

# the Good Shepherd

*Following Jesus*



*RCIA this week: [www.stmonicaindy.org/rcia-this-week](http://www.stmonicaindy.org/rcia-this-week)*

## **HOMEWORK**

May 3 – May 17

Have your sponsor help  
you sign up for  
ministries & make a  
"Rule of Life"

## **ZOOM**

RCIA families:  
ZOOM 7 pm Thursdays

RCIA Adults: ZOOM  
11:30 am Sundays

## **QUESTION**

How do you know a "good  
Shepherd" from a "bad" one?  
In what ways are Good  
Shepherds & Good Stewards  
alike?

Read Ezekial 34:1-16

## **GOOD SHEPHERDS**

This week, with your family or your Sponsor, think about and "name" every person in your life who gave you direction and helped set your feet on a "firm path." What made them such a good Shepherd to you? How was their leadership helpful to you? How was it difficult? Why did you listen to these persons and not others?

Give thanks today for the Good Shepherds in your life.





## What is a "good steward"?

*"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." -Matthew 28:18-2*

*Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. Matthew 6:21*

*Some of us have been in RCLA for a year or more now. What, do you think, God is asking of you now? How will you listen, and follow? How will you recognize God's voice among all the competing and false voices in and around us, inundating us with expectations and false claims?*

*What support will you find to live your faith now?*

## A GOOD STEWARD IS...

**In the time of Jesus, wealthy landowners relied on "stewards" to manage their properties. A good steward was one who could manage all the resources in such a way that the land would yield a great harvest and the landowner make a good profit. The Steward did not own the land or what it produced; the Steward simply managed it. A landowner was very happy to have talented stewards.**

**When Jesus ascended, His work was entrusted to the Church: now we are all stewards of the riches given us in Christ Jesus. Our FAITH is to bear fruit: we are to pull from the "storehouse" what is needed for our own faith, for the faith of those close to us, and for persons who have never heard of Jesus.**

**A Christian steward is one makes all that he is and has available for Kingdom of God. How will you manage your life & your gifts so that the good news of God's love and mercy given to us in Christ Jesus will grow in you and all around you?**

## MAKE A PLAN

What do you consider the most valuable skill of a steward?

Thriftiness?

Good use of laborers?

Honesty?

Hard work?

Attention to detail?

What skills do you need to develop your own stewardship?

What skills would really help our world right now? Our Church?

*"Jesus calls his disciples to a new way of life... But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd.*

*He calls individually, by name. Each one of us - clergy, religious, layperson, married, single, adult, child - has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role - our vocation - and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship."*

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