

TREASURE

Take this opportunity to reflect on your stewardship of the treasure God has blessed you with. Over the past year what has your stewardship in the following areas looked like, and how do you plan to treat these areas over the next year?

CHARITABLE OFFERINGS
SUNDAY OFFERINGS
DONATION OF UNUSED TREASURES



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Comments: _____

YOUTH EDUCATION

Religious Education

- Catechist (Teachers)
- Assistants
- Secretary

Youth Ministry

- Confirmation Teacher or Substitute
- Confirmation Retreat Team
- Youth Group Adult Leader
- Vacation Bible School

ADULT EDUCATION

Discussion Groups

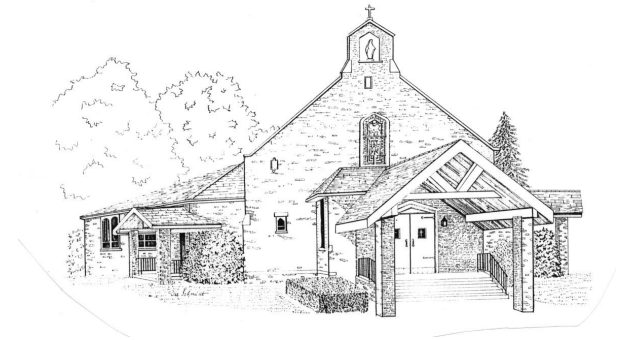
- Bible Study**—Scripture studies conducted by one of our priests.
- Home Discussion Group**—Small groups meet in homes to discuss Sunday scriptures.
 - Facilitator Participant
- Men's Discussion Group**—Scripture study and faith sharing.
- Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)**
 - Facilitator Candidate Sponsor
- Parish Library**—Books, videos, DVD's for adults and children about theology, family life, etc. Open after Sunday Masses.

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STEWARDSHIP

Our Lady of the Lake Church



Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. Wherever it has been implemented, both givers' and receivers' lives have been changed.

Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all His blessings by effectively managing the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us.

Stewardship engenders a spirituality that deepens our relationship with the Lord. Stewardship involves intentional, planned, and proportionate giving of our time talent, and treasure.

TIME AND TALENT

'Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.'

LITURGY

- Altar Server**—A minister who has very specific tasks to perform during liturgies.
- Eucharistic Minister**—Assists in the distribution of the Holy Eucharist at all Masses, on weekdays and Sundays; may bring communion to the sick at home and to area nursing homes.
- Lector**—Proclaims the Word of God at liturgies and special services.

MUSIC

- Cantor**—Leads the assembly in sung prayer.
- Choir (Vocal musician)**—Children's Choir, Traditional Choir, and Contemporary Choir
- Instrumental Musician**—Anyone who plays a musical instrument competently is invited to share their talents with the parish community.

OTHER

- Sacristy Care and Environment**
- Usher**—Minister of Hospitality who makes parishioners and visitors feel welcome. They assist with the proper order during the liturgy.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Ten-Minute Ministries

- Christmas Food Drive**—Distribution of food, turkeys, and toys through the Sparta Ecumenical Council.
- Frozen Tin Pan Dinner Drive**—Prepare, cook, and freeze designated meals in supplied trays for use at the Father English Center in Paterson.
- Sparta Food Pantry**—Average monthly donations of 30 bags of groceries are donated.
- Adopt-A-Family**—“Adoption” of entire families and donation of Christmas gifts to them.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES (con't)

Parish Events

- Carnival International Night
- Winter Ball St. Patrick's Dance
- Spruce Up Day Parish Picnic
- Babysitting**—Babysitting during 10:30 Mass.

Community Outreach

- Blood Drive**—Makes sure our local hospital has an adequate supply of blood.
- Clothing Drive**—Collects 80-100 bags of clothing, sheets, towels, furniture, appliances, etc.
- Legislative Advocacy**—Addresses our legislators about our beliefs regarding “life” issues.
- Haiti Parish Twinning**—Collects and ships school supplies, medicines, etc. to our sister parish in Haiti; funded by the White Elephant Sale during the parish carnival.
- Our Lady of the Lake Seniors**—Celebrate life prayerfully, socially, and through the formation of new friendships.
- Respect Life**—Prayer, education, and action in and on critical “life” issues..

- Women's Social Group**—A wonderful way for women to come together and enjoy doing things together in a social setting. Meets last Sunday each month.

Worldwide Outreach

- Bread for the World**—a national organization that our parish supports by an annual letter-writing campaign to our local and national legislators.
- Operation Ricebowl**—Distributes cardboard ‘rice bowls’ during Lent to collect donations for Catholic Relief Services.

SPIRITUAL LIFE/PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration—Opportunity to spend some time each in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

- Prayer Chain**—Parishioners that pray daily for the cares and concerns of fellow parishioners.

- Prayer Shawl Ministry**—Shawls are made and given to those in need of the feeling of God's arms wrapped around them.

- Rainbows**—Assists young children in coping with the loss of a parent through death or divorce.

- Stewardship Committee**—Guides parishioners in utilizing their gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

- Do YOU have a vocation?**

Bereavement Ministries

- Armathea**—Supports families of a loved one at the time of death and the days to follow.
- Parents' Support Group**—Helps parents who are coping with the death of a child.

OTHER

CYO Basketball

- Coach Player

CYO Cheerleaders

- Coach Player

- Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes**

Please read both sides and mark the parish organization, ministry or educational program in which you would like to participate, and either drop it off, mail it to the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. If more than one family member would like to sign up for a ministry, please ask for another sheet. Thank you.