

Stewardship Coordinator Formation with Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP IS BIBLICALLY BASED.

Exodus 23:19	Bring the best of the first fruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God.
II Chronicles 31:5	They brought a great amount, at tithe of everything.
Psalms 116:12	How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?
I Peter 4:10	Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.

Stewardship invites us to recognize that everything we are and possess is gift from God. Out of gratitude for these gifts, we give back to God by using them to serve and honor Him.

STEWARDSHIP IS A PRECEPT OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (Code of Canon Law)

1. Participate in Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation
2. Lead a sacramental life
3. Study Catholic teaching and advance Christ's mission
4. Observe Church marriage laws, train children in the Catholic faith, use parish schools and religious education programs
5. Strengthen and support the Church and one's own parish
6. Do penance

HISTORY OF STEWARDSHIP IN THE DIOCESE OF WICHITA

In 1985 Bishop Eugene Gerber established United Catholic Stewardship which embraces and promotes stewardship as a way of life. Parishioners consider how to use their gifts of time, talent, and treasure to serve the parish and school. All missions of the Church including the Catholic school are funded by the tithes of all parishioners.

DETERMINE GIFTS & TALENTS

Consider your gifts, talents, passions, interests, and circumstances. Match with parish ministries and organizations, specific tasks and needs.

A STEWARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PARISH

- Participate in Mass at the parish on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- Practice Catholic moral values in the workplace, home, classroom, and civic life
- Participate in the sacramental life of the church
- Support and cooperate with parish religious education programs for children & adults
- Participate in parish ministries, activities, and organizations through contributions of time and talent
- Make and keep a good faith pledge of treasure, with a goal of 8% of your adjusted gross income to the parish and 2% to favorite charities
- Complete and return annual pledge of time, talent, and treasure

*Stewardship is the grateful response of the Christian disciple
who recognizes and receives God's gifts
and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.*