

STOCCC GAZETTE

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER

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Purpose of this Newsletter: One format in which to "Keep the lines of Communication OPEN" and inform the congregation, friends and guests of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Community of what is happening.

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Bring A Friend!

Mass

Every Sunday at 10:30 am

CHURCH SCHEDULE

- March 2, 9, 16, 23 is Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. Multiple renditions will be used.
- March 4, Mass, Sunday, 10:30 am – Third Sunday of Lent
- March 7, Wednesday, 6:30 pm – H.O.M. Meeting, location unknown at this point – possibly Father Victor's house
- March 11, Sunday, 2:00 am – SPRING FORWARD, CLOCKS AHEAD
- March 11, Mass, Sunday, 10:30 am – Fourth Sunday of Lent
- March 18, Mass, Sunday, 10:30 am – Fifth Sunday of Lent. Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Corn Beef and Potatoes

REMINDER STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT, CHAPEL AT 7:00 PM

HAPPENINGS

- UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS Caleb Stout Birthday 3/3, Jon Laubscher/William Schwartz Anniversary 3/6, Jennifer and Dan Stout Anniversary 3/13, Patrick Ellingham Birthday 3/16
- On the Bulletin Board located in the Narthex, is a list of all Registered Members. If you are not on this list, please fill out a Blue Card and place it in the Offertory Plate. Being a Registered Member entitles you to vote on the Upcoming Constitution, Bylaws, etc. So Please Register.
- Prayer Request Page has been added to the Bulletin. Facebook is about to be re-vamped. It has gotten lost in the Electronic World.
- We are amid turning the Narthex into more of a conversational area. Before Mass we are closing the Inner Doors and using the Church as a time for Meditation and Prayer. Please be respectful for those that wish to speak privately with the Lord!



HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

**PRIEST RETURNS
TO HIS
FLOCK!**

As of the posting of this newsletter, hoping that things improve and no setbacks, Father Victor Ray will be giving Mass on Sunday, March 11th at 10:30 am.

Prayers are needed for this revelation!

**ALERT
THE
FLOCK!**



**SPREAD
THE
NEWS!**

Stewardship (Time, Talent and Treasure)

STEWARDSHIP DEFINITION: THE CARE, HANDLING, AND MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES

The Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

Stewardship involves all of life

While pastors and others usually only speak of stewardship in terms of Time, Talent and Treasure, *the truth is that stewardship involves all of life – body, mind and spirit, our material possessions, friendships, etc.* All we are and have is a gift from our Creator for us to use wisely to build up God's kingdom here on earth. The misconception of just giving of one category (Time, Talent, Treasure) is just that, a misconception.

TEACHING STEWARDSHIP

August 19th, 2012

Nan S. Duerling

What do you think of when you hear the word stewardship? You responded typically if you said money or finance campaign. Too often, stewardship discussions focus on how to raise money for the church budget. Too often, stewardship education consists of training visitors to make an appeal for funds.

While stewardship does include how we get, spend, and give our money, this narrow definition of stewardship as church fund raising falls far short of the rich, comprehensive understanding of stewardship that we find in the Bible. This article will help you study the biblical concept of stewardship and consider ways you can teach this holistic understanding to students of all ages.

Stewardship in the Bible

A biblical understanding of stewardship rests on the foundation that God is the creator and owner of all things:

"The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it" (Psalm 24:1).

Persons do not truly own anything--even themselves--but hold their time, talents, material resources, the created world, and "God's mysteries" (1 Corinthians 4: 1) in trust to be used for God's purposes.

Within this understanding, we cannot truly give anything to God--all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We can, however, return to God a portion of that which is God's (1 Chronicles 29: 14). We offer this portion not out of a sense of duty but as a response to the gracious love of God. As Christians, we have seen God's love most clearly demonstrated in the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In Jesus we see the model of stewardship to which God calls each of us.

Stewardship is a Way of Life

Stewardship is not a particular activity such as serving on a committee or making a financial pledge. Rather, stewardship is a way of life that requires us to put God first in all things, trust God to meet our needs, and be accountable to God in the way that we use all of the resources entrusted to our keeping. If we use these resources as God intends, the earth and all who dwell in it will be cared for.

A look at several Greek words used in the New Testament and their meanings in English will help us to clarify this holistic understanding of stewardship. *Oikos* (oy' kos) means home or household. *Oikonomos* (oy ko no' mos) is the household manager or administrator; the steward. *Oikonomia* (oy ko no mee' ah) signifies the management or administration of a household-stewardship. *Oikoumene* (oy kou me' nay) means the whole world-God's entire household.

The English words *ecology*, *economy*, and *ecumenical* have their roots in these Greek words. These words help us to see that stewardship encompasses the ideas of caring for all of creation, economic management, and the inclusiveness of the entire world within the family or household of God.

Jesus and Stewardship

In addition to words related to stewardship, we can learn from Jesus' parables about how to live as stewards. In the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25: 14-30), Jesus depicts three slaves who were each entrusted with money (talents) as their master left on a long journey. Jesus' listeners would have identified these men as stewards since the responsibility of administering the affairs of a wealthy biblical household was assigned to trustworthy slaves. In Luke 11:5-13 Jesus teaches us that God will provide us with the resources we need. God's generosity is also evident in the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-15). Our generosity, willingness to take risks, and compassion for others is seen in the Parable of the

Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9) shows that we are stewards of God's word as we respond to it in our own lives.

