

Making Stewardship A Way of Life

What do you think of when you hear the word *stewardship*? Money? Volunteer Opportunities?

While most people think of stewardship in terms of money or volunteer opportunities, it is actually much more than that. Stewardship is a way of life and a spirituality, which has biblical foundations. Stewardship promotes the need to give rather than giving for a specific need or a special project. Stewardship is the means by which we achieve the mission and ministry of our church, evangelization.

For stewardship to become a way of life, we must first acknowledge that God is the source of all that we have and recognize that we are responsible and accountable to God for all of the gifts He has given us. We are to be generous in return for God's abundant grace to us, using our gifts in order to glorify God.

For stewardship to become a way of life, we need to live lives of thanksgiving for God's gifts and blessings by:

- Making time for God in prayer and worship on a daily or weekly basis
- Sharing time and talent for the common good of our families, parish, local community, country and the world
- Nurturing and learning about the Catholic faith in order to share it with others
- Giving of our treasure generously and cheerfully
- Promoting vocations to the religious life
- Preserving the earth for our generation and the next

In the coming weeks and months, the Stewardship Council will be sharing more information on **Making Stewardship A Way of Life**, as we strive to promote the spirituality of stewardship in our parish community.