

Parish Stewardship Update

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Happy New Year!

Stewardship and Your Future

This is a time that we say and hear “Happy New Year” quite often. As good stewards of the gifts received from God, these are appropriate words said with deep meaning. There is joy in our future because we are disciples of Jesus Christ. With this in mind, should we not be saying similar greetings more often?

I have heard many times, the backhanded stewardship comment regarding gratitude for life when a parent, friend, or colleague states: I wake up every morning and check the obituaries to see if my name is in them. While this seems to hold a negative connotation for many people, I am encouraged by their gratitude to live another day amidst God’s creation.

Happy New Day!

In offices all around the country, and in homes and schools Monday morning comes with all of the challenges of a new week. “Just think, only five more days until weekend” is a common phrase. We all hear comments such as: “I have the Monday blues.”

I believe the opportunities of Monday are exciting. We can make a difference right now, where we are, doing what God has called us to do. Whether it be parenting, working, praying, serving or just being.

There is gratitude in knowing that God has gifted us with another week.

Happy New Week!

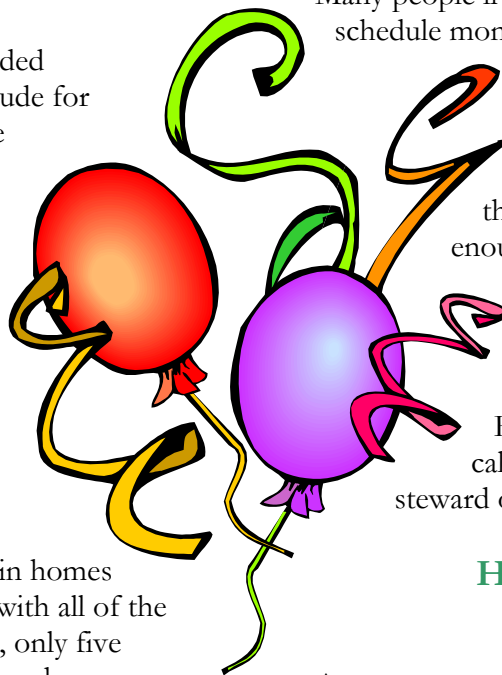
Many people live reviewing their budget and schedule monthly. As they turn the calendar to a new month there are many blessings as well as challenges offered. Questions arise. Do I have enough money to get me through this month? Do I have enough work to keep me busy all month? Have I been traveling too much? Do I spend enough time with my family?

Each month as you flip your calendar ask: Have I been a good steward of my time, talent, and treasure?

Happy New Month!

As we turn over 2002 to the history books and enter 2003, let’s approach the challenges and appreciate the blessings with a renewed vigor. Let us see them for what they are, God’s gifts to each of us.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Good Stewardship ...

In The Spirit Of Giving... I have heard so many wonderful stewardship stories during the past few years and I try to share them with you through this brief newsletter. I am always looking for additional stories of creative stewardship activities in a parish, organization, school, or family that I can share with others. If you have a story that you would like to share with me, please send it to me. I accept written materials both via regular mail and e-mail. Both addresses are on the front of this newsletter.

Have a wonderful beginning to your new year and may God continue to bless you abundantly as you live out your call to discipleship.

In 2003, make stewardship your way of life.



Coming To A City Near You

International Catholic Stewardship Conference

From October 5th through 8th

In Chicago

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Stay tuned to this column for further information

Change of heart

Stewardship conversion, as its name implies, involves a total change of heart. It's neither a recent creation nor simply the latest religious fad. It is, rather, a return to our roots as Catholics; it's a Christian back-to-basics movement.

C. Justin Clements in
The Steward's Way A Spirituality of Stewardship