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Dear Friends

Living life as a Christian steward can be a challenge. Our culture tends to celebrate individualism, independence, and possessions. Society often tempts us to make our wants and desires our first priority. And the day-to-day obligations of family, work, school and community often can leave us overwhelmed and exhausted.

Thankfully, Lent provides an opportunity to rightfully focus on how we live our baptismal call of discipleship and friendship with God and one another. The Lenten season also provide a fitting time to focus on our own personal commitment to the Lord — and to reexamine what takes priority in our lives.

Stewardship is not expressed in a single action or a number of actions but in an entire way of life. It rejects the notion that we must “have it all” and instead demonstrates the value of giving in love, service and justice. Most importantly, stewardship means we accept Jesus’ invitation to follow Him.

To accept the invitation of Jesus to “come follow me” means to acknowledge — and willingly embrace — a growing trust in God’s divine will.

To accept Jesus’ invitation means we know that all God has entrusted to us is meant to be shared — gratefully and generously — with others, accepting the idea that we are not owners of what God has given us but rather stewards of His gifts.

To accept this invitation, very directly means that **we make God the first priority in all we do.**

As we embark on our annual parish Stewardship Renewal later in March, I ask you to reflect on what priority God takes in your own life — and to see whether there is an opportunity to grow.

To help in that reflection, over the next few weeks, you’ll be hearing personal stories of other parishioners who decided to follow Jesus, by embraced a Stewardship Way of Living. Although everyone’s journey as a disciple is unique, the longer I live, the more I realize that everyone seems to share a similar set of worries, burdens and struggles in life.

You will also be hearing about how the lives of countless individuals in our community have been changed because of our stewardship. Whether it be the elderly couple who cried when we paid their PG&E bill, the family whose children received a Catholic education because we were able to help with tuition, or the young child in Family Faith Formation who excitedly told his mother about his First Eucharist, not a day goes by where we don’t see yet another example of how our living as a stewards changes lives for the better.

At Holy Trinity, we like to say that “gratitude matters.” It matters because our gratitude — manifested as a joyful appreciation of all God has given us and then returned back to Him through our sharing with others — makes a real, significant difference in the lives of others.

During this year’s Stewardship Renewal, I ask you to please reflect on your role as a Christian steward. Reflect on the blessings God has given you, opening your heart to the joy of God’s love, and then make a covenant with God to live as a:

**STEWARD OF TIME by making Sunday worship and ongoing formation a priority in your life.**

For each of us, time is our most valuable commodity. With all of the competing demands in our busy lives, “time for God” doesn’t happen unless we make it a priority. Holy Trinity offers five Masses each weekend, so even those of us with the most jam-packed schedules should be able to join in our communal worship.

Just as we write “doctor’s appointment” or “soccer practice” on our calendars, I encourage writing “Jesus Christ” on our calendars each and every Sunday — and then making your time with Christ an appointment that doesn’t get cancelled.

I also hope you will make a commitment to your own ongoing spiritual formation this year. Our need for formation is not something from which we “graduate” at Confirmation; instead our own formation as Christians is ongoing and unending.

**STEWARD OF TALENT by enriching our parish community with your talents and skills.**

Though your service, Christ is physically present in our parish to visit the sick and elderly, to teach those who hunger to learn about their faith, to console the grieving, and to welcome new parishioners. I ask you to share whatever skill, aptitude, or passion God has entrusted to you by joining a ministry in which you can help enrich our community.

If you are already involved in a ministry, I ask you to renew your commitment to serving for the coming year. Or if you have served in one ministry for a prolonged time, be adventuresome! We have over 60 ministries, and I’d ask you to consider a brand new one to support. You’ll have a chance to serve in a new way and offer your companionship on the journey with parishioners you may not know yet. You’ll also give someone new the opportunity to serve in a ministry that might have more interest than need.

**STEWARD OF TREASURE by giving to God a significant and sacrificial percentage of income.**

Over the coming year, I commit to give at least 10% of my income to the work of God in our parish (my hope is to reach 20%, as I have for many years). Fulfilling this commitment of treasure will require a prioritization of my desires and expenses, but it’s an effort worth undertaking because I know that my checkbook says a great deal about what I consider important in my life.

For some in our community who have been incredibly blessed, returning to God 10% of what He has given might be too little; for others just struggling to keep a roof over their head, it may be too much. However, considering that the average family spends 5.1% of its income on entertainment and 4.5% of its income on clothing, I would hope that, for most in our community, a pledge to God of 3 to 4% of annual income would be a reasonable percentage for which to aim.

As you consider what is an appropriate gift of thanksgiving for you, I ask you to consider where God falls on your own list of spending priorities.

**Then please return your Stewardship Commitment form at Mass on the weekend of March 26th and 27th, using the envelope provided.** A Stewardship Commitment form is enclosed in this mailing, and I ask each household to prayerfully develop its own personal plan to share with our parish community the time, talent, and treasure God has entrusted to you. (For your convenience, this form may also be completed online at [www.HolyTrinityParish.org](http://www.HolyTrinityParish.org).)

