

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE



Church of the Ascension is a vibrant Catholic community that embraces Stewardship as a **Way of Life**. A life of **Stewardship** is rooted in Scripture and is the response of each individual's call to discipleship whereby one responds to the mission and ministry of the local and universal Church in sharing the Gospel. Stewardship recognizes that we, as individuals, are not the owners of our lives, our time, our talent, nor our treasure, but stewards or managers of these God-given gifts. Stewardship is our **Time, Talent and Treasure** given to God in **thanksgiving** for all that He has given us.

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
(1Peter 4:10)*

Registered parishioners/families are expected to be in good standing with respect to **Stewardship: A Way of Life** by:

- + Practicing the Catholic faith and living Catholic values
- + Sharing in the prayer life of the parish
- + Regularly volunteering at the parish to support its mission to serve in the spirit of Christ
- + Practicing financial stewardship through sacrificial and biblical levels of tithing

THE GIFT OF *TIME & TALENT*

Church of the Ascension parishioners/families are encouraged to become active in at least one program or ministry within the following areas:

CHRIST THE PRIEST:

SPIRITUALITY & LITURGY

- ◆ Liturgical Ministries
- ◆ Perpetual Adoration
- ◆ Sacramental Celebrations
- ◆ Vocation Promotion

CHRIST THE SHEPHERD:

PARISH LIFE

- ◆ Stewardship
- ◆ Volunteers
- ◆ Special Appeals
- ◆ Mardi Gras Dinner Auction
- ◆ Various Parish Organizations

CHRIST THE TEACHER:

FORMATION & EDUCATION

- ◆ Adult Faith Formation
- ◆ Family Life
- ◆ Youth Ministry
- ◆ School of Religion
- ◆ Parish School

CHRIST THE SERVANT:

MINISTRY OF CARE

- ◆ Corporal Works of Mercy
- ◆ Support Ministries
- ◆ Social Concerns
- ◆ Parish Outreach

THE GIFT OF *TREASURE*

Church of the Ascension parishioners/families are encouraged to make and honor a sacrificial pledge to God of at least 10% of their household income in gratitude for the blessings they have received via the following guidelines:

- 5% To our parish as general parish support
- 1% To the Archbishop's Call to Share
- 4% To our parish or other charitable causes*

**Note: School families are encouraged to give this additional 4% to our parish in light of benefits received related to the school.*



PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving provides future support to Church of the Ascension and offers one the opportunity to extend one's legacy of faith beyond their lifetime (examples: will, estate bequest, life insurance beneficiary, charitable gift annuity or beneficiary designation of 401 (k) or IRA).

I would like to receive information about **Planned Giving** to Church of the Ascension.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies will generously match their employees contributions to non-profit educational institutions.

I work for a **Matching Gift** company.

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

MY COMMITMENT TO CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

We/I Commit to:

- Practice our/my Catholic faith by joyfully proclaiming, celebrating, witnessing, and serving Jesus Christ in our/my daily life (home, school, work, recreation).
- Share in the prayer life of the parish through weekly participation in the Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Support the life and mission of the parish through acts of service by becoming active in at least one program or ministry of the parish.
- Practice financial stewardship to the best of our/my ability as an expression of gratitude to God.

Parishioner Name (print): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone (H / O / C): _____

*I/We have read this Stewardship Commitment Form of Time, Talent and Treasure and am/are committed to be in good standing with respect to **Stewardship: A Way of Life** at Church of the Ascension.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MY COMMITMENT OF *TIME & TALENT* IS:

We/I have reviewed the parish ministries listed in the *Parish Ministry Guide* and we are/I am interested in volunteering Time & Talent to the following Ministries/Services below:

_____	_____
<i>Individual Name</i>	<i>Ministries/Services</i>
_____	_____
<i>Individual Name</i>	<i>Ministries/Services</i>
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<i>Individual Name</i>	<i>Ministries/Services</i>
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<i>Individual Name</i>	<i>Ministries/Services</i>
_____	_____
<i>Individual Name</i>	<i>Ministries/Services</i>

MY COMMITMENT OF *TREASURE* IS:

\$ _____ Weekly / Monthly / Annually

Through: Envelope Autodebit Other

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Envelope # : _____

Monthly Autodebit (Optional)

Continue to use Current Bank Information

Bank Name: _____

Account #: _____

Routing #: _____

Total Monthly Amount \$: _____

Debit my Account on: The 5th: \$ _____ The 20th: \$ _____

Effective Date: _____

Signature: _____

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK