



Vacation Bible School

June 2006

Time and Talent

This month's Stewardship newsletter is focused on the upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS) program, **FIESTA! Kids Fired up about Jesus!** Registration is still in progress and in previous years, upwards of 150 children, K through 5th grade, have participated.

It is anticipated that this summer's **FIESTA!** will require approximately 125 volunteers who will give an average of 20 hours of their time either before or during the week's festivities. That is 2,500 volunteer hours, not to mention the innumerable hours that this year's coordinator, Roni Pfrang, has spent organizing and preparing for the event. Volunteer duties include crew leaders, junior crew leaders, nursery supervisors, station directors, food prep, musicians, craft artisans, game coordinators, and actors. Each child receives a t-shirt, book and bible buddy. Our children experience a powerful week of games, songs, skits, snacks, videos, and invaluable bible lessons.



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Stewardship and You

One of the strangest-sounding truths of stewardship is that the need of the giver is greater than the need of others to receive. Great artistic works come forth because of the need of artists to give the gifts within them. It isn't God who needs prayer. It's the person praying who needs to pray. A person may be poor, rich, middle-class. But all people, to be fully human, need to give their time and skills and possessions to others. We're made that way . . . like a rose is made to give others it's beauty and fragrance.

(Diocese of Saginaw, 2004, The Little Burgundy Book)

Money

Supplies:	\$2225.00
Crafts:	350.00
Snacks:	100.00
Other costs:	150.00
Total:	\$2825.00

Your offertory contributions cover approximately \$1000.00 of these costs; registration fees cover the remainder of the costs. The parish also incurs the costs for those families that need registration assistance due to a particular hardship. Given that all events take place on parish grounds, one week of utility expenses could easily be allocated to the program as well.

Commitment Update

Annual Amount Pledged:	\$ 508,917
Year-To-Date Pledged (Jan-May):	204,306
Year-To-Date Given (Jan-May):	180,663
Redemption Rate:	88.4%
Total Contribution Jan-May 2006	206,234
Last Year Jan-May 2005	189,131

An Individual Giving Report will be sent to each household every quarter.