



Sacrificial Giving 2018

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

\$375,000 Challenge Grant Status

(As of March 22, 2018 – Twentieth Week)

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledged Thus Far</u>
Pledge Cards turned in:	1,500	1,111
Total “Steps” taken as a Parish Community:	1,000	795
Amount Pledged for calendar year 2018:	\$3,100,000	\$2,152,476



\$375,000 Challenge Grant: *The Story*

We have Good News to share! In gratefulness to our good and generous God, a married couple from our community just offered our parish a \$375,000 challenge grant that could help us tremendously with St. Mary Magdalen’s long-term funding needs (in the form of a bequest after the end of their joint lives). It is an answer to my prayers and those of our Finance Council! The couple stepped forward in faith, offering our beloved parish the largest challenge grant ever to encourage and “challenge” all of us to pull together to both increase our regular giving and expand the number of families participating in Parish Sacrificial Giving through the pledging process. In order for the Parish to actually receive this gift, we must first meet all three of the following new “challenges” or requirements for the 2018 calendar year:



- (A) Succeed in encouraging 1,500 families to complete and submit a Sacrificial Giving 2018 commitment card;
- (B) Take a total of 1,000 “**steps**” as a parish community toward our giving percentage goal of 10 percent;
- (C) Actually collect \$3,100,000 in Regular Sunday & Holy Day Envelope Offerings during the next year, beginning January 1, 2018

In our current situation, we could certainly use this \$375,000! Please do what you can... The commitment card has a place for you to recommend (1 card per family) where you would like to see this grant money channeled. Thanks in advance for helping us to meet this “challenge” by placing God first.

Sacrificial Giving: Planned, Proportionate, & Sacrificial