

What is Stewardship?

As in the Parable of the Talents, (Matthew 25:14–30), God has given us all unique gifts meant for building up the Kingdom of God within our parish communities.

The three God-given gifts we have received are our:

-  **Time**
-  **Talent**
-  **and Treasure.**

(While supporting your parish financially with your Treasure is important, this brochure will focus on the Time and Talent aspects of stewardship only.)

Are you interested in enriching your spiritual life by sharing your God-given time and talent with your parish community?

If so, contact your parish office to learn more about the opportunities available.

Volunteer in a parish ministry today!

**Your
Parish
Needs
You**

Share Your God-given Time and Talent with Your Parish.

Volunteer Today!



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PARISH VITALITY
& STEWARDSHIP

A good steward is someone who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and makes a return with interest to the Lord.

The Spirituality of Stewardship

Our parishes are our spiritual homes where we come to worship God, encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist, pray, and meet with one another as a parish community. A vibrant parish is one that is filled with good stewards who seek to grow in holiness and become saints by serving God and one another.

To this end, the Lord gives every single one of us gifts for the building up of the Kingdom of God in our parish communities.

The most important gift God has given us is our very lives - the **time** we have in this world, entrusted to each of us in our brief journey through life.

Another great gift God has given us are our **talents**, fruitfully using them and encouraging others to do the same with theirs, for the common good.

Joy in life comes from using our time and talent creatively and fruitfully, for the glory of God and in the service of our neighbor, and from celebrating the differing gifts of the people around us. It is through the stewardship way of life that our baptismal call to discipleship is fulfilled through the mission and ministry of the parish and gives us confidence and hope of our future.

This is the spirit of “deep stewardship”, the fruit of which are vibrant parishes, which are joyful to live in and attractive to others. As more people actively engage in the sharing of their time and talent in generous service, they will experience the full richness of the parish community and focus their energy outward to make Christ more visibly present in the world.

The witness of a dynamic parish can lead people who have drifted away to rediscover the gift of faith and to return home to a vibrant community.

Deep stewardship is not a program nor is it a new thing we should do in addition to what we already doing. Stewardship is a profound disposition of the heart and mind which transforms everything we do: it is an awareness that each of us has been entrusted with many gifts, and that all will benefit if we fruitfully develop and share them.

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” (Matt. 25:23)

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