



During the next several weeks, our parish will be conducting a Time, Talent, and Treasure Stewardship Re-commitment. During these weeks we are being asked to look at our own priorities and the needs of our parish. We should use this period of re-commitment to consider how we can share some of our God-given time and talents for His work and to help our brothers and sisters.

Remember: WE ARE OUR PARISH, YOU AND I. Our parish is an extension of our homes and families. Just like our families, it works best when all of us are involved.

Our parish brings each of us many benefits. If we truly cherish these benefits and we want our parish to thrive, we must all share in the work and ministry of our Church.

The Model Christian Stewards:

We look to the life and teachings of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards. It is challenging and difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call.

Responding to the Call:

We must ask ourselves: Do we wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? Jesus calls each one of us individually by name. He has provided each of us with unique gifts. God intends for each of us to play a unique role in carrying out His divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role — our vocation — and respond generously to Jesus' call by putting our gifts to work in building up His kingdom on earth. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours. The Spirit shows us the way — Stewardship is part of the journey.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He is to go about doing good, yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now....

— St. Teresa of Avila

Time and Talent Self-Assessment

All of our gifts and blessings come from God. Stewardship is the wise and faithful use of our God-given gifts and blessings. As "stewards" we have an obligation to manage them well and return a just portion to help build God's kingdom on earth.

GOD'S GIFTS TO US:

Time —Talent—Treasure

Our return to God:

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF.....

TIME: Volunteering to serve

TALENTS: using God's gifts well

TREASURE: sharing the goods of the earth

Your answers to the following questions will give you a good indication of the types of parish ministries you might like or for which you would be best suited.

1. What is my occupation, vocation or profession?
2. What kinds of things have I always wanted to do but never took the time?
3. What kinds of skills, talents or abilities do my friends and family tell me I have?
4. What are some specific needs of my parish that I know I could help with?
5. What are my hobbies? What do I like to do in my spare time?
6. What skills or talents do I have because of my hobbies?
7. What additional skills, talents or interests do I have?
8. Do I have a special talent that I could share to help others?

Where do you think you can serve the best to repay the Lord and share your God-given talents? Consider these thoughts in prayer — and listen to what God wants you to do. Sign up for the ministries will be held during Stewardship Weekend, **Oct 3-4, 2009**. Please be as generous as you can with your time, talent and treasure.

How can you repay the Lord?





Reflections On Stewardship

*How can I repay the Lord for
all the good done for me?*

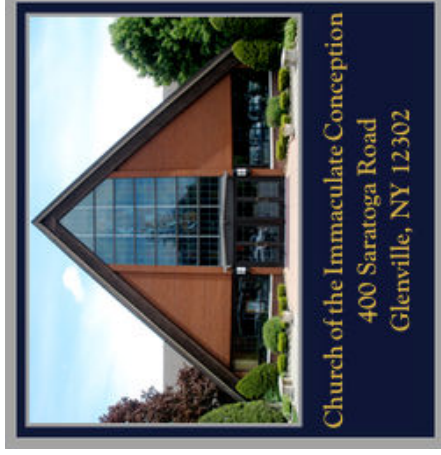
Psalm 116:12

*Receive
God's gifts gratefully*

*Cultivate
Them responsibly*

*Share
Them lovingly in
Justice with others*

*Return
Them with increase
To the Lord*



*Praised are you, O God, our loving creator
and giver of all good gifts. Bless our parish,
strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit
of Christian stewardship so that we may
give generously of our time in worship and
prayer, our talent, and our treasure to the
spread of Your Kingdom here in our Church
and throughout the world. This we ask
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives, and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
Amen.*