

Stewardship Renewal Month at St. Philip Neri Church

Why Stewardship?

Throughout the month of October, our parish is celebrating Stewardship Renewal Month. As faithful members of our parish, we are all called to be good stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. It is important that we annually renew our stewardship commitment, and affirm our gratitude to God by sharing His gifts of our time, talent and treasure with our parish and the community.

Stewardship – Sharing of our Time, Talent & Treasure

In recognition of God's generosity and faithfulness to His people, we should all prayerfully consider how each of us can be a good Christian steward. God's call to stewardship came when we were baptized, each of us as a disciple of Christ. The bishops of the United States acknowledge the importance of our discipleship with Jesus Christ, a relationship that leads to the practice of stewardship. According to the bishops, "disciples that practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be."

Sharing our Time: All of us are asked to deepen our friendship with Jesus by attending Mass weekly and devoting time to daily prayer.

Sharing our Talent: All of us are asked to serve God by serving each other and our neighbor through active participation in at least one of our parish's ministries.

Sharing our Treasure: All of us are asked to, on a regular basis, financially support our parish so that we can continue to build up God's kingdom on earth.

Stewardship – A Way of Life

By giving of ourselves to others as we share our time, talent and treasure, we express our discipleship and show our gratitude to God for His gifts on a daily basis. Stewardship, however, means much more than simply giving our time, talent, and treasure. If we carefully listen to God's call, we will come to understand that stewardship involves **all** of life – body, mind, and spirit, our material possessions, family and friendships – in totality, all that we have, are and will be.

Stewardship – Benefits to Every Steward

Benefits are plentiful for those individuals who welcome stewardship into their lives. When stewardship is practiced daily, we follow the example of Jesus and our faith is strengthened. As we reach out to others through our gifts, we will discover many blessings - a more purposeful life, more joy, less stress, more meaningful connections with others and the ability to make a true difference in another person's life. With stewardship as a way of life, we grow closer to the Lord.



Coming Up....Next Week Discernment of our Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

1 Corinthians 12:4-7