

Stewardship Vibes

St. Vincent DePaul Parish – Faithful Stewards Ministry

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The last printing of *Stewardship Vibes* was in March of 2019. There was no hint at that time of where we would be just one year later. But, SURPRISE, March of 2020 brought with it sickness, death, shutdowns, supply shortages and much, much more. Everything went virtual. We learned to ZOOM, STREAM and FACETIME. We participated in meetings, Bible Study, the Rosary, Stellar Saints, Coffee Hour, Faith Formation and Mass on our TV sets, laptops, iPads, and smartphones. Surprisingly, modern technology turned out to be a Blessing.

That all sounds pretty grim. However, there was no place else we would rather be. Why? Because being a part of St. Vincent de Paul Parish community is a BLESSING. There were challenges we had to overcome but our ministries did not fall apart. They only grew stronger.

All the ministries worked in whatever capacity they could. The Knights have, and continue to, support our parish both physically and financially. The Stitchers and Crafters continued to work their magic in their homes. When time allowed, they had another Craft Sale and raised funds for the Sharing Fund. The Faith Formation staff and volunteers continued to teach our children the love of God. Volunteers hosting Bible Study, Rosary, Stellar Saints, and the Coffee Hour kept homebound parishioners in touch with one another. Once we were able to attend Mass, all our saints-in-the-making again stepped up to the plate, setting up a registration system, signing people in at Mass, cleaning and so much more. Father John, Deacon Joe, and the office staff kept things running as best they could, in sickness and health. As soon as permission came from Bishop Bambera, the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Music Ministries stepped up to the plate. There are so many more ministries that helped keep our parish going we cannot name them all here, but that does not mean they are less important. We hope to ask one person from each Ministry to share their thoughts and the actions and goals of their ministry in future issues.

The “Tea Ladies for Mary” had their first tea since February of 2020. The focus was Contemplative Living. Sr. Mary Magdalene Sladika gave a presentation on “BRIDGES” a book series on Contemplative Living. This was very fitting as our Blessed Mother is our model of Contemplative Living. It was a beautiful day, listening, meditating, and sharing. Hopefully, Sister will be able to return in the future and share another presentation with us. Sister was extremely impressed with our church community as she observed the faith and trust we have for each other as we shared our thoughts.

Whoever thought the internet and social media would help in our faith journey as much as it has? Even the electronic sign out by the road has brought others who have stopped going to Mass back again.

God Bless you for your service, may He keep you healthy and safe.