

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

- Kindergarten – 7th Grade
 - Aides
 - Hall Monitors
 - Set-Up Assistants
 - Hospitality – Family Events
- Puppet Ministry (Grades 6-12)
- Special Religious Education (SPRED)
 - Adult Catechists
- Vacation Bible School
 - Adult Volunteers
 - High School Volunteers

Youth Ministry

- Adult Chaperones (work camp, off-site events)
- Adult Mentors for Youth Ministry Team
- Advance Planning Team for Youth Events

Adult Formation/Enrichment

- Adult Confirmation
 - Table Leaders
 - Hospitality
- Baptism Preparation Sessions
- Men's Spirituality
- RCIA Team
- Transformations

WORSHIP

- Altar Servers
- Arts & Environment
- Baptismal Ministry
- Baptismal Vests
- Camera Operators
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Eucharistic Ministers - weekdays
- Greeters
- Holy Dusters
- Lectors
- Liturgy of the Word for Children Team
- Music Ministry – children, teens, adult
 - Choir / Cantors
 - Instrumentalists
 - 5:30 SNL Choir
- Sacristans
- Ushers
- Wedding Rehearsal Facilitators

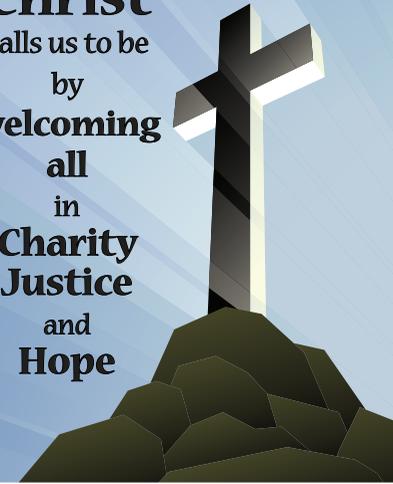
WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

- Stewardship is having the wisdom to understand that everything we have is a gift from God of which we are to be the absolute best caretakers.
- Stewardship is a way of life, honoring God in everything we do with all His gifts. Living life God-centered rather than self-centered—thinking of Him first before our own wants.
- Stewardship is having the courage to give back out of love, a portion of every gift that has been entrusted to us by God.
- Stewardship is living life with the understanding that someday God will ask each and everyone of us what we did with all of His varied gifts.
- Stewardship is a life long faith journey that brings us ever closer to Jesus Christ: following the path He so perfectly laid out for us through His life example.
- Stewardship is life altering and its rewards last an eternity.



**Saint Edna Catholic
Community**
desires to live as
a reflection of who

Christ
calls us to be
by
welcoming
all
in
Charity
Justice
and
Hope



**The Mission of the
St. Edna
Stewardship Council**
is to inspire
our community
to express gratitude
for God's many gifts
through service to God
and one another.

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HUMAN CONCERNS

- Angel Prayer Network
- Bereavement Ministers
- Communion for the Homebound
- Disaster Assistance Ministry
- Drivers to St. James
- Food Pantry Workers
- Funeral Luncheon Ministry
- Funeral Sacristans
- Gift of Love Workers
- Grandparent's Prayer Group
- Home Matters/Respite Care
- Hospital/Nursing Home Ministries
- Ministry of Praise
- Mourning Circle
- Mourning Light
- PADS Volunteers
- Phoenix Group
- Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crochet Group
- Prison Ministry
- Respect Life Committee
- Santa Sacks Volunteers
- SHARE / Referral for Employment
- St. Edna Outreach
- Job Club
- Pieta
- Rosary Group
- Translators

PARISH LIFE

- Appreciation Dinner Committee
- Book Discussions
- Bowling – Couples
- Bowling – Mixed/Seniors
- Bridge, Couples
- Christian Family Movement (CFM)
- Craft Fair Committee
- EdnaFest (Picnic) Planning Team
- EdnaFest (Picnic) Volunteers
- Garage Sale Committee
- Gardening for God
- Knights of Columbus
- Mats for the Homeless
- Movie Under the Stars
- Pancake Breakfast Committee
- Pancake Breakfast Volunteers
- Social Activities Committee
- Welcoming Committee
- Women of St. Edna (WOSE)
- Young Adults (YAM)
- Young at Heart
- Bingo
- Golf, Men's
- Moms Plus
- Photographers
- Sharing Coffee
- Snack Theatre
- Softball, Men's

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

In everything you do, put God first and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.
Proverbs 3:6

On the road to becoming a fully-committed Catholic Christian, the first step is prayer.

