

**January 16, 2022**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Stewardship**  
**Isaiah 62:1-5**  
**Ps. 96**  
**1 Corinthians 12: 4-11**  
**John 2: 1-11**

All the Lord Touches Excels!  
 Good Stewards Excel!

They are true, the statements made above. All that the Lord touches excels. Those who are good Stewards are instruments of the Lord and His Stewards excel. They excel because they, in this case you, decide to use knowledge and wisdom to properly administer the gifts given to you by God.

This week, as we begin our renewal of Stewardship, let us focus on the second reading. Look at Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12 verses 4-11.

The city of Corinth appears to be a little bit like our own parish and even the wider community we live in. It had a proverbial population. The people spoke several languages and came from many different places. Some however, believed they were better than others in the community. Paul pointed out no one person was more special than another. All the gifts each person had was joined to that of others in the community. In the reading you see quite a list of gifts found among the people.

It is important to know, as Paul teaches, all the gifts must be made to work together. All must contribute to the well-being of the entire community. No person is to keep a gift to him or herself. Examine your own treasure chest of gifts, your talents. How beautiful you are. How well-endowed you are. You are gifted because God has given you these gifts. You and the gifts you have are special because you and they come from the one Spirit who binds all of us in the faith community together for the good of all the community. As such we are at the service of the Lord.

In my life I have come to see God's grace at work in me. I know I am a sinner. From time to time I fall down. I do not get done all I could have gotten done as I might get lazy and fail to act. However, I notice how God truly has mercy on me. I see his mercy spoken of in the first reading, Isaiah 62:1-5.

In the Isaiah reading I note the intimacy of God. In it the prophet makes the people a shining example of His goodness. God forgives the people and restores his relationship with them. This is a cause for great rejoicing. God constantly restores us. So many times I have needed His restoration. He has given it to me. Be honest. How many times has God restored you?

The Gospel tells us of God's creative goodness. He does not take wine and make it better. God takes water and makes it into the BEST wine ever. Everything God touches excels. He makes all things better than they were before. God creates out of nothing, something!

Now is the time to be God's instrument! Make your tithe a meaningful tithe. No more a "few dollars". Examine the chart on the Letter of Commitment. Are you truly giving according to a tithe, which means a tenth? Are you permitting others in the

parish to carry the burden for you? Or are you truly doing your share?

I ask the above questions not to embarrass you. I mean to challenge you. Let God touch this parish through your efforts. Through you let God make this place excel and you along with it. Being a good steward starts with a good tithe.

Let us build this parish together beyond the good place we already are. Let us excel spiritually and fiscally,

**COMMUNITY/STEWARDSHIP**

Take note of the **Stewardship Commitment Letter** you received in the mail. Please return it to the office by mail or by placing it in the collection box. Those of you who are not yet registered in the parish please use the form that is in the Bulletin now. **Thank you!!**

STEWARDSHIP	
Attendance last week:	248
Tithes Collected:	\$6,464.00
Online Giving:	\$302.00
Total:	\$6,766.00

**Witness Speakers**

**Please listen well to Diane and Gregory. They have been great stewards of the parish over the years. They have given of their time, talent and treasure.**

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**  
**Scripture Sharing**  
*Lectio divina*

**Scripture Sharing will resume Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to 8:00pm.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday, January 15
  - 10:45 a.m. † Marie Corcorant by Anthony Michel & Family
  - † Nicholas Volpetti by John Galinus
- Sunday, January 16
  - 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
  - 10:45 a.m. † Valentino Papaleo by Lorraine Zocchi
  - † Predo & Candida Martin by Mazzurco
- Monday, January 17
  - 8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Tuesday, January 18
  - 8:00 a.m. † Eleanor Trapani by Diane DeFronzo
- Wednesday, January 19
  - 8:00 a.m. Respect Life by Parish
- Thursday, January 20
  - 8:00 a.m. New York Apartment Fire Victims by Parish
- Friday, January 21
  - 8:00 a.m. † Josefina Duque by Selma Cardona
- Saturday, January 22
  - 4:00 p.m. † Patsy Jones by St. Vincent de Paul Society
  - † Mary Anne Jansen by Mary Miller
- Sunday, January 23
  - 9:00 a.m. † Helen Lalewicz by the Crepages
  - 10:45 a.m. † Eleanor Trapani by Richard & Marie Mirabella

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**LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP**  
**TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE**

(Please print in all the blanks.)

I (full name) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

member of the Parish of Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, commit/recommit to the good Stewardship of my Time, Talent and Treasure in service to my parish under the leadership of our pastor.

I will keep good Stewardship of my body, mind and soul by living a good moral Christian life.

I will keep good Stewardship of my family, living in love and responsibility with each of its members.

I will commit to learning the faith more fervently as found in Scripture, Tradition and Magisterium by participating in the means presented in the parish.

I will be a Disciple and will answer the call to witness to my faith in every aspect of my life: work, home and leisure.

I will extend my love and respect to my fellow parish members and aid them in their pains and needs seeking to serve them as I wish them to do for me, according to my *Time, Talent and Treasure*.

I will seek to serve the needs of people outside the parish through the *ABCD* and other means.

I will show respect to the Lord and others by being prompt for all Liturgies celebrated in the parish.

I will evangelize whenever possible people who have not yet heard the Good News and invite them to Church.

**\*I will fully tithe my own Treasure to the Parish as an example of leadership in the parish.\*** (Remember, a proper **tithe to the parish** is at least six percent of household income. More than that, up to ten percent is welcomed. [A pledge of one to two percent in **made separately** to the *ABCD*].)

**Sample Calculation at only 6%.** (Income per year / tithe per year.) \$20,000/\$1,200; \$26,000/\$1,560; \$30,000/\$1,800; \$36,000/2,160; \$40,000/\$2,400; \$46,000/\$2,760; \$50,000/\$3,000; \$60,000/\$3,600; \$66,000/\$3,960; \$70,000/\$4,200; \$76,000/\$4,560; \$80,000/\$4,800; \$86,000/\$5,160; \$90,000/\$5,400; \$96,000/\$5,760; \$100,000/\$6,000; \$110,000/\$6,600; \$120,000/\$7,200; \$130,000/\$7,800; \$150,000/\$9,000; \$160,000/\$9,600. Tithes above 6% are welcome and helpful.

My tithe to Blessed Sacrament Parish for this year is: \_\_\_\_\_ That is, \_\_\_\_\_ per week.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You In the Name Of the Lord.** Please return this letter to the parish office. (The *ABCD* pledge will be made separately.)