



Stewardship:

Sharing of Time and Talent

What is Stewardship? Stewardship is the intentional, grateful and loving response of a Christian disciple to God's love - a way of life that recognizes, receives and shares God's gifts for the good of all, making Jesus Christ known and loved.

We are all at different stages of our awareness and our willingness to embrace stewardship as a way of life. As baptized Catholics, each of us can further develop our relationship with Jesus by consciously and prayerfully considering our decisions and actions as disciples and followers of Christ, first and foremost.

Renewal of time and talent commitments. In renewing our commitment of time and talent, we are asked to respond as disciples, looking inward and examining our lives, taking time to recognize our gifts, identifying how these gifts may have changed over time, and reflecting on how God is currently calling us to share these gifts on behalf of the community.

Prayer An intimate friendship with Jesus is cultivated through prayer. We answer God's call to love with our whole heart, mind and person by expressing our gratitude to Him for all He has given us.

Prayer Reflection

- How do you spend the 168 hours in your week?
- Are you recognizing your encounters with Jesus in your daily life?
- Are you taking time to listen to and talk with Jesus in prayer; speaking with him as you would a friend?
- Are you encountering His truth by reading the scriptures?
- Are you making Him first on your priority list, enabling you to share with others from the graces you have received?
- Do you share the gift of yourself with Him?

Prayer Goals

Attend Mass: more frequently - every Sunday and Holy Day - daily Mass once a week - daily Mass more frequently

Spend personal time with Jesus daily: 5 minutes - 10 minutes - 30 minutes - more

Pray as a family daily

Read and meditate on scripture: weekly - daily

Teach my children to pray: mealtimes - bedtime - before school

Pray the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet: monthly - weekly - daily

Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation: more frequently - quarterly - monthly

Commit to a Holy Hour of Adoration

Study our Catholic faith with others

Pray for vocations: priesthood - religious life - married life

Service

Each one of us has been given unique gifts from God. Stewardship invites us to use these spiritual gifts not only to provide for ourselves and our family, but also to accept them gratefully, without pride or false humility, and use them well, as God prompts us.

Service Reflection

- Do you know or recognize the talents God has given you?
- Have you spent time in prayer discerning how God wants you to share the talents He has gifted you?
- Do you regularly share these talents for the good of others?
- Do you spend a set amount of time each week/month in service to family, our parish and the community?

Gift & Talent Inventory

Pastoral:

- Encouragement
- Helps
- Hospitality
- Mercy
- Pastor/Shepherd

Organizational:

- Administrative
- Giving
- Leadership
- Service

Understanding:

- Discernment
- Knowledge
- Wisdom

Creative:

- Craftsmanship
- Music
- Writing
- Art

Communications:

- Evangelism
- Prophecy
- Teaching

Lifestyle:

- Faith
- Missionary

Healing:

- Healing
- Intercession

Service Goals

Take time to discern how God is calling you to serve.

- Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as you discern your spiritual gifts.
- Attend a *Joyfully Gifted* workshop to understand more fully your God-gifted talents.
- Commit to using your talents by spending a set amount of time each week/month in service of your family, parish and community.
- Assess your current ministry activity and either recommit or choose a new ministry to join.
- Practice corporal works of mercy by visiting the homebound or incarcerated, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, or serving at a charitable organization. If unable to physically participate, commit to spend time in prayer for those in need who are served by these charities.

Additional Information

If during your reflection you discover that you would like additional information on a ministry category or specific ministry, please email the below information to stewardshipcommittee@nativitybloomington.org OR fill out the below form and return it to the parish office or place it in the offertory basket during Mass. You will be contacted to learn more!



Name:

email:

phone number:

I would like additional information on the following ministries or opportunities to use my God-gifted talents & abilities (circle the category where you are interested in learning more):

Liturgical ministries
Community service

Prayer ministries
Parish service

School service
Other - please describe: