

## What is a Stewardship Parish?

You might ask what is a Stewardship Parish? A Stewardship Parish gives back a tithe of the tithes. This means that we make sure that 10% of the offertory (or tithes) we receive from our generous parishioners is given back to God in gratitude and thanksgiving. We give our tithes (from your tithes) all year long to various worthy causes. In return, we limit the amount of fundraising that happens on our campus so that you are not constantly bombarded with second collections and asks for money. In this way, we are able to focus on the Word of God and Jesus in the Eucharist without the distraction of being solicited for donations during our sacred time with the Lord.



## Why Do We Give?

God asks only for a tithe, or a tenth, in thanksgiving for what he has done. But what should you give? He asks us to give of our time, talent, and treasure, not because he has a need for these gifts, but because he knows that we need to give for our own happiness. Then, when he sees our response in love, he gives us even more of his love and grace. So, what begins as a gift from God, becomes a gift to God, and results in a greater outpouring of love and grace from God.

The Stewardship categories of Time, Talent, and Treasure underscore the four core values of an authentically lived Christian life: identification with Christ, trust in God, gratitude toward God, and love for God and each other.