



The Shepherd

Our Journey into Discipleship

Be a Good Steward This Month of Thanksgiving



Stewardship Prayer November

*Gracious and
Loving God,*

*As the Autumn season
continues its transfor-
mation with the days
becoming shorter and
as we anticipate joining
family and friends in
joyful celebration on
Thanksgiving Day, we
pause to give You
thanks and praise for
the abundant blessings
You have bestowed
upon us.*

*For life, health, safety,
comfort and food, we
are sincerely grateful.*

*Through your Spirit,
open our hearts so that
we may be even better
stewards of the rich and
unmerited gifts.*

*And help us nurture the
gift of faith, revealed to
us by your Son, Jesus
Christ, our greatest gift,
who reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one
God forever and ever.*

Amen

Your Thanksgiving Day can be more than just enjoying a great meal and turning on the television to search for the traditional parades and football games. How about expressing your stewardship of this day in a more meaningful way? Here are some suggestions for making Thanksgiving an opportunity for expressing your gratitude to the Lord in creative ways:

- **Go to Mass and count your blessings.** Start the day off on a positive note and celebrate the Eucharist and reflect upon your blessings.
- **Write "I'm thankful for you" cards** and give them out or e-mail them, or mail them out before Thanksgiving.
- **Share your Thanksgiving meal** with someone who is alone this Thanksgiving. Look for someone, such as a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner, college student or armed services personnel who may be separated from family and ask them to join in your Thanksgiving dinner.
- **Visit the sick.** Check with hospitals, assisted living facilities or nursing homes in the area to see if there are volunteer opportunities to visit with patients or residents on that day.
- **Make grace** at your family feast especially memorable. Let people know ahead of time that they will be asked to name a person, a situation, an experience, for which they are grateful to a loving God.
- **Volunteer your time** at a soup kitchen to help prepare and serve Thanksgiving dinners to others.
- **Take a walk.** Find a place to enjoy God's gift of creation. Head out the door for a refreshing walk. Invite family and friends to walk along.
- **Most important!** Take advantage of the Thanksgiving holidays to focus on what you're grateful for and the things you appreciate about yourself and others. It is an ideal time to remember the many blessings in our lives.



*This Thanksgiving,
let us become ever more aware
that life in Christ is a
cornucopia of gifts! Take
the time to recognize and
acknowledge Him as the source of all!
A blessed Thanksgiving Day to you and yours!*

Thanksgiving
blessings **Gatherings**
GRATEFUL *Family*
Give Thanks **Blessed**

*What are You
Thankful for?*



A Special Thanksgiving Message to All...

In this month of Thanksgiving, we extend a sincere "Thank You" to all parishioners of Sacred Heart who support our blessed parish with your attendance at Mass, participation in ministries and financial contributions. All who give of their God given gifts are the heart of all that is accomplished here at Sacred Heart. Thank You for saying "YES", and may God continue to bless you and our Sacred Heart parish!!!

First, to our Priests and Deacons - For answering the ultimate "call" and for sacrificing and leading us all...

Adoration - To the 100 Adorers who share their time so others may come for devotion in the Chapel...

Adult Formation Ministries - To all leaders, sponsors and volunteers in sharing their faith to others...

Altar Society - To our current 23 devoted members who give of their time in keeping God's House clean...

Altar Servers - For the 82 of God's children who offer their time and talents and assist our priests at Mass...

Art and Environment - For those sharing their time and talents in decorating the Sacristy and the Narthex...

Bereavement - To the 108 members who prepare meals in support of our fellow grieving parishioners...

Black Catholic Ministry - To the members for bringing awareness and support to our parish life and school...

CCD - To our wonderful leaders, 63 catechists and aides for continuing to plant the seeds in our 384 youths...

Celebrate Recovery - To our awesome leaders in helping those overcome their hurts, habits and hang ups...

Children's Liturgy - From the 20-40 children who weekly get proclaimed the scripture from our volunteers...

Christian Service Center - To not only the 60-70 parishioners for their time in assisting the 60-120 families with either food, financial, clothing or necessity support, but to all the parishioners who support the CSC during their Brown Bags, Thanksgiving Day Boxes and their Angel Tree Campaigns...

Council of Catholic Women - For the wonderful 15 ladies in support of their ministry and local charities...

Couples For Christ - To the leaders and the 42 members who meet in strengthening the families in Christ...

Cub Scouts - To the 7 leaders in their awesome support and guiding of our 37 cub scouts...

Eucharistic Ministers - To all 156 parishioners who extend the *Body and Blood* of Jesus to us at Mass....

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick - For all the ministers who bring the *Word and Body* to our homebound...

Family Promise - For those supporting our Outreach Program which feeds and houses needy families...

Feast for the Priests - To the 12 parishioners who supply delicious homemade meals for our Priests, we say...

Financial Peace - To those who lead and those 200 families who have gone through Financial Peace...

Friends For Life - To our leaders and to all parishioners in support of our beliefs and the Baby Item Drive and Baby Bottle Drive...Five carloads and over \$6,500 in support of local charities...

Golden Hearts - To our wonderful 121 seniors who bring fun and support to each other...

Health Ministry - For the RN's and all members in taking concern for all of our well being...

Knights of Columbus - For the loyal 164 men in support of our SH parish and our Catholic beliefs...

Ladies Auxiliary - To all the awesome ladies who support the Knights as well as their own ministry...

Lectors - For the 47 parishioners who profoundly proclaim the *Word of God* to us at all the Masses...

LifeTeen/Edge - To the awesome 26 Core Team members sharing their time and talents guiding 130 youths...

Mother's Morning Bible Study - To the special mothers who meet for scripture study, prayer and fellowship...

Music Ministries - For all the awesome members who share their talents, leading us in song at all the Masses...

SH School - To those who teach or support our 188 students in Christian academics and values...

Sound Shepherds - For the 15 parishioners for sharing your talents in allowing us to hear *The Word*...

St. Isidore - To the awesome members that plant the seeds, cultivate and harvest the garden for others...

Parish Life - For those tremendous parishioners volunteering their time and talents for others events...

Prayer Ministries - To all our devoted leaders and members who come together daily or weekly in prayer...

Prison Ministry - To those awesome ministers who visit the incarcerated and share *The Word*...

Ushers/Greeters - To the 60+ greeters/ushers for their hospitality to all who enter God's House...

...Thank You!!!!!!!!!!!!