Jesus not only taught us about stewardship but lived as the chief steward. He reached out to persons on the fringes of society-the poor, the sick, the woman, the outcast-to care for all members of the household of God. He used the gifts that God entrusted to him to teach, preach, and heal. He pointed others to the kingdom of God as a trustworthy steward of God's mysteries.

Stewardship in Your Church

We, too, are called to be trustworthy stewards of God's mysteries. As leaders in the educational ministry of our congregations, how can we help persons learn what it means to be a steward? Here are some ideas and resources that may help you with this important task.

Through Studies

Highlight stewardship issues as they appear in the regular small group and Sunday school curriculum. As you lead a overview at the beginning of each new study, point out stewardship stories, topics, and activities in your groups material. Identify as examples of stewardship learning activities that show biblical and modern persons sharing their resources, caring for others, and using their abilities in service to God.

Offer special stewardship studies on Sunday or at other times during the week. If your church has a stewardship committee, volunteer to work with the chairperson to plan these studies or events.

Through Events and Projects

Work with your church staff, key leaders, and pastor to provide special events and projects that help persons of all ages experience themselves as stewards. Hold a spiritual gifts class or workshop to help adults discover their own talents as they identify and affirm the abilities of each member of the group.

Offer a retreat on stewardship of the environment. Sponsor an environmental project, such as recycling within the church, planting trees, or picking up litter around the church neighborhood. Create a flyer (for an ongoing project) or gather for a brief introduction (for a one-time project) to help persons understand that what they are doing reflects their stewardship of God's creation, include appropriate Scriptures.

Create a short drama with characters demonstrating several facets of stewardship. Present this short drama in worship or hold a special evening event to perform it. Provide time in Sunday school, children's after-school groups, or youth groups to create posters or murals illustrating a stewardship theme. Display all of the posters around the church building as a means of educating the whole congregation about stewardship.

If you have children's sermons, discuss with your pastor(s) stewardship themes that might be used during this time in worship. Coordinate these with preaching emphases on stewardship so that all worshippers will be challenged to consider their faithfulness as stewards.

Stewardship education is an ongoing process

Highlight different facets of stewardship at different times. Weave stewardship into the fabric of Christian education throughout the year. As an educator, teach the concept of stewardship and enable persons to experience themselves as stewards. Help persons learn that to be a Christian is to be a steward in all of the rich, biblical dimensions of that word.

Stewardship Prayer

*Generous and loving God,
You call us to be disciples of your Son Jesus and good
stewards of your many gifts.
Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and
deeper appreciation of your countless blessings.
Transform us through the power of your Spirit to
nurture a stewardship way of life marked by
faith-filled prayer,
service to our neighbor, and generous sharing.
Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts. With
Mary's help, may we return ten-fold the gifts
entrusted to us.
We pray thorough Christ our Lord. Amen.*



MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MONTHLY EXPENSES:

TYPE OF EXPENSE	HOW FUNDED	COST
RENT/OFFICE	OFFERTORY	\$1,100.00
INSURANCE	OFFERTORY	\$55.62
PHONE	IN KIND DONATION	\$54.99
ADVERTISING	IN KIND DONATION	\$222.00
WEBSITE	IN KIND DONATION	\$30.00
LITURGICAL SUPPLIES	IN KIND DONATION	\$50.00
HOSPITALITY SUPPLIES	IN KIND DONATION	\$50.00

ACTUAL MONTHLY EXPENSE: \$1,562.61

MONTHLY INCOME (PLUS/MINUS): (-)

**THE EASIEST WAY TO GET INVOLVED
IS TO SPREAD THE WORD!**

QR CODE TO RETRIEVE OUR APP



NEWS SECTION:

- The bulletin you will notice is becoming smaller. All the church news and advance information will now be associated with this newsletter. You can view it on our website at www.stoccc.org or you can add the Saint Teresa App by scanning the QR Code on the previous page.
- Training has begun on Time, Talent and Treasure. We are all starting to think outside the box. Knowledge is power and with as much knowledge that we give to our congregation the stronger and more successful we become. We, even though a small group in our physical church space, are far reaching through media and continuing to build. We need to find some way to capitalize on that form of media.
- Now that we have moved Hospitality to Room 107, we need people to help set up, clean up and to help clean the Chapel. When we all pitch in and get involved you will find that there is not that much to do. Pride in our existing space will give that self-gratification and show the world what a beautiful place we have for them.

**GETTING INVOLVED GIVES YOU A
SENSE OF PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP!**

Bulletin Guy

Thank You, as always, for taking time out to read this recent **STOCCC Gazette**. Please **“Pass It On”** so that others will find out what we are all about.

This is your Gazette so if there is anything that you would like for me to put in, just let me know! Send all inquiries to:
media.stoccc@gmail.com.

Until Next Time, Follow the Holy Spirit and remember what Saint Teresa says, “Spread Love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving Happier”!