

In their Pastoral Letter on *Stewardship, a Disciple's Response*, the U.S. bishops state:

The Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

Stewardship involves all of life

While pastors and others usually only speak of stewardship in terms of Time, Talent and Treasure, the truth is that stewardship involves *all* of life ó body, mind and spirit, our material possessions, friendships, etc. All we are and have is a gift from our Creator for us to use wisely to build up God's kingdom here on earth.

Time

Time is a very precious gift. Most of us feel we don't have enough time for all the things we want to do. Everyone is given the same amount of time: 24 hours each day, 168 hours each week. The question is: ***How do we choose to use our time?***

St. Michael's Parish offers many opportunities to give of your time. Check out our [parish ministry pages](#) for more information.

"It is not enough to be busy, so are ants. The question is what are we busy about?"

- Henry David Thoreau

Talent

All of us have been blessed with various talents, whether we are aware of it or not, or whether we have developed our talents or not. Of course, it is usually not possible to develop *all* of our talents. But, ideally, we can and should develop some of them and use them wisely to bless the communities we belong to.

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Treasure

There are over 2,300 verses in the Bible about money, possessions and the right use of them. Why is this? Perhaps because God knows our propensity to misuse money or allow it to distract us from keeping our eyes on him.