



The Shepherd

Our Journey into Discipleship

Saying Yes to God... Responding to God's Call

Stewardship Prayer
Summer 2018

Lord and Creator,

You are the source of wisdom and grace, the author of human freedom and creativity.

We thank you for these gifts and ask that you teach us to be good stewards of creative spirits.

Show us how to quiet ourselves, and to learn the art of recreation, reflection and relaxation so that we might recharge ourselves for the work you have planned for us.

Help us never to be too busy to pause and realize your gracious presence. Slow us down, Lord, and teach us to be stewards of our time of recreation.
In our Lord's name...Amen



Growing up I did not know what Stewardship was; it wasn't something that I knew about, at least not in the formal sense. However, mom instilled in my sister and me this great sense of caring for those around us, by using those talents that we had. This would come out in many different forms as we grew up: helping at our parish, other parishes, or at a nursing home. Being that my mom worked with the elderly, we were involved with many different things with them, even playing music. This foundation established in my childhood would continue throughout my life, of who I am; using what had been given me for others.

And so when I first thought of the priesthood, I did see it as helping others, but at the time I was only 14 or so and did not see it as a path I would want to take. I was thinking of other ways to help people and so I went off to college. I heard the call to the priesthood again when I was graduating college, but I was not at a point in my life to answer it. I

Celebrate Deacon Chris Hassel's priesthood ordination Saturday, June 30th in Savannah followed by his 1st Mass here at Sacred Heart 9am Sunday, July 1st.

entered the military instead. Though I still was living out Stewardship in various ways in my life, the priesthood was not the way I saw to do that. During college and through my time in the military I had stopped practicing my faith, I was not going to Mass. It would be some time before I started going to Mass again.

As I started to come back to practicing my faith and going to Mass, after I had left the military, the natural thing was to practice in the life of the church. I had always seen my mom involved and we had been involved in our own ways as well, so it was natural for me to do it...to use the gifts that had been given to me by God, for others: practicing stewardship in different ways. So I began to get involved here in various ministries and activities at Sacred Heart. It was during this time that I heard the call to the priesthood again. And this time, I listened to the call and started my journey that lead to this day. That was over 7 years ago. And now, shortly, I will be ordained to the priesthood to serve the people here in the Diocese of Savannah. I look forward with joy to what the Lord has in store for me. Using the gift of the priesthood that the Lord has called me to: to serve the People of God.



Calling All Helping Hands - Parish Clean Up Day
Volunteers Needed...All Skill Levels...Lunch Provided
Saturday June 16th, 8am-Noon
Sign up on the parish website www.sacredheartwr.org
For questions, call Dan Knauer 478-957-1867

- Stewardship Ideas this Summer
1. Pick a flower for someone for no reason.
 2. Splurge on some fresh produce and buy enough for someone in need.
 3. Enjoy patio prayers with a glass of lemonade.
 4. Stop for a moment on a busy day and enjoy an ice cream cone with a friend.

“Why I share my time and talents at Sacred Heart...”



“Despite being busy with school events and extracurricular activities, I always try to make God a part of my life. Through serving, I meet tons of great people and serve the Lord in the process. Also, sharing my talents and time has a profound impact on my spiritual life.” Francis Gayon



“I serve because I feel that’s what the Holy Spirit leads me to do. The Church is also my family and family

depends on each other. I feel that being Christians that we should also teach others about Christ and be involved in the Church. I’m reminded of what I was taught a long time ago, ‘Do more for others than you do for yourself.’ For we are called to serve.” Craig Nasworthy

“I am involved in various ministries, but the one I really enjoy is teaching CCD. My mission is to make a difference in young people’s lives, to teach them about the active involvement of the Holy Spirit in their lives, that they are children of a loving God who wants us to love one another! I have been very Blessed, therefore volunteering is my way of giving back.” Shirley Wainwright



Catechists Share their ‘Super Power’!

Our awesome catechists ended another blessed year of educating over 400 of God’s children. Thank you to all teachers, aides and staff. Your love for children and willingness to share your time will have an eternal impact!!



June’s Ministry Spotlight Table - Stop by and say “YES”!!

2-3 Vacation Bible School - Stop by and register or volunteer for an exciting VBS this summer! Weeks of June 11th-15th or July 9th-13th. This year’s theme - *Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus*.

9-10 Parish Clean Up Day - Calling all helping hands!! Volunteers needed to assist in picking up and cleaning up the grounds around the parish on Saturday, June 16th from 8am-Noon. All skill levels are welcomed. Lunch provided. Stop by the Stewardship Table and say “Yes!!”

16-17 Stewardship Council - Stop by the Stewardship Table and learn more about our parish’s Stewardship Council. Feel free to ask questions, comment or suggest any new ministries you may have previously been a member of. Volunteers are also needed for the 2018-2019 Council.



Stewardship Celebrations



Funerals - Celebration of Life!

Eleanor O’Shea Odom

Leo Edward Stevens

Newcomers - Welcome!

Delores Buerger
Jim & Cindi Mitchell
The Nguyen/Ngo Family
Gary & Amelia Crenshaw
The Servin/Esparza Family

Baptisms - Congratulations

Reilly Jean Cabbage
Amelia Rose Cabbage
Isabella Salazar Barcenas
Sophia Ailin Lopez Saucedo
Adeline Raye Stewart
Michael Corbin Mata
Bella Luna Servin Esparza
Sarah Alejandra Gordo Ravelo