

# STEWARDSHIP

Responding as Disciples in Gratitude

GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OUR LADY  OF GRACE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN AND LOVED

*Stewardship is the intentional, grateful and loving response of a Christian disciple – a way of life that recognizes, receives, and shares God's gifts and charisms for the good of all, making Jesus Christ known and loved the mission of their lifetime.*



# ALL WE HAVE IS A GIFT FROM GOD

## Gratefully Sharing Talents

Being **Catholic**



means

Being a **Disciple** of Jesus



Being a **Disciple** means

Living a life of **Stewardship**



means

Developing over time, an intimate relationship with Jesus, **using your talents to serve others**, and sharing your financial resources through tithing to support the Church.

“Giving of my talents can be a confusing concept. Often, I confuse sharing my talents with being prideful or vain. For instance, I did not always want to write and open up my thoughts for ridicule. Was this humility on my part, or vanity disguised as humility?”

Perhaps I was nervous about what other people might think, as I have always been hesitant to stand out or be a leader of any sort. As a child, I watched others take the lead, content to stay protected in the shadows. But as we mature, we must come face to face with the parable of the talents and ask ourselves **what exactly has Christ given us** for which He will ask an account?

Often it takes real self-reflection and prayer to uncover some of our deeper desires and talents. For isn't it prideful to think that we are good at anything? Why yes, perhaps it is, unless we understand and accept the words of Scripture: “What have you that you have not received, and if you have received, then why do you act as if you had not?”

These are humbling words indeed, for we again come to face with our utter dependency on God. When we acknowledge and accept our life and our talents as a complete gift from a loving Father, then we can move forward in coming to understand how He desires that we share these gifts with the world.”

*Excerpt from, “Self Gift: How we can Share our Talents with Others” by Emily Molitor, contributor to Seton Magazine*

[www.setonmagazine.com/latest-articles/self-gift-how-we-can-share-our-talents-with-others](http://www.setonmagazine.com/latest-articles/self-gift-how-we-can-share-our-talents-with-others)

## Reflection

Our talents are special blessings that each of us has received from a loving Father. When we share our talents and gifts, we are giving something of ourselves, an intimate sharing of “who we are” for the good of others. We are helping others meet Jesus.

Take some time to reflect on your life. What activities bring you joy and allow you to encounter Jesus? How are you being called to participate in His work? Are you sharing His truth through your actions and activities? Are you being fruitful and effective without undue struggle? Are you continually developing your gifts, opening yourself up to the possibility of going beyond what you thought was possible? Do you share your gifts for His Glory?

*“Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest thing you will ever encounter with your sense...if he is your Christian neighbor, he is holy in almost the same way, for in him also, Christ...Glory himself is truly hidden.” - C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory*





# SERVICE ACTION PLAN

## Goals

Begin charting your course for a deeper spiritual life by developing your own *Service Action Plan*. Use these suggestions as inspiration and set realistic goals for yourself and your family that will allow you to encounter Jesus and share in the work of building His Kingdom.

### **Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance**

as you discern your talents and charisms.

### **Use a talent and gift inventory**

to guide you in your preliminary discernment.

### **Attend a Called and Gifted Workshop**

to understand more fully your God-gifted talents and charisms, as well as how best to share them.

### **Commit to using your talents and gifts**

by spending a set amount of time each week/month in service to your family, parish and community.

### **Assess your current ministry activity.**

Every day we have the choice to serve or to sit back; to get involved or be self-involved. This year, is God calling you to do more for others through service?

### **Practice the corporal works of mercy by:**

- Visiting someone who lives alone, or is homebound or incarcerated
- Feeding the hungry
- Helping to build a house for those in need
- Serving at a charitable organization

### **Become involved in ministries that bring you joy!**







# TALENT AND GIFT INVENTORY

What are your gifts? What talents did God give you that you are willing to share with others? Use the following in your preliminary discernment to discover how God is calling you!



