

# STEWARDSHIP



*Time*



*Talent*



*Treasure*

*gratefully lifting up our hearts to the Lord*

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# Time

“Be joyful always; *pray continually*; give thanks in all circumstances ...”  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

God gives each of us 24 hours in a day and 168 hours in a week. While we all have a different number of days on this earth, time remains our most valuable commodity. It is up to each of us to effectively manage our time to bring glory and honor to God through the lives we lead.

We have a need to balance all the different and often competing demands in our life. We need to find time for family, for work, for service to others, for recreation, for rest and, of course, for prayer and worship. Each of these commitments is important and beneficial to a balanced, productive life.

But as Christians, aware that our lives are gifts from God, do we make “time for God” a priority in our busy lives? Do we reserve the one hour each week God asks for, where we join together on Sunday with our parish community to worship as the Body of Christ? Do we center our lives around the Eucharist, making it the “source and summit” of our life as Catholic Christians? Do we make time, with our family, to join in prayer – acknowledging the Lord’s dominion in our lives, thanking Him for the blessings He has given us, and laying our needs and the needs of others at His feet?

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# Talent

“But the Son of Man came not to be served but *to serve* and give His life for many.”  
Mark 10:45

Talents are the special gifts that are uniquely ours. We hold the conviction that every member of our faith community has been given talents as gifts from God. It is because God gave us these special talents that we are each able to earn a living and provide for our families ... and it is this same gift of God-given talents that should be shared with others for the enrichment of our faith community.

We hope to help one another in the discernment of talents, which often go unrecognized in the world around us. Sometimes, it is our very neediness that calls us forth. Oftentimes, it is those of us who carry the cross – the sick, those in pain, those in crisis – who enrich our community as much as those members of our community whose lives permit more active involvement.

Holy Trinity Parish boasts over sixty ministries and affiliated organizations, encouraging every member of the parish to find a home in which they can pledge their unique talents to the mission and ministry of God.

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# Treasure

“For where your treasure is, there *your heart will also be.*”

Matthew 6:21

For many of us, it is not easy to admit that our treasure has more to do with God’s benevolence than with our own hard work or brilliant mind. But all of our possessions – including money – are gifts from God, who gave us these gifts so that we will care for them and find ways to use them to improve the lives of our families and others.

Even the less affluent among us are rich in comparison to the rest of the world. Most of us live with a material abundance, but the Lord seeks our generosity not just from our abundance but even from our substance. Why? Because each of us has both the responsibility and the inherent desire to help others.

We all have different levels of income and different material resources, but we are each called to return in thanksgiving to God a proportionate gift. We are not called to give the same gifts; rather we are called to share the same sacrifice.

A steward acknowledges that the biblical tradition of tithing is still a goal for all. Our Church has long suggested that 10% of our income be offered in thanksgiving for all God has provided. Although the proper level of sacrifice for each household will be attained only after prayer, God asks that we return a significant share of the blessings He has given us by financially supporting His kingdom on earth, recognizing that our sacrifice should come from our first fruits of God’s blessings and not from what is left over.

As a steward committed to journey toward a tithe, let us put our trust in God, take the leap of faith, and make a commitment to a Stewardship Way of Life. Perhaps some of our financial commitments won’t allow us to start at a 10% tithe immediately, but we should not be afraid to start somewhere.

*For those striving to tithe – or begin the journey – the following guide will be helpful:*

Annual Income	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$140,000	\$160,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000
10% Annually	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$14,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000
10% Weekly	\$96	\$144	\$192	\$231	\$269	\$308	\$385	\$481	\$577
9% Annually	\$4,500	\$6,750	\$9,000	\$10,800	\$12,600	\$14,400	\$18,000	\$22,500	\$27,000
9% Weekly	\$87	\$130	\$173	\$208	\$242	\$277	\$346	\$433	\$519
8% Annually	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$9,600	\$11,200	\$12,800	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$24,000
8% Weekly	\$77	\$115	\$154	\$185	\$215	\$246	\$308	\$385	\$462
7% Annually	\$3,500	\$5,250	\$7,000	\$8,400	\$9,800	\$11,200	\$14,000	\$17,500	\$21,000
7% Weekly	\$67	\$101	\$135	\$162	\$188	\$215	\$269	\$337	\$404
6% Annually	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,200	\$8,400	\$9,600	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$18,000
6% Weekly	\$58	\$87	\$115	\$138	\$162	\$185	\$231	\$288	\$346
5% Annually	\$2,500	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000
5% Weekly	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$115	\$135	\$154	\$192	\$240	\$288
4% Annually	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$4,800	\$5,600	\$6,400	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$12,000
4% Weekly	\$38	\$58	\$77	\$92	\$108	\$123	\$154	\$192	\$231
3% Annually	\$1,500	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$3,600	\$4,200	\$4,800	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$9,000
3% Weekly	\$29	\$43	\$58	\$69	\$81	\$92	\$115	\$144	\$173

# Your Generous Stewardship in Action

Over the past few years, we've been listening as parishioners explained what they hoped a Stewardship parish would look like. We listened as you spoke of your dreams and hopes for our faith community.

We took you seriously when you spoke of a place where, as Christians, love and gratitude reigned at the center of all we do.

Last fall, when the parish asked all in our faith community to make a commitment to a Stewardship Way of Life, the parish also made a commitment to you. With your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure in God's name, we promised to begin putting into place your dreams for the parish.

***During this last year, because so many responded to God's call, gratefully we've been able to begin:***

- Setting aside a more generous portion of our budget for charitable donations
- Assisting parish families who are experiencing hardship or suffering
- Eliminating fees for all Faith Formation classes for Worshiping Stewards in the parish
- Investing in the needs of our school ministry
- Expanding our Youth Ministry for high school and middle school children
- Providing greater tuition assistance so more parish families can join Holy Trinity School
- Enhancing our Music Ministry at all weekend Masses
- Beautifying our holy parish grounds by completing additional landscaping projects

Our work isn't finished, of course. But with your help, Holy Trinity will continue to be known as that place on the hill where hands constantly lift up all that's important in our lives – with love and gratitude – to our Heavenly Father.



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It's all about gratitude.  
It's all about giving back.  
It's all about God.