



## Focus of Stewardship

- Stewardship is based on the individual's need to give out of **gratitude** rather than the Church's need to receive—it is a spiritual way of life...a conversion process that changes lives.
- Stewardship is Intentional, Planned and Proportionate giving
- Stewardship is based on the fact that each of us has been given unique gifts and talents from God. It is part of our calling to discern, develop and use those gifts.
- Stewardship is part of our own Religious Education.
- Stewardship is giving of the *first fruits* of our time, talent and treasure.
- Stewardship of time involves first our time spent with God in prayer and sacrament, then the time spent in service to others.
- Stewardship should embrace all aspects of our life...Family, Church, Community.
- Stewardship is about putting God FIRST in our lives. Our calendars and checkbooks tell our story.
- Stewardship involves TRUST in God's will.
- Steward is PROACTIVE.
- Stewardship brings a sense of personal joy and fulfillment to life.
  - Build a deep trust in God's Divine Providence
  - Grow in a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ
  - Learn to distinguish between "wants" and "needs"
  - Find great satisfaction in serving others
  - Develop a real balance in life between family, community, church
  - Develop a balance between the physical, spiritual, emotional, practical self
  - Deepen his or her prayer life
  - Learn to prioritize
  - Develop a sense of accountability
  - Learn to develop God-given gifts and talents
  - Always put God first