our Faith* Capital Stewardship Campaign has been a huge blessing.

Now, the bad news:

- The majority of our parishioners are not yet practicing financial stewardship.
- Annual offertory has been declining and is insufficient to meet parish needs, despite efforts to conserve resources.
- Annual Catholic Services Appeal contributions have been falling short of goals.
- Capital campaign pledges are about 26% short of our goal, jeopardizing some planned projects.
- Parish financial reserves are being used to compensate for income shortfalls.
- If financial contributions do not increase, our parish's ability to fulfill our mission will be substantially diminished.
- Corpus Christi School is struggling financially also.

The Opportunity:

- Together, we can mature in faith and stewardship.
- We will improve communication regarding finances (stay tuned).