

## Parish Stewardship

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Stewardship is one of the Seven Essential Elements of Parish life.

We the baptized, as part of stewardship are called to participate in our parish by active involvement in its ongoing life. Ideally, we should seek to be good stewards of God's blessings all the time and not just when we volunteer. Each day allows us to be a good steward. There are many ways we practice this in our homes, when on the phone, emailing, texting, talking to others, at the store, at work or recreation and dining, to identify a few examples.

Time is a very special gift. We may say we don't have enough time in the day, we're too busy. The key question is: What do we make time for?

God's question is: How do we choose to use our time? Is our time squandered watching senseless TV shows? excessive recreation? What time do we use to foster our relationship with God? Do we volunteer some time in a ministry that blesses others?

Talents and abilities are given to us primarily to bless others. Many of our parishioners are living this 'Word' and are a blessing to our Parish and the greater community. However, many others are perhaps sitting on their talents and not using them. Instead, their talents are buried!

We share our gift of Treasure in our weekly sacrificial giving in the Sunday Offertory. These regular and faithful contributions fund the Parish of St. Veronica's mission and budget. This sacrificial giving weekly is simply making the most of our gifts and resources in which the return has already been given to us in the unconditional love of Jesus Christ!

Recently, our Business Manager gave us an accounting in the Sunday bulletin of the more current stewardship activities of our Parish. We have an active Finance Council that meets regularly and advises our Pastor on how our buildings and grounds are maintained and continually looks to make necessary improvements. Over the past several years, we have seen many improvements: the roof, school improvements, the HVAC system for the Church, to name a few.

The fund raising that was earmarked for the HVAC System showed the good faithful stewardship of the people of St. Veronica. It was a leap of faith to give a few extra dollars a week and now all who attend or visit our Church enjoy a comfortable climate especially in the extremes of summer and winter! Thank you for your good stewardship!



Perhaps we can improve upon offering our time, talents, and treasure. After all, we are building God's kingdom here in Howell where we live and pray and care and play! Maybe each one of us could examine our time, our talents and our treasure and find what we could offer this great community of St. Veronica. Everyone is needed! All are welcome!