



WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO BE BETTER STEWARDS?

Stewards Take Action — Passivity is not what you want from a steward. Think about the money manager you've selected to steward your retirement account. You don't want that individual to do nothing for 40 years and see how things turn out. Should you do the same with God's gifts.

Stewards Take Risks — If a steward wants to maximize what has been entrusted to them, risk is inevitable, but God will guide them through it.

Stewards Expect Accountability — If you want to be the best possible steward, You have to live with an understanding that the day will come when you will have to give an account for what you did with what you were given.



STEWARDSHIP IS ONE OF GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS

- ◆ Will we be found faithful regarding what's been entrusted to us?
- ◆ Do we see every day as a stewardship opportunity?
- ◆ How would your life and relationship with God be different today if you saw yourself as a steward?

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RESPONSE TO STEWARDSHIP

YOU ARE CALLED . . .

Each one of us has a personal call to be a disciple of Jesus. As disciples we are called to be good stewards of God's gifts. Jesus not only calls us, but expects us to do his work. The call is urgent, here and now.

YOU ARE GIFTED . . .

God has gifted each one of us with skills, abilities and financial means which we are called to use in service to others. One gift or talent is all you need to serve and be connected in the St. Michael Community.

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE?

Please prayerfully discern what your response will be and how you can become more connected in the St. Michael community. At Masses the weekend of October 25th and 26th you will be asked to commit your response of time, talent and treasure.

Stewardship... Live it!



TIME

Stewardship begins with prayer. This special time with God spiritually prepares us to use our gifts in service to God and others. Below are some ways you can commit to enhancing your time with God and with others.

- ◆ Identify and reflect on by blessings
- ◆ Participate in Mass Sunday and Holy Days
- ◆ Participate in weekday Mass
- ◆ Pray together with my family
- ◆ Read the Scriptures each week
- ◆ Pray the Rosary
- ◆ Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ◆ Continue my faith formation
- ◆ Spend quality time with family
- ◆ Manage my time wisely and fairly at my work place, school or in retirement
- ◆ Make time for myself for relaxation, recreation or exercise

TALENT

Stewardship is using our gifts for the good of God's kingdom. Please read about St. Michael's ministries in our *Directory of Ministries*. Consider how you might share your talents within the St. Michael Community. Each family member will have the opportunity to indicate ministries in which they would like to participate by completing the Ministry Form and turning it in at Mass during Commitment Weekend, October 25th and 26th.

TREASURE

In thanksgiving for God's gifts, we are asked to offer back not only our Time and Talents, but our Treasures as well.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE COMMITMENT

Pray to God, asking for wisdom to understand the truth that your treasure here on earth is a gift from Him. Knowing this in your heart will change your life forever.

Scripture tells us a tithe, 10% of your earnings, is an acceptable way to give back to God. Please prayerfully consider returning your gifts in this proportion: 5% to your parish, 5% divided in support of the annual Bishop's Appeal or other charity of your choice.



In prayerful thanksgiving for the many blessings received from God, I/we intend to make a sacrificial gift:

Weekly of \$ _____

Monthly of \$ _____

Yearly of \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

Phone _____ Env. # _____

Email _____

AUTOMATIC OFFERING ENROLLMENT FORM

I authorize St. Michael the Archangel Parish of 3430 St. Michael Blvd. NW Canton, OH 44718 to initiate electronic entries to my checking /savings account beginning (specify date) _____, and have agreed to the terms listed on the authorization. I may revoke my authorization with St. Michael Church at any time by writing to the address above.

___ This is a new authorization

___ This is an authorization to change my contribution amount

A deduction in the amount of \$ _____ is to be made:

___ Weekly

___ Monthly on the first of each month

___ Monthly on the fifteenth of each month

___ Other (please specify) _____

I authorize the financial institution named below to initiate entries to my checking/savings account. This authority will remain in effect until I provide notification in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution 3 days before my account is charged.

Name of Financial Institution Branch

Signature

Name (Please Print)

Address (Please Print)

Today's Date

Routing Number
(Found on the bottom left of your check)

Account No.

Checking ___ or Savings ___

Return this completed form through the Sunday collection basket or by mailing or dropping off at the Parish Office.

Please attach voided check