

Questions & Answers

About the 2009-10 Stewardship Program

What is Stewardship?

It is a faithful and effective use of all the gifts entrusted to us by God. It is a way of life, an attitude. Stewardship is our partnership with God as we thankfully share life's abundant blessings. Stewardship allows us to acknowledge our blessings and live out our ministry – to nurture our faith in Christ and serve the world God loves.

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Why a Stewardship Campaign?

The goal of this campaign is to communicate with all parishioners about our shared ministry at **St. Swithin's**. On a personal level, the campaign asks each of us to examine the investment we currently make in our faith and the life of our church.

How do I indicate my offer of time and talents?

Please review the enclosed list of groups and activities at our parish. Consider how you might best participate in some of these ministries or suggest new activities that would make use of your talents.

From my treasure, is there a particular amount I should give?

This is an individual decision that each person or family makes. All of us need to give thoughtful consideration to our contributions. A proportional giving chart is available to help you decide.

What is the concept of proportional giving?

Our parish has adopted the biblical principle of offering a percentage of our bountiful blessings to God's work in the world as the central tenet for personal financial stewardship. Proportional giving means we are challenged to give first to God, rather than from whatever amount is left over.

How can I support the Parish when I can't attend services?

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) is a form of automatic, monthly electronic payment. If you would like to sign up for PAR, kindly complete the designated section of the pledge form and provide a void cheque from the account you wish debited.

How are we being asked to respond to this Stewardship Campaign?

As a parishioner, you are asked to indicate your intended offering on the enclosed Pledge Sheet and the time and talents you will share by completing the Time and Talent Sheet.

Will my pledge be confidential?

Yes. The amount you pledge and the amount you give are treated confidentially.

What if my personal circumstances change during the year?

You may alter your pledge at any time, as all gifts are voluntary.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

