



STM Stewardship News

A Message from Father Pat...

Since 2005, our three-phase stewardship program has encouraged us to embrace living as Christian stewards year round: *Stewardship of Prayer* in Advent; *Stewardship of Giving* during Lent; and *Stewardship of Ministry* in late summer. To date, these annual programs reflect an average participation rate of 50% of parishioners. Statistics alone cannot adequately measure the impact of prayer and participation, and there's always room for improvement, but these results are positive. This is an energetic and growing parish! We are blessed to have a beautiful worship space and campus, a variety of programs and ministries and generous, caring parishioners. Most importantly, we are a family who gathers at our Eucharistic celebrations to worship and give thanks as members of the Body of Christ.

Thank you for participating in our recent *Stewardship of Prayer* renewal. If you were unable to participate in the prayer renewal, you may pick up a Stewardship of Prayer commitment card in the Gathering Space. Reflect on your personal commitment to prayer in the coming year, then complete both sides of the card. Keep one; return the other in the offertory at Mass. Returning a portion of the card helps us assess the power of prayer here in our parish.

Copies of our new prayer pamphlet as well as those from prior years are available in the Gathering Space.

Advent blessings,