

## **PARISH A Stewardship Ministry Description**

### **PARISH A Definition of Stewardship:**

*A steward acknowledges their many God-given gifts and in gratitude, responds to the Gospel invitation to nurture and share those gifts with others, including their time in prayer, talents in service, and sharing of treasure.*

### **Purpose**

- Relying on the U.S. Bishops' statement: **Stewardship, a Disciple's Response**, the team will foster and promote the Church's understanding of stewardship as a way of life, which is central to our baptismal calling.

### **Membership**

- Volunteer membership with an expectation of a minimum 2-year commitment to the ministry
- Persons with the following traits:
  - Stewardship is already a way of life at some level.
  - Personal stewardship is exercised and is motivated by gratitude for God's gifts.
  - Have the ability to make the goals of stewardship viable for parishioners.
  - Belief in accountability exercised by reporting to parishioners on all aspects of the parish stewardship efforts- time, talent, and treasure
- Any person is invited to discern, including new Parishioners

### **Functions**

- To foster a sense of belonging and welcome through a new parishioner process and engagement ministry process for current parishioners
- To provide education about stewardship to parish leadership/committees and to all parishioners.
- Prepare and distribute an annual "stewardship report" to all parishioners.
- To promote the stewardship of treasure of all parishioners by:
  - Coordinating an annual renewal for time, talent, and treasure
  - promoting an electronic giving option
- To promote the stewardship of time and talent of all parishioners through parish ministry and community building.
- Provide an annual community-building stewardship event (ie ministry fair)
- Provide a welcome process to include new parishioners and engage current parishioners in sharing their time, talent, and treasure
- To evaluate the parish stewardship efforts on a regular basis to ensure viability.