

A Dollar a Day for CSA

Consider the price of a bottle of water, a cup of coffee, a candy bar or the price of one spin at the Casino. How often do we spend a dollar here or there for insignificant items? Yet many of us do not, but could set aside a dollar a day for CSA and help provide for needed ministries? Could you give \$1 a day for.....

- A seminarian's education?
- The pastoral care of priests?
- To advocate for the protection of life?
- To provide televised Mass for shut-ins?
- To promote vocations?
- To fund discernment weekends for priest candidates?
- Programs to train our Catechists?
- To support Catholic Charities?
- To Support the Parish Nurse program?
- To support Youth and Young Adult Ministries?
- To provide safe environments for our children?
- To provide formation for our liturgical ministers?
- To assist and provide direction for Catholic Schools?

Where does our parish contribution to CSA go?

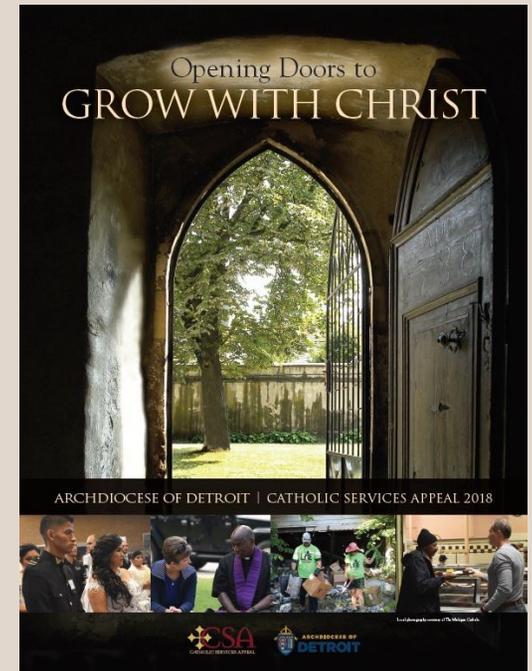
Out of the \$15 million CSA received, our CSA contributions last year from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton assisted the common good through:

- ⇒ \$26,200 in Mission Grants.
- ⇒ \$18,700 for Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Lay Ministry Programs.
- ⇒ \$19,900 of programming for Vocations, Clergy and Seminarians.
- ⇒ \$16,300 to Youth and Minority ministries and Evangelization efforts.
- ⇒ \$16,400 for Parish Life and Christian Service programs.
- ⇒ \$7,000 for Christian Stewardship and Development programs.
- ⇒ \$7,600 to Communications efforts in the Archdiocese, including CTND network. The Michigan Catholic Newspaper and Evangelization programs.
- ⇒ \$4,200 to the Tribunal to provide free annulment services to those seeking to marry within the Catholic church.



2018 Catholic Services Appeal

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Your Gifts

It has been said that feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. How close are we to Christ, and the gratitude we express for all his blessings is measured by our giving. Giving comes from understanding who God is, who we are, and what Jesus Christ is all about, and from a clearer, deeper commitment to live for Him and take part in His mission on earth.

2017 results

Goal	\$116,332
Pledges	\$127,337
Anticipated refund to The parish	\$11,005
Number of parish Households	747
Number of Pledges	336
% of Participation	44%
Average pledge	\$378.98
2018 Goal	\$103,327

CSA is an opportunity for us to participate in the ministry of the work of the Archdiocese of Detroit. If we fulfill our goal, any amounts collected in excess of our goal come back to the parish 100%. Any amounts we fail to collect through this campaign must be paid out of our normal income collected through the offertory. We, as a parish must do our fair share of the work in the diocese. The 2017 Goal listed above reflects a 10.6% decrease from last year's goal because the Archdiocese has reworked its CSA formula in an effort to more equitably distribute the targets.

Please consider making a sacrificial pledge so that we can make our goal this year through your pledges.

Through the CSA our faith touches thousands of people who we could not possibly serve personally. Our sharing assists those who experience the indifference of the world; they will know there are people who care and who involve themselves with works of mercy. The CSA is not just programs, it is people reaching out to people; the Gospel comes alive for and changes lives by means of our support of the CSA.

Brothers and Sisters, in the past we have made a positive impact on people we will never meet; but they will meet us and encounter our faith in the Gospels through our CSA donations. In the past several years we have surpassed our target and received 100% of our overage back to use for special projects. This money has returned to us tax free. These funds are set aside to meet future needs like repairs to the parking lot, the roof, repairs to the heating and air conditioning.

Why are we starting CSA in Lent? We start now because the spiritual heart of Lent is **'prayer, fasting, and almsgiving'**. Let's make our monetary contributions a spiritual gift, true almsgiving, a gift dedicated to the Love and Mercy of God. What better way to share our abundance than to support the growth of faith in our Roman Catholic Church through our giving of alms for the benefit of the faithful of our Archdiocese and our outreach to those who are un-churched or whose faith lies dormant. Let's show our love of God, by showing our love of neighbor in Southeast Michigan.



Fr. Tom

Catholic Services Appeal 2018 "Opening Doors to Grow with Christ"



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are engaged in a struggle, I am sure it has touched you or a member of your family in a direct way. The struggle is for the heart and soul of people, often members of our families and close friends. The forces arrayed against us are agnosticism, atheism, religious indifference, anti-Catholic/anti-Christian movements, plus our ancient enemy - sin. These forces are influencing the lives of loved ones and depriving them of the full blessings of God. What can we do? The answer is a great deal. Over 80% of our faithful at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS) are involved in spreading the Gospel through ministry, but we can always make a greater impact for the sake of the Salvation of our brothers and sisters.

There is strength in numbers; Jesus assures us, "For where there are two or three who come together in my name, I am there with them." (Mt. 18:20) In our gatherings for worship and prayer Christ is powerfully present. In our 52 ministries at SEAS the living Christ is present in a powerful way. How are we to touch the great number of persons who are not part of our faith community, how do we evangelize the thousands who do not always worship God? We do this by our commitment to good stewardship; we will reach out to others through the many Catholic Churches of our Archdiocese and through the Catholic Services Appeal.