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.