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A Message from Father Pat...

# Stewardship of Ministry

## Stewardship of Ministry 2010-2011

“How well do I use the time and the talents that I have?”

In the Parable of the Talents (*Mt 25:14-30*), a master entrusted talents to three servants. (The word “talent” is a unit of coinage; the word we use today is derived from this biblical passage.) Two of the servants traded with the talents and made more. The third, however, dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money. Note that the “talents” did not belong to the servants, but were given by the master. They were given to be used, not wasted. The same is true of all of us; our talents are not our own, because we are not our own... we belong to God and everything we have comes from Him.

We are all given gifts and talents from God—using those gifts is a loving expression of our commitment to the Lord. As Christian stewards, we are responsible for giving our time and talents to help build the Body of Christ.

The various ministries of St. Thomas More Church continue to be successful because of the dedication of our volunteers. In a few weeks, you will be receiving a **Stewardship of Ministry** packet in the mail. Please pray about how you can share the gifts with which God has blessed you. There are many liturgical and non-liturgical opportunities available...whether you have plenty of time to share or just a little time to spare, your commitment to parish ministry is needed and deeply appreciated.

More information will be provided  
in next week’s bulletin and can also be  
viewed on our website ([www.stmore.org](http://www.stmore.org)).

“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due  
time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up.”

~ Galatians 6:9

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## **Ministry and Program Opportunities**

There are many ministry opportunities available at St. Thomas More Parish. The *Stewardship of Ministry* packet that you will soon receive in the mail will contain more details.

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### **Worship and Music**

#### **Liturgical Ministries**

Altar Server  
Eucharistic Minister  
Greeter  
Lector  
Ministry to Homebound  
Sacristan  
Usher

#### **Music Ministries**

Handbell Choir  
High School Choir/Instrumental Ensemble  
Nativity Play  
Resurrection Schola  
Treble Choir  
St. Thomas More Choir  
Spanish Choir

#### **Service Ministries**

Altar Society  
Ministry to Homebound

#### **Spirituality Ministries**

Hour of Prayer  
Rosary Group  
Serra Club

#### **Hispanic Ministry**

### **Religious Education & Formation**

Bible Study  
Catholics Returning Home  
Faith Formation  
Liturgy of the Word for Children  
Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Parish Retreats  
RCIA  
Sacramental Preparation Programs

### **Youth Ministry**

Friends in Christ  
The Edge (*Middle School*) Youth Ministry  
LifeTeen (*High School*) Youth Ministry  
Parish Catechists  
Vacation Bible School  
Trunk or Treat  
Easter Egg Hunt

### **Social Concerns**

#### **Parish Outreach**

Bereavement  
Funeral Meals  
Handy Helpers/Emergency Services  
Parish Nurse Program  
Transportation

#### **Catholic Service Organizations**

Daughters of Isabella  
Knights of Columbus  
Columbian Squires  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

#### **Community Outreach**

Community Kitchen  
Habitat for Humanity  
Hope Unlimited  
Juvenile Detention Facility Visitation  
Merryman House Domestic Abuse Center  
Paducah Cooperative Ministry  
St. Nicholas Clinic  
West Kentucky Right to Life

#### **Missions**

Mandeville Diocese Mission

### **Parish Life**

Advent Celebration  
Celebrate Your Marriage  
Coffee and Doughnuts  
Couples in Christ  
Grounds Committee  
Mothers on Mondays (MOMs Group)  
Mt. Carmel Cemetery  
Office Volunteers  
Over 50's Group  
Parish Events Photography  
Parish Picnic  
Special Meals/Receptions  
Welcoming Committee