

St. Bridget Church Stewardship Campaign

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord at the conclusion of the joyful celebration of Christ's birth, we will begin to turn our attention in the coming weeks to the penitential season of Lent. Annually, we are blessed with this reflective time in the Church's year to discern the sacrifices we make through prayer, fasting, and alms giving. This year we will undertake a concerted process of catechesis on the meaning of our offering to the Lord in return for the blessings He affords each of us.

During our annual Stewardship campaign, occurring this year during the Lenten season, we will be asked to listen and to be attentive to the Gospel messages that unfold for us through the coming weeks. We will learn of Christ's sacrifice for us, its meaning to us as Catholic Christians and how we are to respond with an offering of our time, talent and treasure. It is within the meaning of sacrificial giving that we, as a parish family, offer our gifts in support of our parish, its many ministries and services, and to the needs of our brethren in the community.

During these weeks, as we reflect on the Gospel messages, we will focus on the good works which we have accomplished through our commitment to sacrificial giving and how we must continue to be generous in keeping with Gospel values.

During this year's Stewardship process we are asked to:

Listen – to the messages of stewardship included in our parish communications, but most importantly, in the Gospel. Let these messages guide you in your thoughtful discernment of your stewardship commitment.

Pray – through the coming weeks, and ask our Lord for the wisdom and knowledge needed to bless others in the way that we have been blessed. Reflect on the Stewardship Prayer below, perhaps reading it at your family's mealtime - a perfect time to recognize the abundance of God's gifts to us.

Respond – generously and thoughtfully to this year's stewardship campaign. Allow for meaningful reflection of your financial support for St. Bridget Church and its mission, knowing that your personal gift to the Lord is pleasing to Him.

A Prayer for Stewardship

Heavenly Father, we pray for your continued blessings on St. Bridget Parish as we enter our annual Stewardship campaign.

We ask that you . . .

. . . Open our ears, that we may hear the Gospel message of sacrifice and giving;

. . . Open our eyes, that we may recognize the needs of our church and our community;

. . . Open our hearts, that we may respond with love to what You ask of us; and,

. . . Open our hands, that we may return to You a meaningful measure of what You have blessed and entrusted to us.

We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son, knowing that all things come from You and Him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.