At Holy Trinity, we have much for which we are rightly grateful. We have an extraordinarily beautiful church in which to worship, exceptional educational and social centers, an outstanding faith formation ministry, a thriving school ministry, a youth ministry where teenagers learn to place the needs of others first, a dynamic human concerns ministry which seeks to make life a little more bearable for those who are struggling, and nearly sixty other thriving ministries.

Most importantly, at Holy Trinity, we have parishioners who are genuinely friends caring about each other. We are indeed blessed — shown infinite love by our friend and savior Jesus Christ.

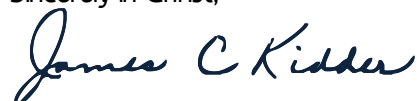
None of this could have been accomplished without the conscious and deliberate decision by so many parishioners to put God first in their lives. None could have been accomplished without so many making a covenant with God to live as a Christian steward.

I ask you to renew your own commitment to putting God first by loving one another as Christ has loved us —and then by renewing your own commitment to a Stewardship Way of Living.

For your own spiritual growth, as well as that of the parish, it is important that all parishioners be involved in this renewal. Because your personal and family commitment is so important to building our community of faith, hope, and love here at Holy Trinity, if we haven't heard from you by mid-April, one of our parish stewards will contact you personally.

Just as the Lord is generous, please be generous with your own commitments of time, talent, and treasure. And thank you in advance for your life of Stewardship.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C Kidder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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# Living the Covenant

## 2011 Stewardship Renewal

TIME



Prayer and Worship

TALENT



Sharing in Ministry

TREASURE



Sacrificial Giving

“Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life.” 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Living life as a steward can be a challenge. Our culture celebrates individualism, independence, and possessions. It is tempting to make our wants our first priority. But to accept the invitation of Jesus to “come follow me” means to accept the idea that we are not **owners** of what God has given us – but *disciples and friends expressing our intimacy through stewardship of the gifts our Friend gives us.*

To accept Jesus’ invitation means we know that all God has entrusted to us is meant to be shared – gratefully and generously – with others.

To accept this invitation, very simply, means that

**we make God the first priority in all we do.**

As you consider your own journey as a steward in God’s kingdom, reflect on what priority God takes in your own life as a disciple and friend.

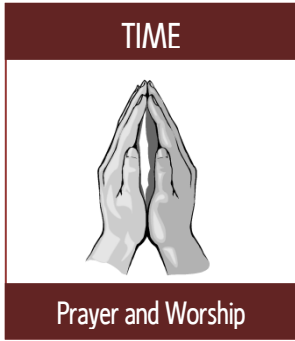
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Make a covenant with God to live as a steward.**



They have made an **intentional, planned, proportionate** covenant with God to live as stewards.

Linda and John Macys take the mission of living their faith seriously. They believe that “we are called to serve and spread the Gospel.” For eight years, both have served as catechists in our Family Faith Formation ministry – Linda mainly in second grade and John in eighth. Linda says the children “constantly remind me to keep that child-like awe and wonder of God and His creation in my heart.” Linda loves to prepare the children for First Eucharist and finds it gratifying to help some of the newer catechists with ideas. Helping guide his work in the Faith Formation Ministry is John’s passion for social justice issues. In addition to volunteering at the Upper Room, John is overseeing construction of the new Holy Trinity Community Garden. John is also dedicated to his work in the Human Concerns Ministry which, especially in this economy, plays a critical role in reaching out to those in our parish who need help.

Cindy Poipao is a busy wife and mother of five; but Cindy always makes time for her extended family at Holy Trinity. Cindy has a real soft spot for the children of the parish and, for years, she has been involved in our school and youth ministries. For many years, Cindy helped organize “Holy Pride,” our youth group for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. She was the force behind “Family Fun Night,” where 500 Holy Trinity kids and parents join together for food, music, and all sorts of fun activities. And each year, she devotes her time to involving our youth in the West Coast Walk for Life. Cindy gives so much of her time because, she says, “I’ve learned that the only real love we keep is the love we give away.” Most importantly, Cindy makes her special time with God the foundation of her life. Together with her husband, Rick, Cindy makes sure Mass each Sunday is a priority for her family. For the Poipaos, a busy life still means time for God.



God gives all humans 24 hours in a day and 168 hours in a week. For each of us, time remains our most valuable commodity.

We obviously have a need to balance all the different and often competing demands in our life. We need to find time for work, family, service to others, recreation, rest and, of course, prayer and worship.

But as Christians, aware that our lives are gifts from God, do we make “time for God” a priority in our busy lives? **Do we reserve the one hour each week where we join together on Sunday with our parish community to worship as the Body of Christ?** Do we center our lives around the Eucharist, making it the “source and summit” of our life as Catholic Christians?

Is daily prayer simply a task on our schedule that can be easily moved, postponed or canceled? Do we make time to pray each day – acknowledging the Lord’s dominion in our lives, thanking Him for the blessings He has given us, and laying our needs and the needs of others at His feet?

