



# *The Shepherd*

## *Our Journey into Discipleship*

### **Month of the Holy Rosary and a Recommitment to Stewardship**

#### *Stewardship Prayer October*

*Lord Jesus Christ,*

*As we begin to shift  
from summer schedules  
to autumn demands,  
teach us to recognize  
you, and help us follow  
you amidst our busy life.  
Open the Scriptures to  
us... that we may know  
you, see you, hear you –  
in the ministries of our  
parish, in the proclama-  
tion of the Word, and in  
the Breaking of the  
Bread. Teach us to be  
good stewards, that we  
may use your gifts  
wisely and care for all  
those you place  
in our path.  
Help us make this new  
season a time of  
spiritual renewal, hope,  
and action to proclaim  
the Gospel in our words  
and in our deeds.  
For the kingdom and  
the power and the glory  
are yours, now and  
forever. Amen.*

The model for all Christian life is the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Francis calls Mary an “icon of faith”. Mary is truly blessed because she believed. She is blessed because she accepted God’s will for her and she is blessed because she said “YES” to life when she was asked to sacrifice her whole life to God’s mysterious plan. Autumn brings a burst of new life that makes October feel almost like spring. Why? For the Christian steward, Fall brings a renewed sense of commitment. Literally, many of us make our commitment of time and resources to our parish in the Fall.

- ◆ *Adult Formations*
- ◆ *Liturgical Ministries*
- ◆ *Prayer & Adoration*
- ◆ *Music Ministries*
- ◆ *Service & Hospitality*
- ◆ *Children’s Religious Education*
- ◆ *Youth Ministries*
- ◆ *Parish Committees*

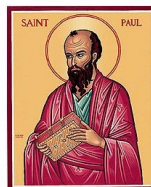
Stewardship commitment brings a sense of excitement to individual renewal for sharing our God given talents and reminds us of the good work to be done whether it be in Formation, Prayer and Adoration or Service and Hospitality ministries. This is the time when we reexamine and reconfirm our stewardship. Sacred Heart is our primary faith community, where we built relationships based on our shared values and sacramental life, and now is a time to share your God given gifts. Our new Ministry Handbooks will be available Oct. 28-29th. Please note the many wonderful ministries offered here at Sacred Heart and see how you can share you God given talents and then say, “YES”, like Mary.



***Stewardship is what you do  
after you say, “I Believe.”***

#### **Stewardship Reflection October 1st**

*“Humbly regard others as more  
important than yourselves.” St Peter*



St. Paul offers a formula for living the way we are supposed to live as Christians. “Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.” This is a challenge for most all of us. Yet, that is one of the secrets to being a good steward and living as Christ wants us to live.



***New Ministry Booklets to be  
distributed after all Masses Oct.  
28-29. Take advantage of our  
wonderful ministries. This is an  
awesome time to say, “YES”!***

# “Why I share my time and talents at Sacred Heart...”



“When asked to teach CCD, we knew God was calling us to serve. Passing on our faith and the teachings of Jesus to the children has been truly rewarding and a blessing to us. Our family has been through some trying times and our faith tested, but we truly believe the 14 years teaching CCD has only made us stronger in our faith.” Mike and Josie Bugay



“I am grateful to God for giving me the Grace to do my share in passing on our Holy Catholic Faith to the children of our parish. It is an honor and a privilege for me. I am just part of the many others who are dedicated to this ministry.” Mary McConnon

“I share my time & talents because it's simply what I've been called to do. I've felt the call to work in youth ministry for awhile now and every Sunday I get to see what God is doing in the hearts of the middle schoolers I work with. He is constantly showing me that this is where I need to be.” Laureleigh Brooks



## October's Ministry Spot Light Table - Stop by and say “YES”!!

**7-8 Friends For Life** - Ministry is dedicated in protecting the sanctity of life from conception to natural death through love, prayer, education, social support and participation in pro-life events.

**14-15 Home & School Association** - A parent & teacher group committed in maintaining good communication between home & school and providing a vehicle for parents to provide service and facilitate better interaction between the parish and the school.

**21-22 Ushers/Greeters** - Our mission is to provide a welcoming environment for all who gather in God's House. From opening up the doors, to taking up the collection or passing out bulletins.

**28/29 Golden Hearts Seniors** - The Golden Hearts provide recreation and entertainment for

### Stewardship Celebrations

#### Newcomers - Welcome to our Parish!

Ed & Cori Goebel and Family  
 Hao & Mai Truong and Family  
 Lino & Marta Acevedo Jr.  
 Larry & Cyrenea Mehefko  
 Joe & Jennifer McCloskey  
 Richard & Marilyn Beladino  
 Woo Joo & MiYoung Jung Park and Family

#### Weddings - Blessings!

Lawrence E. Herter & Susan M. Hartz

#### Baptisms - Congratulations!

Angelina Ava Ostrowski  
 Isaiah Audelino Gonzalez-Ostrowski  
 Maliha Makaylynn Ostrowski Gonzalez  
 Liliana Rey Uso  
 Abigail R. Whitzel  
 Danica Jade Whitzel  
 Ema Nichole Whitzel  
 Lyxzi Yamiled Ramirez  
 Axel Giovanni Ramirez  
 Emory Reilyn Harford



We are called...

...to pray

...to serve

...to love



### Stewardship Joke of the Month - His First Wedding



A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said.