



ST. FRANCIS *of* ASSISI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

As we approach this Christmas season, I have been reflecting on all the blessings the Lord has bestowed on me and our entire parish throughout the year. **YOU** are the reason that the church has had such a positive impact on the lives of so many people in our parish and community. Thank you for living our mission to love and serve God as Jesus did!

OFFERTORY

Our Offertory budget provides support of many ministry, administrative, church building and rectory needs. Our budget through December is \$310,649.52 but we are collecting \$247,764.18, creating a shortfall of \$62,885.34. Your weekly offerings are providing many critical needs, and I'm grateful for your generosity.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal goal for this year was \$38,500.00. We have received \$69,167.76 of that we have received rebates totaling \$23,902.25. Our last rebate was used to match a grant to purchase classroom furniture, TVs, and Blu-Ray players to help enrich the learning in our classrooms. Once we meet our Archbishop's Annual Appeal goal, 90% of the overage is returned to the parish and 10% goes towards our endowment fund. Thank you for your generosity to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

DEBT REDUCTION

In January 2016 we started with a loan balance of \$977,347.90. Our balance now is \$330,000.00. As always, we encourage all families to please continue giving to our debt reduction.

MISSION IN ACTION

We accomplish our mission, first, through celebrating the Mass together. After each Mass we are called to go forth and share the Good News with others. We do this through our children's faith formation, Adult formation and enrichment, and parish ministries. Our Meals on Wheels and Outreach go beyond our St Francis family to our local community to be a light of Christ to others.

When you make your tax-deductible donations to St Francis, you are not only supporting our parish family but you're also benefiting your local community. Your generosity supports ministries, supports youth programs and supports our community in need. May God richly bless you for making a difference!

If you wish to make an end of the year donation of appreciation, please contribute by December 31, 2017. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Debi Borgelt, Business Manager, at 770-382-4549 ext.15 or by email at dborgelt@stfac.org

Yours In Christ,
Fr Juan