

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING COMMITMENT CARD

We invite you to prayerfully consider what you will generously return to the Lord for His work through our parish. Will you give for the first time this year? Are you able to increase your giving this year? **Please complete this confidential promise card and return it in the collection basket during Mass the weekend of Sunday, November 19th.**

My Gift of Sharing:

I will give to the work of the parish:

\$ _____ per week

\$ _____ every other week

\$ _____ per year

WeShare Online Giving:

___ I would like more information about WeShare.

Please contact me at _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Stewardship is a way of life. Stewardship acknowledges that God is the source of all our gifts and talents and we are the caretakers.

According to the pastoral letter, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, stewards do four things:

- ◆ *Receive God's gifts gratefully*
- ◆ *Nurture God's gifts responsibly*
- ◆ *Share God's gifts justly & charitably*
- ◆ *Return those gifts to God abundantly*

Gratitude is the cornerstone of Stewardship. Stewards express their gratitude by a life of generosity. Stewardship brings a new, stronger life to a parish. Along with the family, our parish is our faith community. A stewardship parish offers us opportunities to use our own gifts and experience the gifts of others to strengthen our own faith and love. Using the cornerstones of prayer, service and sharing helps us all develop a stewardship way of life.

May you continue to grow in gratitude and stewardship.

~ St. Paul Stewardship Committee



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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Prayer is our relationship with God. Listening and responding to God is at the core of our life. The most important prayer of all is the Mass, in which we hear God's word and receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Prayer also can be that of thanksgiving, praise, petition or forgiveness. The purpose is to stay connected to God so as to do His divine will.

At St. Paul Parish, we have many opportunities for private and community prayer: daily Mass; Perpetual Adoration; monthly Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration; Patriotic, Friday & First Tuesday Rosaries; Good News Prayer Group; Bible studies; and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd & Liturgy of the Word with Children (during Mass) for our young children.

"Be joyful always. Pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Stewardship calls us to identify our special gifts, accept them gratefully without pride or false humility, and use them as the Holy Spirit directs us.

At St. Paul Parish, our ministries are many in number and find expression in the areas of liturgy, faith formation, community, outreach and evangelization. Through our ministries of service, it is not so much that we do things for others, but rather that Jesus is doing something for others *through us*.

Just as Jesus came to serve, so we, through our Baptism and Confirmation are called to a life committed to serving others. The Eucharist strengthens us in that mission. Everyone has been given special gifts from God, and each of these gifts is valuable in carrying out God's plan.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve as good stewards of God's varied graces."

1 Peter 4:10



The Church is one of the gifts God has given to us. Stewards show their thanks for this gift by sharing a meaningful portion of their treasure. They have a grateful heart realizing all gifts come from the Lord.

Our giving demonstrates our faith and trust that our Lord will take care of us. Faithful stewardship of our treasure impacts our lifestyle and causes us to lead simpler lives. Our giving should be unconditional, with nothing expected in return.

"You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves one who gives gladly."

2 Corinthians 9:7