

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: THREE WAYS OF GIVING

How we use money says more about our value system than anything we say or do. Some would think that the way we handle our money is a window into our souls. In funding our parish ministry there are three faces of financial stewardship.

ANNUAL GIVING (*ordinary stewardship*) is the regular practice of returning to God a portion of all that God has given us.

CAPITAL GIVING (*extraordinary stewardship*) involves the special occasions that arise in the life of Christian communities that call us to give beyond our ordinary habit.

LEGACY GIVING (*legacy stewardship*) is the way in which we address the matter of disposing of the accumulations of our lifetime.

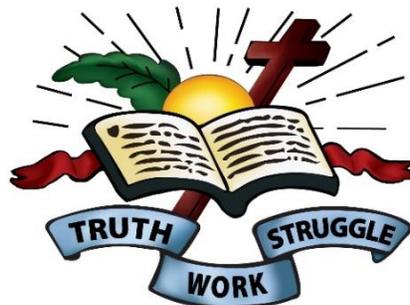
YOUR STEWARDSHIP STATUS: Time to Ponder and Act

Have you asked yourself how you are doing in your annual support of your parish? Can you afford more to help with the work of your parish? If you are wondering what else can you do, consider the following ideas:

- If you do not know what your parish has established as guidelines for giving, ask your pastor or parish committee. You can also attend parish committee

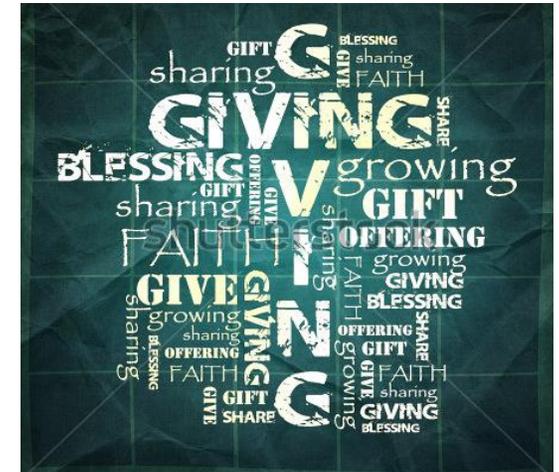
meetings to get information about your parish needs and financial obligations.

- Speak with your pastor or parish committee about services your church pays for that are provided by vendors, such as building and grounds maintenance, or other services. Could you offset some of those costs by donating your time or talents?
- Consider planning a regular amount in your home budget for care and upkeep of your spiritual home to assure your church will be there when you come.
- There are countless ways we can use the time, talents and treasures we have so wonderfully been given. Let the love within you guide you in your journey to giving and to serving one another.
- As a parishioner and good steward of your church, it rests with you to keep the doors open, the lights on and fulfilling the work Christ calls us to do.



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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP



IN THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Christian stewardship and Christian giving work hand in hand. Generosity is one of the primary ways in which Christians show the fruit of the Spirit at work in their lives. How important our faith and our parish is to us is evidenced in how we use our **TIME, TALENT** and **TREASURE** towards God's work.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP:

One of the ways our church is unique in its democratic structure is that the people purchase, build, and maintain their own Church

