



STEWARDSHIP

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A Guide to Stewardship Service

As one body in Christ, we are unified in our mission to build up the Kingdom of Heaven. And within our unity, we are given countless gifts and talents. Have you considered the gifts God has blessed you with? Are you using them to give Him glory?

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.
(Matthew 10:42)

We all possess a unique talent that is a gift from our loving Creator. In gratitude for these gifts, He asks us to share these talents with others.

Best Practices

- Get involved in a service ministry at our parish that stretches you to be more selfless.
- Pray for our ministries, our parish leaders and all parishioners, asking the Holy Spirit to guide our parish community.
- Commit to a daily extra act of service toward a family member as a concrete way to serve the Lord.
- If you are homebound, we value and need your talents! Consider ways you can serve right from home — joining our Prayer Warriors ministry, helping with phone calls or emails for a ministry, or offering skills like sewing or baking for parish events. There are countless ways to serve God's Kingdom.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Faith Formation

Whether it is RCIA, PRE, or a simple bible study, teaching the Faith is needed for the growth of the Church.



Works of Mercy

We are called by God to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and more. Charities and parish ministries exist to answer the call.



Parish Outreach

Consider what your parish does to build their community. Volunteers are needed to organize and run these events.



Parish Committees

The evaluating, planning and budgeting for the parish are handled by different councils that assist the pastor.

Prayerfully discern your talents using the quiz on the back



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Although discernment is a gift, it requires our work to uncover it.

Here is a quiz to help you discern your talents:

In the Gospels (Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:12-28), we hear of the importance of putting our gifts and talents at the service of the Master. In light of this, we encourage you to spend some time reflecting upon how God has uniquely blessed you with particular talents and how he might use them to be a blessing to the Church and to the world.

Consider the following statements and rank them from 1 to 3 (1=disagree, 2=neutral, 3=agree):

- _____ I prefer to work directly with people rather than behind the scenes.
- _____ I'm better at organizing and planning events than executing them.
- _____ People tell me I'm a good listener.
- _____ I am able to explain ideas and communicate well.
- _____ People find me easy to talk to and trust.
- _____ I'm good at motivating people to do things.
- _____ I feel comfortable praying with and for others.
- _____ I like to host events and work with groups.
- _____ I communicate best in writing.
- _____ People find me encouraging and joyful.
- _____ I tend to be generous with my time and resources.
- _____ I get energized from working with people who are in need.
- _____ I am good at multi-tasking and juggling many responsibilities.

Based on your responses above, what do you think are some of your gifts and talents?

What do you think other people would say are your gifts and talents?

What might God be calling you to do right now to put my gifts and talents at the service of others?

Prayer for Discernment of Talents

Lord Jesus Christ, I offer You my humble prayer that You help me identify the talent You have given me. Lord, I want to utilize my God given talent to accomplish the work I have been assigned by God, which is being of service to other Gods creations.

Dear Lord, inspire me to identify what are my passions, hobbies, skills, knowledge and expertise so that with Your help, guidance, protection and governance, I may serve other people and also inspire others to make good use of their talents. Amen.

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10)