

# ST. JOSEPH OST + ST. ROSE MT VERNON + ST. LOUIS WATERLOO

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Dear fellow Steward,

I am sitting back quietly like a sponge trying to observe and soak in our parishes and I am learning, what dedicated people you are in your respective parishes, about your love for the faith in which you all possess, that each parish in their own respective way is excited about what their particular future holds. I continue to learn A LOT, but you see we are all learners on a journey with God, but the question remains "Who are you following?" Who is your teacher? Are you your own teacher, or do you allow Christ to be the leader in your life? I hope the answer is Christ our Shepherd.

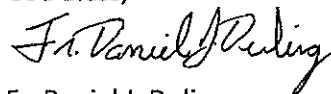
One thing I have learned about our parishes is like many parishes in our diocese, we have not done an adequate job of proclaiming the message and the graces of stewardship to everyone. While I am not making excuses, in my short time here I have found our parish office is very inadequate on how we keep track of members in our respective parishes. We have no formal database or member registration. As your Pastor, my only resource is the Parish directory. While this is a great tool, it is not enough to help me minister to you the great people of God. Therefore, part of our renewal process this year is re-registration. Everyone is being asked to fill out the enclosed forms and re-register in your parish to update our database with your information. This re-registration process will help me to get to know you and help me in administering the different sacraments to all of you. I am grateful and thankful for your support and help in this process.

Also, please take this stewardship packet as an invitation to get more involved in your particular parish.

- If you have embraced stewardship fully, I ask you to share your story. Tell your friends, your neighbors, and the person in the pew next to you. Tell them the blessings which have come from your life in following Christ more profoundly.
- For those who have taken steps to grow as stewards of God, first of all "Thank you" for taking that leap of faith and I ask that you take the next step. As you look at the enclosed opportunities, make a plan to give a little more of your time, talent, and treasure.
- If you have not yet heard the call of stewardship in your life, I am sorry. You are missing out on some of the greatest blessings God can give you. Please look over the materials and see if you can *truly* share, in some way, the gifts God has blessed you with.

As three parishes united as one catholic community, it amazes me to see how you truly do care about one another and the success of the neighboring parish. As your Pastor and common link between all three parishes, I am excited about our future. I, too pray about how I am going to recommit myself to the Stewardship way of life and what commitment I need to make to our parishes. Please pray for one another in the weeks ahead as we all recommit ourselves to following Christ.

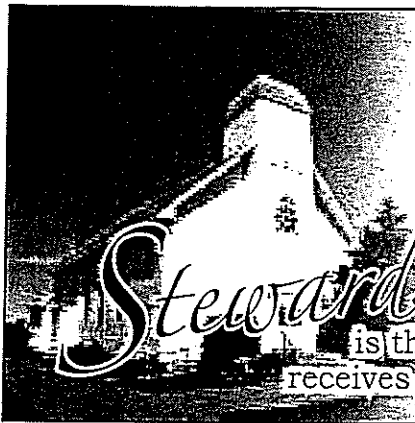
God Bless,



Fr. Daniel J. Duling

Pastor

*"Three Parishes, one Catholic Community"*



*Stewardship*

is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

# TALENT PLEDGE FORM

*Three Parishes One Community*  
 ST. ROSE - MT. VERNON | ST. JOSEPH - OST | ST. LOUIS - WATERLOO

## THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

As grateful stewards, we give thanks to God for all He has given us by supporting His church on earth. Please prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve this year. On the back of this form you will see the ministries at our parish and in our community. There is also space to indicate other talents and ideas you would like to share. In addition, we are updating our database and would appreciate it if you would kindly fill in the information below:

Please circle the Parish registered with:                      **St. Joseph**                      **St. Louis**                      **St. Rose**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City / ST / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Father / Head of Household \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_                      DOB: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred way to contact you (circle):  
 Email    Cell phone    Text    Home phone

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Protecting God's Children VIRTUS\* trained:  Yes  No

Protecting God's Children VIRTUS\* trained:  Yes  No

Would like training?  Yes  No

Would like training?  Yes  No

*\* required for any volunteer school opportunities with school kids or PSR / CYM / EDGE*

Name	School	Grade	Date of birth	Gender
Child # 1 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child # 2 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child # 3 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child # 4 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child # 5 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child # 6 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please list your dependent children who are living at home or attending college above.

Instructions: Place one name at the top of each column. Each person should mark the ministries in the column below his or her name, those activities in which they are active or interested.

Please return the completed forms on Commitment Sunday, November 18-19, 2017

	NAME	NAME	NAME	NAME
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>				
Altar Society .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Holy Name Society .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>PRAYER &amp; LITURGICAL MINISTRIES</b>				
Adoration .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rosary .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eucharistic Minister .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lector.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organist.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Musical instrument.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Type: _____				
Choir member.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Usher.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offertory gifts .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mass server.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sacristan.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>FORMATION</b>				
Adult education/Bible study .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
PSR (Parish School of Religion) Catechist.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CYM (Catholic Youth Ministry) leader.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CYM (Catholic Youth Ministry) member.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>SERVICE</b>				
Building & Grounds upkeep/repair .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mowing .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rectory cleaning .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Lord's Diner .....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Any other talents or ideas you would like to share?

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Is there anything else in our parish you would like to learn more about?

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***Thank you for sharing your talents and gifts in our parish and our community!***



# Stewardship of TREASURE

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Earning \$500 a week, would look like:      Earning \$4,000 a month, would look like:  
\$500 x .08 (8%) = \$40 a week to my parish      \$4,000 x .08 (8%) = \$320 a month to my parish  
\$500 x .02 (2%) = \$10 a week to other charities      \$4,000 x .02 (2%) = \$80 a month to other charities

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (weekly or monthly income) x \_\_\_\_\_ (%) [8% is .08; 7% is .07, etc.]  
= \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (amount to be given)

I/WE PLEDGE TO GIVE:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Every 2 Weeks    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

THIS GIFT REPRESENTS AN:

Increase     No Change     First Year to Contribute

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

NAME (Please print.) \_\_\_\_\_ PARISH ENVELOPE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

- I/We am interested in Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), please contact me.
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