

My Gift of Sharing:

I/We will give to the work of the parish:

\$ _____ per week

\$ _____ every other week

\$ _____ per year

WeShare Online Giving:

___ I/We would like more information about WeShare Online Giving. Please contact me at

_____.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Thank you!



Please return this section during the Offertory the weekend of January 27.



St. Paul the Apostle, pray for us.



Gifts of Stewardship

As Disciples of Christ, we are called to:

Celebrate Our Catholic Faith

Share the Good News

Serve the Needs of Others

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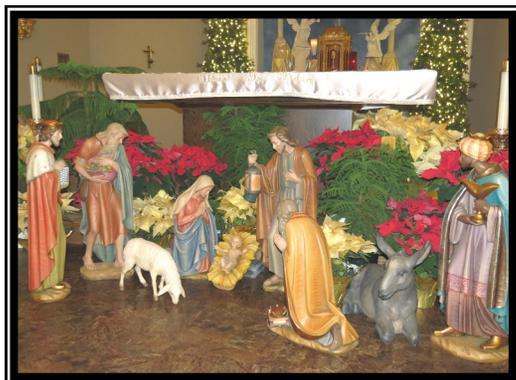
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GIFTS



Dear Parishioners:

The three wise men brought the Christ child gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Just as they offered these unique, individual gifts to the newborn king, we invite you to consider what you will personally offer Him this new year. *My prayer/time? My service/talent? My sharing/treasure? How? How do I begin?...* as a faithful steward.

In *The Heart That Gives: Seven Traits of Joyful Stewardship*, Fr. Thomas J. Connery tells us that “Stewardship is a way of life... Stewardship is an invitation to put our life totally in God’s hands—not some or most of it, but all of it... It is a conversion of the heart, a mindset that leads a person to live a conscious, committed life to Christ.”

Connery, Fr. Thomas J. (2013) *The Heart That Gives: Seven Traits of Joyful Stewardship*. Fenton, MO: Creative Communications for the Parish

Fr. Connery further explains that Stewardship includes but is not limited to these seven key attitudes: Grateful, Rooted in God’s Word, Compassionate, Generous, Prayerful, Forgiving, and Cheerful.



A reflection on these traits:

Grateful

God blesses us abundantly and in turn we bless others.

Rooted in God’s Word

The more we use the Bible, the more valuable His word becomes.

Compassionate

We are called to serve others.

Generous

First and foremost, it is giving of ourselves.

Prayerful

Prayer deepens our relationship with God.

Forgiving

What greater gift to offer someone than forgiveness?

Cheerful

With God’s grace all things are possible!

May you continue to grow as joyful stewards.

~ St. Paul Stewardship Committee

Additional copies of *The Heart That Gives: Seven Traits of Joyful Stewardship* can be found in the back of church and on the kiosk in the hallway. Take one for yourself and an extra to share with friends & family!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD

After prayer and reflection on the unique individual gifts you have received and will share, we invite you to complete this confidential promise card and return it in the collection basket during Mass the weekend of **Sunday, January 27, our Parish Feast Day, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**. May your personal encounter with Christ change your life so that you may serve and lead others to Him.

My Gift of Prayer

___ I am grateful for _____
_____.

Look for more information on the Stewardship of Prayer during the season of Lent.

My Gift of Service

___ I am an active member of the _____
_____Ministry Team(s).

___ I would like more information on the _____
_____Ministry Team(s).

___ I am interested in coordinating a new parish ministry: _____.

Additional information on the Stewardship of Service will be provided closer to Pentecost.

A full listing of our parish ministries can be found at www.stpaulchurch.org. Click on the Ministries tab.