## Arts and Activities

- Acting
- Drama
- Artistic Design/Drawing
- Calligraphy
- Lettering
- Coaching Sports
- Crafts
- Creative Activities
- Dancing
- Decorating
- Directing (Drama)
- Floral Arrangement
- Music (Vocal)
- Musical Instruments
- Outdoor Sports/Activities
- Digital Photography
- Sewing/Knitting
- Sports

## Building, Construction and Repair

- Carpentry
- Electrical (Licensed)
- Gardening
- Landscaping
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Using Power Tools
- Power Washing
- Using Small or Large Equipment
- Woodworking
- Yard Work

## Business and Technology

- Accounting/Finance
- Audio/Visual
- Clerical
- Data Entry
- Desktop Publishing
- IT
- Microsoft Office
- Phone/Reception
- Video Production

## Communications

- ASL Interpreter
- Bilingual
- Editing
- Historian
- Proofreading
- Public Speaking
- Sign/Banner Making
- Social Media
- Wordsmithing
- Writing

## Leadership and Management

- Coordinating
- Development
- Evaluating
- Facilitating
- Human Resources
- Interviewing
- Marketing
- Mediating
- Negotiating
- Organizing
- Planning
- Recruiting
- Research
- Teaching
- Team Building
- Training
- Visioning

## Hospitality

- Baking
- Catering
- Childcare
- Cleaning
- Cooking
- Event Planning
- General Assistance
- Hosting
- Laundry
- Welcoming

## Spirituality

- Compassionate Care
- Faith Sharing
- Hospice Training
- Listening to Others
- Praying with Others
- Praying for Others
- Reading to Others
- Serving Others
- Visiting Others



# NEXT STEPS

## Called and Gifted Workshops

Explore the ancient teaching of the Church on how the gifts (or charisms) of the Holy Spirit work in your life and in the life of your parish. The Called and Gifted discernment process begins with a workshop presentation, which includes Church teaching on the laity and lay apostleship, the nature of charisms, call and vocation, as well as how to undertake the process of discernment.

Each workshop is from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Registration is \$80 per person and includes: workshop materials, refreshments, lunch and an individual discernment follow-up interview.

Register at [www.secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=c006b9](http://www.secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=c006b9)

### Saturday, October 27, 2018

**Church of the Epiphany**

**Coon Rapids**

**Contact:** Jill Fink

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763-862-4355

### Saturday, January 26, 2019

**All Saints Catholic Church**

**Lakeville**

**Contact:** Mary Kay Bungert

[mbungert@allsaintschurch.com](mailto:mbungert@allsaintschurch.com)

952-469-6465

### Saturday, April 6, 2019

**Church of St. Pius X**

**White Bear Lake**

**Contact:**

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## Get Involved

### Stewardship of Service Ministry Form

If you are currently serving or are interested in serving in parish ministry, then please complete the Online Stewardship of Service Ministry Form under the Get Involved tab on the parish website at [www.olgparish.org](http://www.olgparish.org). This will take you less than 10 minutes to complete.

### Ministry Scheduler Pro

For those who are already enrolled in liturgical ministries (Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans, and Monthly Coordinators for Baptism) please go to Ministry Scheduler Pro under the Get Involved tab on the parish website and update your profile at <http://bit.ly/MinistryLogin>.

### Next Week...

We will learn how to respond as a disciple by striving to tithe in gratitude!

### Stewardship Renewal Packets

You should receive your Stewardship Renewal packet the week of September 24. Please prayerfully review this material and return your Commitment Form during the special offering on Commitment Weekend, **Saturday, October 27** and **Sunday, October 28**. Forms may also be returned by mail or in the offertory basket.

### Spirituality of Stewardship Formation

**Wednesdays, September 26; October 3, 24; November 7 6:00 - 7:15 PM, MS Room 502**

Come journey with us as we "break open" the authentic definition of stewardship and learn to recognize and respond to the call of discipleship. The primary emphasis of this four-week video series is faith formation preceding service.

