

## **Share your Time and Talent**

As Christians, we recognize that our gifts of talents and skills are meant to be cultivated and shared with others, beginning with our family and friends, with those whom we gather to share the Eucharist, and with the world. The gift of ourselves blesses the particular community of Christians we are involved with and blesses those whom our parish hopes to touch.

## **Share Your Treasure**

"Planned Giving" is a term that for many people sounds quite imposing and perhaps not clear what it means. Simply stated, planned giving is charitable giving that is part of a family's financial and estate planning.

## SPIRITUALITY AND THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP

Following the 1992 publication of the Pastoral Letter by the U. S. Bishops, many parishes and priests throughout the country embraced the challenge of Stewardship. One of the early priests to lead parishes to adopt Stewardship was Farther Andrew Kemberling. Father Kemberling and co-author, Mila Glodava, Director of Communications and Stewardship, tell the story of their work at St. Thomas More Parish in Centennial, Colorado in a book published in 2009, "Making Stewardship A Way of Life." When St. Thomas More parish was created in 1971, there were fewer than 600 families; in 2009 the parish was home to about 6200 families (about 21,000 individuals). The vibrancy of this faith community seems almost miraculous—with 300 ministries and programs and 3000 volunteers (filling about 7,000 volunteer positions), St. Thomas More reaches far beyond the needs within their own parish.