



High on a hill is a place where gratitude matters.

And gratitude matters because it changes lives.

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH ANNUAL PARISH-LIFE REPORT
2007-2008**

High above the fast-moving lanes of Highway 50, the cross on Holy Trinity's church tower rises proud and strong. Since the day it was erected, the cross has served as a beacon of Christ's love to all those who see it.

For those who visit Holy Trinity Parish, they see Christ's love in action – in both word and deed. And, this past year, just as in other years, gratitude for all of God's blessings served as the foundation for our lives as stewards.

As we gratefully return the gifts given to us by a generous God, they multiply and produce abundant fruit.

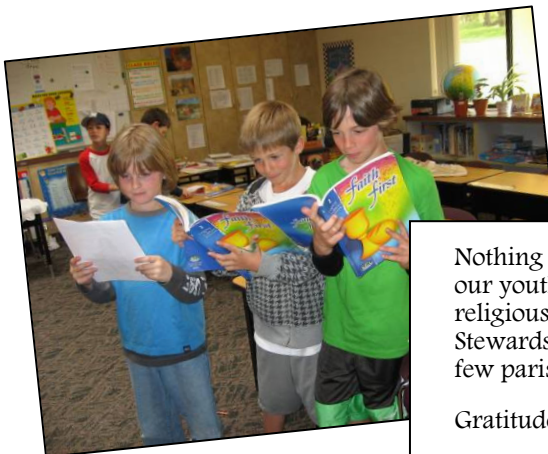
From our faith community's gift as stewards, wonderful things happen.

**When you see these faces,
you'll know why your gratitude matters.**



Last year, over 150 children joyously came together for the celebration of First Penance and First Eucharist, after being prepared by catechists and parents who give generously of their time and talent. As members of a faith community, we celebrate sacraments together, always striving to encounter Christ more fully in each other.

Gratitude makes it all possible.



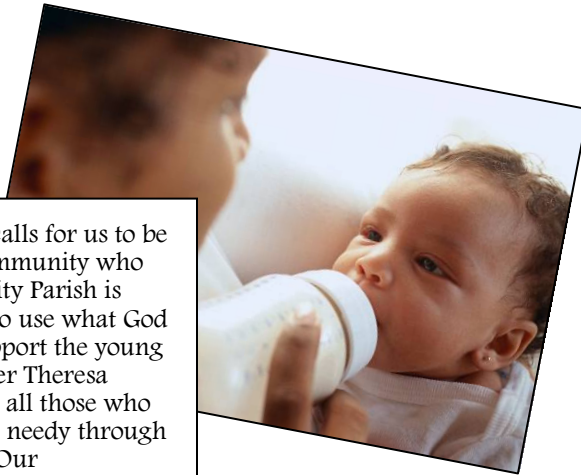
Nothing is more central to our parish's mission than the formation of faith in our youth. And one of our great hopes has always been to be able to provide religious education classes at no cost to those parishioners committed to a Stewardship Way of Life. For a second year, Holy Trinity serves as one of the few parishes in the Diocese able to do so – and as a model to others.

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Each year, members of our high school Youth Group travel on a mission Service trip to help those in need. Whether it be Yakima, Gallup, or Tijuana, our youth know that giving back is a fundamental part of our Christian life.

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Our baptismal commission calls for us to be of service to those in our community who need us the most. Holy Trinity Parish is proud of its parishioners who use what God has blessed them with to support the young mothers and babies of Mother Theresa Maternity Home – as well as all those who feed, clothe, and educate the needy through many other local charities. Our parishioners live lives of gratitude by making it a priority to help those who need us the most.

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Our funeral ministry provides hospitality at no cost to grieving families whenever there is a funeral at Holy Trinity Parish. These receptions, sometimes for as many as 300 mourners, are just one way our parishioners reach out to families when they need us most. They also reach out with a simple smile, perhaps the greatest gift one person can give another.

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Gratitude on the Hill – by the numbers –

94 infants received into the Body of Christ in baptism last year

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62 ministries in our parish

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Charities assisted during Advent's "Giving Tree" project:

7

+

30 couples married last year

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226 coats and blankets collected during Winter Coat Drive

+

21,873 donuts served after Sunday Masses last year

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17 adults and **10** children were fully initiated at Easter Vigil

+

Total number of students helped with tuition assistance since the school opened:

56

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1852 ministry positions filled by stewards giving back their talent here in the parish

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Number of hours the Lord gives each of us in a week: **168**

Number the Lord asks us to reserve for him: **just 1**



Three hundred children last year made Holy Trinity their Catholic school of choice. They learned more than just academics; they also learned what it means to live as a faithful steward and disciple of Christ. And they can afford to attend here because our tuition is the lowest in the Sacramento Diocese –and that’s because our parishioners live a Stewardship Way of Life.

