



## Children & Youth Faith Formation

September 2006

### Time and Talent

The subject of this month's newsletter is the faith formation of our children and youth at St. Gabriel's. The intent of our children and youth programs is to supplement and resource the faith formation that takes place in the individual homes in our parish. A core group of just over 50 parishioners plan and facilitate the GLADS for our kindergarten through eleventh grade students. Formation for our children and youth also includes retreats, outreach and sacramental preparation. Depending on their responsibility, these ministers spend anywhere from an hour and a half to six hours per month at their tasks. The Children and Youth Faith formation staff at St. Gabriel's wants everyone to know that additional ministers are needed and would be greatly appreciated. Any amount of time you can commit will be very welcome. Keep our children and teenagers in mind when you are considering where to allocate your time and talent for the 2007 stewardship process.

Time/Talent	# of Volunteers	Annual Hours
Glads K-2	10	450
Glads 3-5	16	560
M.S. & H.S. Glads	26	660
Total	52	1610



### Money

The cost of Children and Youth Formation is approximately \$97,000 annually for supplies, resources, staffing, etc. Facility maintenance, cleaning and utilities are significant additional expenses. Participating families pay fees that help to defray some of the costs involved. The fees are only necessary because parishioner contributions are not adequate to cover the costs.

### Stewardship and You

Jesus' invitation to follow him is addressed to people of every time and condition. Here and now it is addressed to us -- Catholic citizens of a wealthy, powerful nation facing many questions about its identity and role in the waning years of a troubled century, members of a community of faith blessed with many human and material resources yet often uncertain about how to sustain and use them.....We pray that the Holy Spirit, whose gracious action conforms us to Jesus Christ and to the Church, will enlighten us all and help us to renew our commitment as the Lord's disciples and as stewards of his bountiful gifts.

(Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, pages 5-6 - U.S. Bishops)

### Commitment Update

Annual Amount Pledged:	\$ 509,245
Year-To-Date Pledged (Jan-Sept):	328,026
Year-To-Date Given (Jan-Sept):	280,771
Redemption Rate:	85.6%
Total Contribution Jan-Sept 2006	338,970
Last Year Jan-Sept 2005	307,173

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