

## *Stewardship at St. Thomas More*

**What is Stewardship?** Stewardship is a way of life. It is a call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is about more than money; it is a conversion—a change of mind and heart. It is an opportunity, a need on the part of the *giver* to give back a portion of the abundant blessings from God. It is a faith response.

At St. Thomas More, our annual three-phase approach encourages us to strive to live as Christian stewards all year through. Each Advent we begin with the ***Stewardship of Prayer***, when we make a personal commitment to increase our prayer lives for the coming year through personal and communal prayer opportunities. Stewardship of Prayer reminds us to make time for God in prayer and keep it a daily priority in our busy, crowded lives. We encourage you to use our annual prayer brochure as a resource for your daily prayer. Copies of the brochures are available in the Gathering Space.

During Lent, our parish focuses on ***Stewardship of Giving***. Through prayerful discernment, all of us must determine an appropriate level of giving. The planned, proportionate, and sacrificial giving of our treasure is an expression of gratitude to the Lord for all the blessings He bestows upon us. Your annual offering is deeply appreciated and essential for the spiritual and material needs of St. Thomas More Parish now and into the future.

In late summer, our ***Stewardship of Ministry*** phase takes place. During this campaign, parishioners consider the many liturgical and non-liturgical ministry opportunities and select those which best match their talents and gifts. Each of us has God-given gifts to use for the good of our parish and community. Take some time to observe all the happenings in our parish--read the bulletin, browse the website, and observe the many events that take place. All of these programs and ministries need dedicated volunteers to keep them functioning successfully. Through serving our parish and community, we also serve the Lord.

*Please feel free to contact the Parish Office at 534-9000 if you have any questions.*