

# Impact of the Catholic Ministries Appeal to Holy Spirit Parish

As presented by Lynn Farrell on March 3-4, 2018.



**2018**  
Catholic Ministries Appeal  
*Renew Faith. Extend Mercy. Inspire Hope.*

The 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal is based on the teachings of Pope Francis: “Renew Faith, Extend Mercy, and Inspire Hope” Zero dollars go to the abuse cases. It supports the designated ministries and all of us at Holy Spirit, in many impactful ways.

- **Our Priest**

*“I think I speak for all of us here when I say we are thankful the diocese sends Fr. Tom Loomis to be our pastor. If there is one compelling reason to be part of this campaign, it is because this is how we get educated priests for our parish—today and tomorrow.”*

When this parish started in early 90’s, Fr. Dale Tupper, was sent here. At that time, one of the students in the seminary was Tom Loomis. Fr. Loomis currently studies at the Institute of Priestly Formation (IPF) through Creighton University. Brian Mulligan, one of 17 men studying for the priesthood, will be the first priest ordained from our parish in June.

- **Deacons**

Deacons are such an important part of the present and the future of the Catholic Church. In addition to their role in Mass and baptisms, Deacons Joe Weigel and Dick Quinn help with our parish ministries and in the community. Your gift supports the vocational formation of deacons.

- **Our Youth and Catholic Education**

Our youth attend the diocesan sponsored programs of Steubenville, Camp Summit and the Unite Mass that bring our faith alive. Over 260 youth of our parish are involved in our Faith Formation Programs. The diocese provides training to our youth faith formation directors, Mary Nowakowski and Mary Ekker.

- **VIRTUS®**

VIRTUS® training protects the safety of our youth through awareness and education.

- **Newman Centers**

The appeal supports the programs and staff at our vibrant Newman Centers for over 1000 college students.

- **RCIA**

We will be welcoming 5 new members to the Catholic Church at this year’s Easter Vigil and others through the year. Support for pastoral associate, Roxane Chlachula, with RCIA trainings and resources.

- **Marriage Preparation**

This past year, 11 couples were married through Holy Spirit and Fr. Loomis. Pre-marriage preparation is supported with funds from this appeal.

- **Lay Ministry**

A number of Holy Spirit parishioners have completed the diocesan Institute of Lay Formation program, a 3-year program of study that develops ministry and leadership skills.

- **Sunday TV Mass**

The Sunday TV Mass is important for the homebound and those in their last months of life.

- **Social Justice**

Taking action on Social Justice issues is an important part of our Catholic faith. Your gift helps people that we may not see with immigration legal services, refugee resettlement, pregnancy, parenting and adoption programs supported in collaboration with Catholic Charities.

*I invite you to be a part of this year's appeal with a gift to support your parish —especially our youth, our priest, our parish staff, you and your fellow parishioners sitting around you today. I want you to know that each and every gift is important at whatever level you are able to help. Thank You!*