

What Is Stewardship?

“Stewardship is the ability to share one’s gifts of life, time, talents, and resources with others with no strings attached and no conditions.”

-the late Archbishop Thomas Murphy, Seattle

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him and say, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?” And the king will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

(Matthew 25:34-40)

Treasure

Making a Consistent Gift to the Offertory

In thanksgiving for God’s gifts, each household at St. Paul is asked to follow your biblical call to tithe (10%) and budget a generous gift to the offertory in proportion to your income.

8% to St. Paul 2% to other charities

If you feel unable to commit to the full 8% at this time, try to increase your current level by 1 or 2 percent of income until you reach your goal.

Weekly Giving Examples

Annual Income:	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$70,000	\$100,000
8% to STP	\$46	\$77	\$108	\$154

God has given each one of us many gifts. If we cultivate them responsibly, and then return them to the Lord in grateful service, we are sure to grow in faith and we are sure to bring many others closer to the Lord as well. That is the beauty of discipleship lived through stewardship—it builds the Church.

Our Prayer for Stewardship

Jesus, teach us to pray and keep prayer a priority in our lives. Help us to manage our time so that we can spend it with you.

Holy Spirit, fill us with your gifts. Help us discern our own unique, God-given talents that we may use them in serving you and your people. May we offer ourselves in sacrifice for our parish, our families, and our community both locally and worldwide and for all in need.

Father, give us generous and charitable hearts. Help us to manage our finances and to offer first fruits to you through your church. Open our eyes and hearts to the needs of all our brothers and sisters near and far.

As your faithful disciples, we ask this for ourselves and for all the faithful everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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First and Last Name (One card per family)

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone (Important)

Email (Important)

☐ I have children currently enrolled at St. Paul School

**Please bring your completed
Time & Talent Pledge Form
to the Parish Office or the Ministry Fair.**

Time

Spending Time With God in Prayer

Prayer is the beginning of stewardship. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.

- ⇒ *Attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days*
- ⇒ *Attend weekday Mass at least once a week*
- ⇒ *Spend 15 minutes in personal prayer daily*
- ⇒ *Spend 1 hour a week at the Adoration Chapel*
- ⇒ *Pray together with my loved ones*
- ⇒ *Read the Bible for one hour a week*
- ⇒ *Pray the Rosary at least weekly*
- ⇒ *Go to confession every other month*
- ⇒ *Schedule time for a retreat*
- ⇒ *Attend Bible Study*
- ⇒ *Attend Coffee and Donuts*

Talent

Using My Talents in Parish Ministries

Please read about the ministries listed below in our parish Stewardship Directory. When you sign up for a new ministry, the leader will call to explain how to get involved.

Liturgical

Name:

- _____ Altar Servers
- _____ Art & Environment
- _____ Lectors
- _____ Eucharistic Ministers
- _____ Hospitality Ministers
- _____ Funeral Mass Ministries

- _____ Funeral Vigil Prayer Service Leaders
- _____ Sunday Offering Counters
- _____ Vocation Cross

Music Ministries

- _____ Adult Choir
- _____ Contemporary Choir
- _____ Cantors
- _____ Instrumentalists

Faith Formation

- _____ Baptism Facilitator
- _____ Faith Formation Studies for Adults—Facilitators
- _____ Pre-Cana presenting Couple
- _____ RCIA (Team Member)
- _____ RCIA (Sponsor)
- _____ RCIA—Children (Team Member)
- _____ RCIA—Children (Sponsor)
- _____ Catechist (PSR)
- _____ Catechist Aide (PSR)
- _____ Catechist Substitute (PSR)

Parish Life/Ministries

- _____ Adopted Parish in Haiti Committee
- _____ Bereavement—Consolation Ministry
- _____ Bread Basket
- _____ Church Cleaning “Martha’s Helpers”
- _____ Cursillo Renewal Movement
- _____ Eucharistic Minister to Elder Care Facilities
- _____ Eucharistic Minister to Homebound—First Friday
- _____ Eucharistic Minister to Homebound Parishioners —Weekend
- _____ Food Pantry Help
- _____ Funeral Luncheon Helpers
- _____ Gardening Angels

- _____ Highland KofC’s Council 1580
- _____ Highland KofC’s—Ladies Auxiliary
- _____ Highland KC-Squires
- _____ King’s House Men’s Retreat
- _____ King’s House Women’s Retreat
- _____ Kirchenfest
- _____ Living Your Strengths
- _____ Office Helpers
- _____ Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
- _____ Plant Caretaker
- _____ Prayer Ministry
- _____ Prayer Shawl Ministry
- _____ Pro Life Ministry
- _____ Scouting
- _____ Welcome Ministry
- _____ St. Vincent DePaul Society
- _____ Welcome Cards to New Residents
- _____ Youth Ministry



A Steward's Way

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28).

The Spirit shows us the way.

Stewardship is a part of that journey.

—USCCB