

You Can Make A Difference In Our Parish By Giving

BY YOUR GIFT OF PRESENCE

Your gift of time, your presence, and your involvement are powerful statements of your faith. In our parish, you can make a difference by being there – for weekend liturgies, for prayer services, for special events, for celebrations, for service activities, for faith formation, and for other parish events.

You don't have to be in charge. You don't have to be frantically busy. You just need to be there. You will make ministry happen through your gift of presence.

BY YOUR GIFT OF INVOLVEMENT

Our parish needs many different people with a wide range of abilities. We have obvious needs such as the need for lectors, cantors, Eucharistic ministers, and faith formation staff. You don't have to be "an expert" or "the best." Just get involved and share yourself and your gifts with others. Your gifts of talent can make a difference. They can make ministry happen in our parish.

BY YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE

The money you contribute to our parish each week makes ministry happen. It helps provide salaries and benefits. It helps pay for buildings, equipment, maintenance and materials. It helps fund programs and services which benefit all members of our parish family. Your gifts given in thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given you, will make a difference in the lives of many people.



YOUR GIFT OF PRESENCE MAKES MINISTRY HAPPEN

- Weekday and weekend liturgies
- Sacramental celebrations
- Formation programs for adults, youth and children
- First Friday Eucharistic adoration
- Prayer services, Advent and Lenten services
- Christian Experience Weekend
- Holy Hour

GETTING INVOLVED MAKES MINISTRY HAPPEN

- In the liturgy
- In faith formation and school activities
- In RCIA
- In parish social events
- In ministry to those with special needs
- In Ladies' Council or a Circle
- In the Men's Club
- In service to the community

GIVING GENEROUSLY MAKES MINISTRY HAPPEN

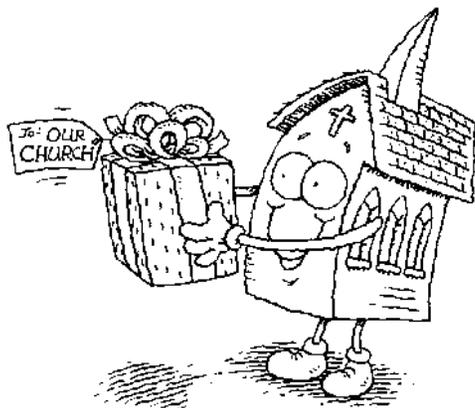
- Provides pastoral leadership and ministry staff
- Supports education and other parish ministries
- Cares for buildings, grounds and equipment
- Helps people in need
- Serves our parish family and our faith community
- Says "Thank You" to God

You Can Make A Difference

THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

As a Christian steward you will give from your heart and your gift will be...

- Planned – a prayerful consideration of the blessings bestowed upon you.
- Proportionate – commensurate with what God has given you.
- Grateful – expressing your appreciation to God.
- Joyful – a gift given freely and without restrictions or conditions.



FOR REFLECTION

How can I ever express, in more than just words, my gratitude to a good and gracious God?

- It is God who gives me time. So, in gratitude, I give some of my time to God.
- It is God who gives me skills. So, in gratitude, I give away some of my abilities for God's good work.
- It is God who gives me my possessions. So, in gratitude, I give some off the top to care for others.

Those who consciously practice stewardship say that the spirit *behind* their giving is as important as *what* they give. And that spirit is gratitude – because everything comes from God, and giving some of it back gives expression to this.

Gratitude is at the heart of my relationship with God. What I'm called to do with my gifts is receive them, give thanks to God, and distribute them.

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The Heart of Stewardship... An Attitude of Gratitude

