



1. What have you accomplished or worked on this month? What events or activities have you sponsored or presented? (please include numbers of participants and helpers)
33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat: Since July, eight “ad hoc” groups or 48 people participated in the 33 Days to Morning Glory retreat and small group discussions. This simple book/retreat invites each to commit to a relationship with Jesus through Mary. Through these groups, the bonding experience of the Blessed Mother has been subtle, moving and powerful. In response to our participants desire to continue this journey, weekly Thursday gatherings open to all wishing to learn more about deepening our relationship with Jesus will be held 12:15 to 1:15P and 5:30 to 6:30P at SMM Dining Room beginning Thur. Dec. 7 through Jan 2018. In January, with input from Living attendees, a re-evaluation will determine how best to proceed.

CMA – Our parish has chosen to view CMA as an evangelization effort by personally reaching out to touch hearts by “1500+ Families Strong”

As of Monday, Nov., 20: 663 Donors – 44% of 1500; \$121,436 – 55% of \$220,000 goal.

2. What are the current or active plans and dreams you are currently working on or discussing??

Post-Funeral Ministry planning team continues to meet to discuss the rich opportunity for our parish to connect with family and friends of deceased in the year after the funeral of a loved one. The purpose is to be “Christ to those in the tender, confusing, time of loss” and to convey the saving power of our Lord and the joy of his healing love in our pain and grief. The motivation of this ministry is built on the reality of 200+ funerals and sustaining the powerful “Christ experience” through the efforts of our clergy, parish staff and volunteers as they prepare and hold funeral Masses/Services. It is our belief that God is calling us to walk with the grieving to deepen the truth of our faith in Christ’s life-giving love. The team is exploring collaborating with LifeTime Care to help train our staff and volunteers. What a gift.