

You Can Make a Difference!

THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

As a Christian steward you are giving from your heart. Your gift should be...

PLANNED

a prayerful consideration of the blessings bestowed upon you and your family.

PROPORTIONATE

commensurate with what God has given you.

GRATEFUL

expressing your appreciation to God.

JOYFUL

a gift given freely and without restrictions or conditions.

"Your talent is
God's gift to you.
What you
do with your
talent is
your gift
to God."



REFLECTION



How can I ever express, in more than just words, my gratitude to a good and gracious God?

It is God who gives me time. So, in gratitude, I give some of my time to God.

It is God who gives me skills. So, in gratitude, I give away some of my abilities for God's good work.

It is God who gives me my possessions. So, in gratitude, I give some of my God-given treasure to care for others.

Those who consciously practice stewardship say that the spirit *behind* their giving is as important as *what* they give. And that spirit is **gratitude** – because everything comes from God, and giving some of it back gives expression to this.

Gratitude is at the heart of my relationship with God. What I'm called to do with my gifts is receive them, give thanks to God, and distribute them.

*O Lord, my God,
I will give you thanks forever.*

~Psalm 30:12



St. Martin of Tours

Called to *Serve*



*Generous and loving God,
You call us to be disciples of your Son,*

Jesus

*and good stewards of all your many gifts.
Open our minds and hearts
to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation
of your countless blessings.
Transform us through the power of your Spirit
to nurture a Stewardship way of life
marked by faith-filled prayer,
service to our neighbor and generous sharing.
Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts.*

*With Mary's help,
may we return ten-fold the gifts
entrusted to us.
We pray through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*

You Can Make a Difference in Our Parish by Giving



BY YOUR GIFT OF PRESENCE

Your gift of time, your presence, and your involvement are powerful statements of your faith. In our parish, you can make a difference by being there – for weekend liturgies, for prayer services, for special events, for celebrations, for service activities, for faith formation, and for other parish events.

You don't have to be in charge. You don't have to carry the load. You just need to be there. You will make ministry happen through your gift of presence.

YOUR GIFT OF PRESENCE MAKES MINISTRY HAPPEN

- + Tuesday & Friday Communion Services and weekend liturgies
- + Sacramental celebrations
- + Faith Formation programs for adults and youth.
- + First Friday Eucharistic adoration
- + Prayer services, Advent and Lenten services
- + Religious Education
- + Holy Hour

BY YOUR GIFT OF INVOLVEMENT

Our parish needs many different people with a wide range of abilities. We have obvious needs such as the need for lectors, cantors, Eucharistic ministers, and Religious Education staff. But we also have many needs that are less obvious – ranging from Helping Hands/Food Pantry to church environment, to welcoming and hospitality, to clerical and administrative needs. You don't have to be “an expert” or “the best.” Just get involved and share yourself and your gifts with others. Your gifts of talent can make a difference. They can make community happen in our parish.



GETTING INVOLVED MAKES OUTREACH HAPPEN

- + In our monthly Food Pantry
- + In faith formation and religious education activities
- + In RCIA
- + In parish social events
- + In ministry to those who are sick or homebound
- + In Ladies' Catholic Council of Women
- + In the Men's Club
- + In service to the community on behalf of our parish.



BY YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE

The money you contribute to our parish each week makes ministry happen. Because we are a small parish, increasing in summer and decreasing in fall, we definitely need your financial support. It helps provide salaries and benefits. It helps pay for buildings, equipment, maintenance and materials. It helps fund programs and services which benefit all members of our parish family. Your gifts given in thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given you, will make a difference in the lives of many people.

GIVING GENEROUSLY MAKES OUR PARISH HAPPEN

- + Says “**Thank You**” to God
- + Provides pastoral leadership and ministry staff
- + Supports religious education and other parish ministries
- + Cares for buildings, grounds, cemetery and equipment
- + Helps people in need in our area
- + Serves our parish family and our faith community