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Most people don’t stop to think about it, but each weekend, between altar servers, eucharistic ministers, lectors, music ministers, greeters, and other liturgical ministers, it takes well over 125 people to help our celebrants at our five Masses. It takes a lot of people giving back to others in the faith community to make it happen – and yet after all their work, the Mass still needs us ... gathered together ... giving back to God the one hour each week where He asks us to assemble together in prayer.

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Last year alone, our parish’s faith formation ministry taught over 600 adult and youth parishioners in over sixty classes. An effort like this takes a dedicated team of nearly 100 catechists like the one pictured here – women and men who give their time and talent to teach our faith and proclaim the Gospel. It’s a huge commitment, but it’s one that is richly rewarding.

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Many parents sacrifice to give their children a Catholic education, and even then, often times it's still just too expensive. That's when our community steps in. Because so many in our parish return to God a portion of the treasure He has given to them, last year alone, we were able to give more than twenty students the opportunity to attend Holy Trinity School when they otherwise could not.

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Most of us will never know what it's like to have a fire destroy everything we own. But when tragedy struck at an apartment complex where many of our parishioners lived, our community was at its very best. With donations of money, clothing, household items, and furniture, we helped these families rebuild the lives they thought were lost forever. That's typical of the generosity of our parish community. Whether it's a family who needs a hand because a sick parent is out of work or providing meals to a family with a sick child, we stick together and help.

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Our Stewardship of Your Treasure

One way God bestows His blessings is with the treasure He entrusts to each of us. And as stewards, we return that treasure to be used to further the work of building God's kingdom here on earth. As stewards of your gifts of God's treasure, we take our responsibility to use your gifts wisely and frugally.

INCOME	Actual 07-08	Budgeted 08-09
SUNDAY/HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS	1,332,760.21	1,439,381.00
SACRAMENTAL SERVICES	27,446.00	29,093.00
FACILITY USE/RENTAL	24,030.39	25,713.00
DONATIONS & UNRESTRICTED GIFTS	1,976.87	2,200.00
CHARITABLE DONATIONS	87,990.72	48,000.00
FAITH FORMATION/BOOKSTORE	8,239.30	16,833.00
SCHOOL MINISTRY	1,235,410.33	1,015,050.00
PARISH PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES	33,656.83	35,000.00
SOCIAL EVENTS	9,683.20	12,000.00
OTHER RECEIPTS	10,354.60	11,000.00
"PATH OF FAITH"/BUILDING FUND DONATIONS	625,563.36	715,000.00
DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	49,093.57	53,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,446,205.38	3,402,270.00

EXPENSE	Actual 07-08	Budgeted 08-09
FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY	145,870.71	153,119.65
SCHOOL MINISTRY	1,369,718.98	1,263,523.85
PARISH PROGRAMS & MINISTRIES	142,732.47	149,316.60
CHURCH (Liturgy/Maintenance/Utilities/Supplies)	115,777.61	127,275.00
OFFICE (Maintenance/Utilities/Supplies)	85,691.29	89,000.00
SOCIAL CENTER (Maint./Utilities/Supplies)	33,823.52	35,000.00
CHARITABLE DONATIONS	83,007.41	48,000.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	49,093.57	53,000.00
PROPERTY TAXES & INSURANCE	37,072.46	38,600.00
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	179,644.00	192,000.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & LAND	128,050.37	129,000.00
INTEREST ON LOAN	214,517.31	214,000.00
REPAYMENT ON LOAN PRINCIPAL	471,176.91	471,224.10
SALARIES/BENEFITS/TAXES (Clergy/Administrative/Facilities)	420,782.37	439,210.80
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,476,958.98	3,402,270.00

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Two years ago, Holy Trinity Parish expanded its annual report from a report based solely on our parish finances to a report on the entire life of the parish – the ministries and activities that help fulfill our vision of making the presence of Christ a positive, vibrant, and ever-growing spiritual and social experience.

Our parish life has always been centered in our commitment to living – and modeling for others – “A Stewardship Way of Life” where, in grateful appreciation for all He has given us, we seek to return to God our own selfless gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

The message of Stewardship is simple. It's all about **gratitude** ... because gratitude changes lives.

Sincerely in Christ,

James C Kidder

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