#### To register, contact:

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# PARISH NEWS

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, September 17

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

6:15 AM † Elizabeth Fibuch

9:00 AM For the Parish

### Tuesday, September 18

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 7:11-17

6:15 AM For the Parish

9:00 AM St. Francis Xavier Guild

### Wednesday, September 19

1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22/Lk 7:31-35

6:15 AM For the Parish

9:00 AM Dimitri Sintsov

### Thursday, September 20

1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16a-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

6:15 AM † Members of the Devereaux Family

9:00 AM † Thomas Hogan

### Friday, September 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

6:15 AM Martha Skold

9:00 AM † Jack Heffernan

### Saturday, September 22

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-14/Lk 8:4-15

8:30 AM † Martin Campion

5:00 PM Chuck Burnham

### Sunday, September 23

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-8/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

7:30 AM † Patricia Remole

9:30 AM For the Parish

11:30 AM † Martin Campion

6:00 PM † Sam Oden

## We Remember

### September 17-23

Susil (Sus) Abeyesundere, 2007

Audrey Bishop, 2011

Robert Brandenburg, 1998

Mary Colleran, 1988

Chas T Dalsin, 1945

Jerome R DeMar, 1958

Barry Dodd, 1971

Margaret Duster, 1971

Mary Earp, 2016

Patrick Eckert, 2013

Michael Foley, 1990

Helen Elizabeth Fredrick, 2006

Harold Albert Hoban, 1997

Francis Patrick Holden, 1987

Dorothy Jassoy, 1983

Beryl Jette, 1993

Doris Kaisler, 2000

Howard E. Keating, 1988

Josephine Kelly, 1993

George Kelly, 1976

Mildred Kertson, 1974

John Komarek, 1973

Vernon Larson, 1967

Fay Martin, 2015

Verna McConneloug, 1998

Frank McGuinn, 2012

Elizabeth Mellenthin, 1962

Elizabeth Miller, 2006

Robert Miller, 1992

Monica Moran, 1990

Catherine Mulvehill, 1995

George Regnier, 1952

Marian Rehman, 1993

Edwin John Renner, 1981

Mary Riley, 1975

Eleanor Sazevich, 2007

Agatha Mary Schmitz, 1989

Lillian O. Simpson, 1991

Robert Sullivan, 2010

Donna Jean Thies, 1962

Riginald Tierney, 1998

Ann Alyce Utendorfer, 1995

May C Welsh, 1958

Margaret Werges, 1977

Thomas Wheaton, 1978

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, September 17

5:30 PM Stephen Minister Leaders Meeting, Forrey Room

6:00 PM OLGMC Kickoff, Cassidy Hall

7:00 PM Children's Opera Rehearsal, Church

7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study, Frassati Room

### Tuesday, September 18

8:00 AM Quilters, Forrey Room

8:00 AM Lectio Divina, North Crying Room

10:00 AM Marian Consecration, Parish Library

6:00 PM Mission Commission, Forrey Room

7:00 PM Marian Consecration, Nursery

7:00 PM Schola Cantorum Choir Rehearsal, Mercy Music Loft

### Wednesday, September 19

10:00 AM Seekers, Parish Library

6:00 PM Faith Formation Opening, Church

7:00 PM RCIA, School Library

### Thursday, September 20

8:00 AM Endowment Committee Meeting, Baglio Room

### Friday, September 21 - No Scheduled Events

### Saturday, September 22

8:30 AM Encounter Kick-off Retreat and Parent Meeting, Cassidy Hall

### Sunday, September 23

8:45 AM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal, Mercy Music Loft

9:00 AM Sunday School Catechist Training, School Library

9:15 AM Nursery Care (9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses), Nursery

9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word, Dining Room

10:30 AM Resounding Grace Rehearsal, Mercy Music Loft

4:30 PM Gracenotes Rehearsal, Mercy Music Loft

7:30 PM Young Adult Event, Frassati Room

## Join Our Parish

### Saturday, October 14, 10:30 AM

We welcome you to our next New Parishioner Orientation and Registration Session. You will have a chance to meet one of our priests and other parishioners, get information about the parish, tour our facilities and register in the parish.

