



## Stewardship of Ministry 2011-2012

*A Message from Father Pat...July 17, 2011*

### What Can We Do to Make our Offerings “First-Fruits”?

Sharing our gifts and talents is another way to express gratitude to God for our many blessings. Let’s reflect on what we can do to make our offerings the “first-fruits.” For example...can we cook or bake? Then we can provide food for funeral meals or parish receptions. Do we have a good public speaking voice? Then we can volunteer as a lector. Do we have compassion and caring for others? Then we can serve as Ministers to the Homebound. Are we interested in volunteering during liturgies? We can serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, or Ushers.

We are blessed with a parish that offers so many ministries in which to serve. Whether you are a busy parent, retired, a young adult, or a student, there are many opportunities to share your gifts!

In early August, parish families will receive a *Stewardship of Ministry* renewal packet in the mail. When it arrives, review the ministry descriptions. Then pray about how you can use the gifts with which God has blessed you. In what way is God calling you to share those gifts?

*More information will be provided in  
next week’s bulletin.*