



# Stewardship of Giving 2010

*A Message from Father Pat...*

## *Stewardship of Giving Week One (February 21, 2010)*

The Lenten season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving calls us to strive for renewal of our hearts. Through our *Stewardship of Giving* campaign, we also are also presented with the opportunity and responsibility to reflect on the importance of our level of annual financial support to our parish.

During 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, 2010 to June 30, 2011.**

### *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?*

Just as human beings feel the need to give to those we love, the same is true with God. If we believe we have a deep relationship with Him, we will want to express our love for Him by giving of our time, talent, and our treasure. Our gifts express our gratitude and our love—our need to give freely back to God the first portion of the gifts He has given us.

Consider making a daily “Thank God” list. In this way, we can remind ourselves of things which should not be taken for granted, and we can live a life of full of thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

**“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)**