Surprisingly, praying regularly can be a difficult goal to achieve. But just as we manage our money and time to make our lives run more smoothly, making a personal commitment to spend time and attention in thoughtful prayer is critical to nurturing our spiritual health.

First, effort must be made to attend Mass regularly. Prayer throughout the week connects us to the lessons we learn from the Sunday Gospels and enhances the grace we receive through the Eucharist. Wholehearted commitment to prayer enriches and guides our Stewardship efforts and strengthens the mind and soul.

Practicing stewardship is about giving back to God some of our abundance. We do this by sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure:

- with family
- at work
- at play
- everywhere in our lives

Action Steps:

- Make Mass a priority each week
- Spend time each day, in prayer and/or reading scripture
- Pray daily at meals as a family
- Say the rosary
- Thank God for your gifts and all of our abundance

TIME

But let our people, too, learn to devote themselves to good works, to supply urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive
Titus 3:14

Managing time allows us to alleviate stress, stay on target with goals, and plan for the future. Planning our time to include prayer and service within our parish and outside community frees us. It rejuvenates us emotionally and spiritually, and strengthens our relationships with God and others. Stop and think of God first as you use time each day, and then don't just spend it, invest it. Take a small step by investing your time in a service opportunity. It is a wonderful way to begin to reap the benefits of practicing Stewardship, and to teach your children about practicing their faith.

Action Steps:

- Schedule prayer into your life daily
- Check the bulletin or parish website for service opportunities
- Use a calendar to coordinate family schedules, planning time in prayer and service together
- Look at where and what you spend your time on
- Commit to giving more of your time in service to others



TALENT

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.
1 Peter 4:10

Stewardship is practical spirituality. It is all we do after we pray and say "I believe." Often, the hardest part of actively practicing our faith is knowing how to begin.

To share our talents, we must first take inventory of our abilities and interests. Just as God sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide the Apostles, we have the opportunity to receive and nurture the gifts of the Spirit through prayerful discernment and practice of our realizations.

Talents come in a wide range: musical or artistic ability, management skills to organize projects, patience and temperament to work with children, seniors, the infirm and others, or the generosity of spirit to share time and fellowship while strengthening relationships in the community.

There are many ways to share your experiences, skills and wisdom at St. Edna and the community at large. Check the bulletin or parish website to learn of ways you can put your faith into action.

Action Steps:

- Pray to the Holy Spirit to guide your discernment process
- Re-commit yourself to volunteer activities
- Choose a new ministry to join
- Aim to spend a set amount of time in service to family, church & community
- Choose activities that you enjoy

TREASURE

It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything.
Proverbs 11:24

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus speaks often about money and possessions because this is most often what gets us stressed and bound-up in our lives. Thoughtful stewardship of these possessions is how we get freed-up.

Just as careful management of our time makes our lives more healthful, so, too, does planned giving. Make no mistake, though: prayerful, thoughtful Stewardship of your treasure is NOT about the needs of the parish, but rather about your need to give and share.

Throughout scripture we are instructed to give God our first fruits of the harvest. Often, charitable giving is not a budgeted item (a first fruit), but rather, an afterthought. By planning our giving with intent and purpose we can better manage our budgets and free ourselves through this powerful expression of God's place in our lives. As noted in Matthew 6: 21, *Where your treasure is, there also lies your heart.*

Action Steps:

- Resolve to give a gift proportionate to your income or assets
- Commit to a specific gift each week or month
- How much to give? Give until it feels good!
- Use your offertory envelopes or Parish Pay

Our stewardship practice should embrace all aspects of our life, family, church, and community.