

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Almighty God, My parish family is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit if I, who make it what it is am filled with these same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish family to be. Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might build the Church through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TREASURE COMMITMENT CARD

"I have prayerfully considered my role in the financial support of my parish home and commit to contribute \$ _____ (weekly) to St. Patrick Catholic Church. I understand that if I am unable to fulfill this pledge for any reason, I am under no obligation to do so." **ON-LINE GIVING** is available for your convenience. Please contact the Parish Office for assistance or check the parish website for additional information (www.StPatrickTampa.org).

Kindly **PRINT** the following information:

FULL NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____
E-MAIL: _____

Please REMOVE this treasure section, PLACE in SEPARATE TREASURE ENVELOPE, and RETURN this "Treasure Commitment Card." Place in offertory basket or return to the Parish Office. Your financial pledge will be kept confidential. To "LEAVE A LEGACY" for the future growth of our parish home, please contact the Parish Office. *Thank you for your stewardship of treasure (financial participation).

TALENT COMMITMENT CARD

*"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)*

"I will contribute my talent in service to others through the following ministry."
When you sign-up for a new ministry or share a special talent, a ministry representative will contact you.

NAME: _____
PHONE: _____
E-MAIL: _____

MINISTRY SIGN-UP (please circle if this is a new ministry OR current ministry):

_____ (new/current)
_____ (new/current)
_____ (new/current)

"I have the following **special talent** (e.g., painter, florist, seamstress, gardener, carpenter, musician, teacher/catechist, etc.) that I would like to share with my parish family."

NAME: _____
PHONE: _____
TALENT(S): _____

Please SEPARATE and RETURN this "Talent Commitment Card." Place in offertory basket or return to the Parish Office. *Thank you for your stewardship of talent (service).

*"For it is in giving that we receive."
~St. Francis of Assisi*

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STEWARDSHIP ~ A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE

"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, and the source of all they have and are and will be. 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. Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves."

"As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord."

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response
A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship
Tenth Anniversary Edition, 2002

Stewardship ~ Discipleship in Action

TIME

Spending Time with God in Prayer

Stewardship as a way of life is a faith journey. Prayer is the foundation for stewardship. Make time to pray daily. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to Him and others.

“Pray as you can, not as you can’t.”

Consider the following **gifts of time (prayer)**:

- *Attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days (or through live-stream or taped due to COVID-19)
- *Watch Mass on-line, participate in St. Patrick meditation series, subscribe for free to Formed.org, download free prayer resource apps (MyParishApp)
- *Spend time each day in personal prayer
- *Pray together with loved ones
- *Invite a friend or an acquaintance to Mass
- *Read the Bible on a regular basis
- *Go to Confession on a regular basis
- *Spend one hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration
- *Attend Daily Morning Prayer
- *Pray the Holy Rosary
- *Participate in Faith Formation activities
- *Discuss the Catholic faith with others

Thank you for your stewardship of time (prayer).

TALENT

Using My Talents to Serve Others

Jesus said that He came “not to be served but to serve.” (Matthew 20:28) Let us imitate Jesus by serving others. Read about the various ministries available at St. Patrick Catholic Church in our Ministry Directory.

Consider the following **gifts of talent (service)**:

Parish Committees: Lay Liturgy Committee * Stewardship Committee * Parish Social Committee

Liturgical Ministries: Altar Cloth Ministry * Altar Servers * Candle Ministry * Church Environment Ministry * Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion * Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick & Homebound * Lectors * Media and Technology Ministry * Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters, Ushers, Welcomers) * Music Ministries * Photography Ministry * Sacristans

Service Ministries: Arimatheans * Council of Catholic Women (CCW) * Circle 1 * Circle 7 * Giving Tree * Grief-Hope Ministry * Men’s Group * Outreach Ministry * Respect Life Ministry * St. Vincent de Paul Society

Faith Formation: Charismatic Prayer Group ~ *Grupo de Oracion* * Children & Families Faith Formation * *Estudio de la Biblia en Español* * FORMED * RCIA (for families and adults) * Sacrament Preparation (Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation) * Youth Faith Formation (EDGE & LIFE TEEN)

Social Ministries: Bingo * Pentecost Celebration * Young-at-Heart

Thank you for your stewardship of talent (service).

TREASURE

Financially Supporting My Parish Home

We are called to give faithfully of our first fruits, and the Lord promises to bless those who give generously. We will experience the joy of giving and a connectedness to Christ through giving.

In thanksgiving for God’s gifts, we ask each household at St. Patrick Catholic Church to work toward giving a specific percentage of income based on the Biblical tithe (10%) ~ 5% to St. Patrick; 4% to other charities; 1% to APA. If you are unable to commit to the full 5% to your parish home at this time, try to increase your current level by one to two percent of income until you reach your sacrificial goal. Prayerfully consider taking a step-up in faith to the next percentage level. Our giving is planned, a priority, a percentage, and progressive. We are called to give our financial resources to God as an act of worship in our home of worship.

Consider the following **gifts of treasure (financial participation)**:

EXAMPLES of WEEKLY GIVING

	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
Household Income					
\$30,000	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
\$50,000	48	38	29	19	10
\$70,000	67	54	40	27	14
\$100,000	96	77	58	38	19

“For where your treasure is, there also will be your heart.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

Thank you for your stewardship of treasure (financial participation).