



# The Shepherd

## Our Journey into Discipleship

### Making All Things New: Stewardship's New Year's Resolution

*Stewardship Prayer  
January 2018*

*Loving and merciful God,*

*You are the Lord of  
new beginnings.*

*You sent us Your Son so  
that we may begin anew and  
enjoy new life  
in Your Spirit.*

*We ask you to bless this new  
year, to guide and  
direct our plans, and to  
show us how to find the  
resources necessary to  
carry out these plans.*

*Give us the wisdom to  
take advantage of  
opportunities we may have  
to help and serve others,  
to bring peace to the  
hearts of those who are  
troubled, and hope to  
those who suffer.*

*Help us approach this  
new year as good  
stewards of your abundant  
gifts, with an awareness of  
your daily presence, and the  
obedient spirit we need to be  
your faithful servants.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.*

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in these quick examples:

**Stewardship of Prayer:** Strengthen your relationship with the Lord. Notice how often you pray and commit to short, daily prayer times.

**Stewardship of Family:** Set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings and go to Mass together.

**Stewardship of Health:** Get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise to your daily routine.

**Stewardship of Possessions:** Possess a little more "lightly" this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of items that you own. Distinguish between items that are necessary and unnecessary.

**Stewardship of Money:** Render sacred your budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending.

**Stewardship of Neighbor:** Be a person of hospitality. Make time for others. Be aware when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger needs a moment of kindness or gesture on your part.

**Stewardship of the Poor:** Live with more compassion with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer and assist in their relief.

**Stewardship of the Mind:** Keep your mind active. Commit to being informed on the issues of the day. Read your Bible.

**Stewardship of the Parish Life:** Answer "Yes" to your faith community and get involved in Ministries of Prayer, Hospitality, Liturgy or Service.

### Forward In Faith Campaign



SH has been blessed with a devoted faith-filled community. Our beautiful campus was built through the dedication and commitment of our generous parishioners. Our work is not yet done. Please consider returning the many blessings you have received from God and continue to make a positive impact on our parish. Please pray about your commitment. Thank you for your continued support!



*Happy  
NEW YEAR  
You crown the year with  
Your goodness,  
And Your path drips  
with abundance.*

*PSALM 65:11*

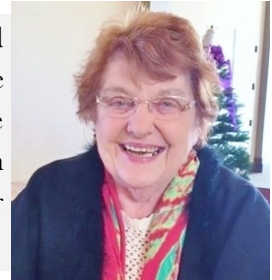
*The three wise men brought gold, frankincense and myrrh...what will you give to Our Lord this year?*

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



“ ‘When you seek Me, you will find Me, when you search for Me with all of your heart.’ It is truly all about praising, about glorifying, about worshipping, about honoring and about thanking our Heavenly Father and Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We have been truly blessed through the Grace of God to become a part of the Body of Christ within the faith community at Sacred Heart. God has instilled in the inmost essence of the fiber of our very being to honor Him and thank Him with our lives. The Holy Spirit continually guides us to give with a cheerful heart, serve at the highest standard of excellence in Christ Jesus and express our love and joy of our intimate relationship with Him to others. Sacred Heart is where we were called to manifest the essence of God in our lives as we purposely strive to grow closer to Him on the awesome journey called life. Our faith community at Sacred Heart is undoubtedly making a positive, a meaningful, a spiritual, a significant and an eternal difference in our lives of others.” Steve and Theresa Williams

“After my husband died, I asked God, ‘Why was I left behind? What do you want of me Lord?’ He had plenty in mind and I have indeed been kept busy sharing my God-given talents in so many ways. One ministry, our little bible study group, has really been a source of accomplishment. We have read the entire Old Testament and are about halfway through the New Testament. Lectoring, Golden Hearts and serving on many church communities has indeed kept me busy and certainly answered the question of God’s plan for me.” Nancy Pinaud



## ***January’s Ministry Spot Light Table - Stop by and say “YES”!!***

- 6-7 Stewardship** - Make a New Year’s commitment to Stewardship by saying “Yes” to your God given talents. Stop by the table for a Ministry Directory to see which ministries best suit your gifts.
- 13-14 Knights of Columbus** - Calling all Catholic men to join the KofC! World’s largest Fraternal Order of Service Organization founded for charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Open to all men 18+.
- 20-21 Friends For Life** - Ministry is dedicated in protecting the sanctity of life from conception to natural death through love, prayer, education, social support and participation in pro-life events.
- 27-28 Home & School Association** - A parent & teacher group committed in maintaining good communication between home & school and providing a vehicle for parents to provide service and facilitate better interaction between the parish and the school.

**January 13-14th Second Collection - Black and Indian Missions** - Please support these wonderful missions which exist to help local African American and Native Diocesan Communities throughout the U.S. spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

**REMEMBER...GOD IS ALL YOU NEED!** Let Stewardship be your New Year’s resolution. Please consider sharing your many gifts from God.

### ***Art and Environment Ministry Wows Once Again!***

Thank you to Peggy Kukla and members for beautifying the Sacristy w/ their God given talents for all to enjoy this Christmas season. Thank you for sharing your time and talents all year long!!



### ***Stewardship Celebrations***

#### ***Newcomers - Welcome!***

Santa Herrera  
Lyzle Snead & Family  
William and June Kountz, Jr.  
Daniel and Sharon Bennett & Family

#### ***Funerals - Celebration of Life!***

Catherine V. Riley  
Dorothy L. Hlavaty  
Kathy Montoya Arnold  
Edgardo Castro Castaneda

#### ***Baptisms - Congratulations!***

Eric Weston Smith  
Gabriel Soto Munoz  
Alyse Marie Drewery  
Angel Arturo Montelongo

McKayla Nhi Luong  
Autumn Everly Copa  
Chase Edwin Cummings  
Thomas Kemper Cummings