



The Beacon on the Hill

September 2015

Dear Friends,

We are truly Blessed through our Scriptural Campaign at Holy Disciples! One of its many Blessings is the formation of a new ministry we are calling *Welcoming Disciples*. The purpose of this ministry is to establish a personal and welcoming fellowship with new parishioners which will encourage new connections within our parish and deepen our bonds with one another. *Welcoming Disciples* will shine God's light within our community by reaching out to each new parishioner to inform them about Holy Disciples and inquire about any needs they might have.

We thank Steve and Peggy Hager in assisting us in this new ministry. If you are interested in joining *Welcoming Disciples* please e mail KKurpius@comcast.net. or call 253-845-9018.

If we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

Letting our light shine throughout South Hill and beyond.

Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Gifts

Monthly Update (as of August 31, 2015):

- Participating Households: 416 of 882 registered
- Gifts Pledged: \$2,285,678.46
- Gifts Collected to date: \$791,882.32
- Payments made to the Archdiocese: \$883,148.67
(These include payments from the General Fund)
- Current Loan Amount: \$2,638,018.49

Enclosed is a **purple envelope** for your September contribution to our Campaign.

*If you are using automatic payment, you can return your purple envelope to the Welcome Desk at the back of the church.
Additional envelopes available, if needed.*

Dear Lord,

We pray for our new ministry of "Welcoming Disciples" and for the volunteers who have taken up the call in your service.

May we daily open our hearts and hands to those who are new to Holy Disciples so that each person feels welcomed as they join our vibrant community in the Body of Christ.

Help us to live with Christian hospitality daily.

In Your name, we pray. Amen

Treasure Principle:

As Christians, we must not horde riches but offer them in service to the needy. Ask for the gift of poverty. Not misery, but poverty, as defined by the capacity to manage possessions and generosity for the common good.

Pope Francis (paraphrased from his morning homily 4/14/2015)

Extra copies of the Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn are available to check out in our parish library; help yourself!!!

May God bless and keep you!

Steve and Kerry Kurpius

Scriptural Campaign Follow-Up Directors

Welcoming Disciples

Our new ministry, "Welcoming Disciples," is off and running! We would like to introduce those who have generously volunteered to serve as ministers:

Steve and Peggy Hager
 John and Shannon Scacciotti
 GW and Linda Ayers
 Jim and Susan Taylor
 Kathy Woyak
 Mark McCoy
 Peg Maguire
 Patricia Zaragoza
 Lulu Mills
 Bill and Wanda Hays
 Steve and Kerry Kurpius

The team completed preliminary training last month and are planning for the next stage of the ministry. They will make personal connections with new people in the parish starting this month.

Freedom To Serve



God's Will