



Stewardship of Giving 2011

A Message from Father Pat...

Stewardship of Giving (Week One - March 6, 2011)

Through our *Stewardship of Giving* campaign each Lent, we are presented with the opportunity and responsibility to reflect on our commitment of annual financial support to our parish.

As human beings, we feel the need to give to those whom we love...the same is true with God. If we believe we have a deep relationship with Him, we will want to show our love by giving of our time, talent, and our treasure. Through prayerful discernment, all of us must determine an appropriate level of giving. The planned, proportionate, and sacrificial gift of our treasure is an expression of gratitude and our love—our need to give freely back to God the first portion of the gifts He has given us.

Questions for reflection:

- *Do I believe that my financial support to our parish is separate from the spiritual aspects of my faith life?*
- *Do I feel a “need to give”?*
- *Do I live a life of gratitude?*

Throughout these weeks of Lent, *Stewardship of Giving* information will be provided in the parish bulletin and on our website. Please review the information and consider prayerfully your financial commitment to our parish for the coming fiscal year.

The financial offering we make for this *Stewardship of Giving* campaign will be in effect for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

*“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”*

(2 Corinthians 9:6)