

# Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick

## STEWARDSHIP PARISH SURVEY

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

Isn't stewardship about giving money? That's the usual reaction people have when they hear the word "stewardship." While that's part of it, there is much more to it. The word "stewardship" refers to the Catholic approach to all the gifts that God has bestowed upon us. When God created us, he gave each one of us certain talents and abilities. Stewardship is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered.

In 1 Thessalonians, Paul writes "This is the will of God that you be saints." And what do all saints have in common? Matthew Kelly addresses that question in his book "Rediscovering Catholicism", where he writes "Catholicism is a dynamic way of life that encourages and empowers each individual to become the-best-version-of-themselves. To be holy is to become fully the person God created you to be."

The Church needs you and God has chosen you to go out into all the world. Every Christian is to take an active part in the life of the Church and to share the gifts of salvation. Three convictions in particular underlie our understanding of stewardship.

1. Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to them.
2. Beginning in conversion, change of mind and heart, this commitment is expressed not in a single action, nor even in a number of actions over a period of time, but in an entire way of life. It means committing yourself to the Lord.
3. Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be. They are deeply aware of the truth that "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it" (Psalm 24:1). They know themselves to be recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. They are grateful for what they have received and eager to cultivate their gifts out of love for God and one another.

Over the next several months, the Stewardship Committee encourages you to think about the role of prayer, time, talent, faith, family and treasure in your life. In each of these areas, ask yourself—is my life Christ-centered?

### Parish Survey

We are asking you to help us provide a meaningful spiritual journey for you over the next year. This information is of great importance to the Stewardship Committee as we work to meet your needs. You are asked to complete the survey and return it at the end of Mass or mail it to the church office. You do not need to include your name.

If you have questions or comments, you are encouraged to share them with any member of the Stewardship Committee: Bob O'Donnell (Chair), Yvonne Abela, Erin Brawley, Janetta Brenner, Theresa Capricci, Nick DeAntonio, Joe DeCembrino,, Susan DeCembrino, Ginny Duncan, David Mason, Ellen Mason, Zenoria Owens, Tom Presite, Adam Robinson, Fr. Rozman.

Thank you,

Stewardship Committee

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**PRAYER** *The disciples make one request of Jesus: "Lord, Teach us to pray." (John 11:1)*

1. Are you interested in having a fuller understanding of the Rosary?

Yes  No  Maybe

*Examples: What prayers to say on the respective beads of the rosary, the mysteries of the rosary, how to offer an intention while saying the rosary.*

2. If so, how would you prefer to learn about the Rosary? Please check all that apply.

Informational Handouts  Church Website  Presentation/series of sessions

3. Would you be willing to attend an informational session regarding the Rosary?

Yes  No  Maybe

If so, when would you be likely to attend?

Monday Evening  Tuesday Evening  Wednesday Evening  After 12:15 Mass on Sunday

4. Would you be interested in learning more about other types of prayer?

Yes  No  Maybe

5. A Chaplet is an adaptation of the Rosary. A Chaplet is a special type of Rosary. It consists of devotional prayers said in honor of the Holy Trinity, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Our Lady, the Angels and the Saints: The purpose is to increase devotion to that particular person to whom the prayers are dedicated. Also the Holy Chaplets are meant to help the faithful to enter into these prayers and thus grow in union with Christ, His Holy Mother, the Angels and the Saints.

Would a session on chaplets be of interest to you?  Yes  No  Maybe

6. What question(s) do you have about Prayer?

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Please place your completed survey in the basket at the back of the church or mail it to the church office

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Thank you!