Talents are the special gifts that are uniquely ours. We hold the conviction that every member of our faith community has been given talents as gifts from God.

It is because God gave us these special talents that we are each able to earn a living and provide for our families. **And it is these same God-given talents that should be shared with others for the enrichment of our faith community.**

Holy Trinity Parish boasts over sixty ministries and affiliated organizations. Do we share the talents which God has uniquely given to us? Do we use our aptitudes, interests, passions, skills and abilities to further God’s kingdom in our parish?



For many of us, it isn’t easy to admit that our treasure has more to do with God’s benevolence than with our own hard work or brilliant mind. We are stewards – not owners – of the money and possessions in our care. All we have – including money – are gifts from God, who gave us these gifts so that we would care for them and find ways to use them to improve the lives of others.

We all have different levels of income and different material resources, yet – even in such difficult times – the least affluent among us are rich in comparison to the rest of the world. As such, we are not called to equal giving, but we are called to equal sacrifice to build up God’s Kingdom.

Our spending habits say a great deal about our values, priorities, desires, and passions. How much of our monthly income do we spend on our desires and wants? How much is spent on dining out, activities and entertainment, the latest electronic gadget, or paying on a car or house? How much do we give back to God each month in order to further the work of his kingdom? **Most of us might be surprised to find where God falls in our list of spending priorities.**



Scripture tells us “Honor the Lord with the first fruits of all you produce.” (Proverbs 11:24) Do we deliberately plan each year for how we will honor God with the treasure He has given us? Have we established a purposeful annual plan for honoring God with our treasure, or do we just dig into our pocket or purse during the weekly collection at Mass? Does giving back to God come first in our list of spending priorities?



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# Blending it all together ... and watching God change lives.



## Celebrating Mass Together

Most people don't stop to think about it -- but between altar servers, eucharistic ministers, lectors, music ministers, greeters, and other liturgical ministers -- it takes well over 125 stewards giving of their time to help our celebrants at our five Masses each weekend. At Holy Trinity, we join as a true community at Eucharist, acknowledging it as the source and summit of our life as Catholic Christians.



## Praying for Each Other

As God's holy people, we live in relationship not only with God but also with each other. And because we are a family, we care about each other's needs, concerns, and joys. Our prayer arises out the essence of who we are as we seek to communicate with the Divine. At Holy Trinity, one of the most important things we do is pray for the well-being of each other, as well as pray in gratitude for the gift that each person, made in God's image and likeness, is.



## Human Concerns

Most of us will never know what it's like to worry about how to pay the monthly utility bill or from where our next meal will come. But for many in our community, the realities of the economy have been harsh. Our Human Concerns Ministry helps coordinate emergency financial assistance, clothing, and household items. That's typical of the generosity of our parish community. Whether it's a family who needs a hand because a parent is out of work or providing meals to a family with a sick relative, we stick together.



## Faith Formation for Youth

Nothing is more central to our parish's mission than the formation of faith in our youth. One of our great hopes has always been to provide religious education classes at no cost to those parishioners committed to a Stewardship Way of Living. For the fourth year, our weekly Faith Formation classes -- which serve nearly 500 children -- are provided at no additional cost to parish stewards. Holy Trinity serves as one of the few parishes in the Diocese able to do so -- and as a model to others.



## Catholic Education and Tuition Assistance

Making Catholic education affordable for our parish families is fundamental to our mission and, because we are a Stewardship parish, our tuition is the lowest in Sacramento Diocese -- nearly one-third less than the Diocesan average! Even still, often times a Catholic education just might be out of reach. That's when our parish community steps in. Because so many in our parish return to God a portion of the treasure He has given to them, in the last seven years, we have been able to provide more than 140 students the opportunity to attend Holy Trinity School when they otherwise could not.

**These are just a few of the ways in which the Stewardship of God's blessings in your life changes the lives of others. Your stewardship also sends youth on mission trips ... provides grieving families with receptions after funerals ... helps pay off the loans on our Education and Social Centers ... assists us in providing sacraments to our growing parish ... allows us to have fun together ... and so much more.**

**Your stewardship of time, talent and treasure changes lives.**

# Ministries of Holy Trinity Parish

Opportunities to extend God's love to one another

*...giving to others without expecting anything in return...*



## HOSPITALITY

Acting as Christ the Shepherd, a parish committed to stewardship is a true community of faith that welcomes, honors, and involves every person in the life and work of the Church, acknowledging the blessing of our richly different backgrounds.

<b>Baking and Culinary:</b> Members lend their cooking talents to support a variety of events.
<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts Ministry:</b> Volunteers organize coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses.
<b>Rides to Church:</b> Parishioners assist with transportation to Mass for those unable to drive or make independent arrangements.
<b>Set-up/Clean-up of Parish Events:</b> Stewards assist as needed during the set-up or clean-up of parish events.
<b>Social Ministry:</b> Ministry members help provide a warm, friendly atmosphere and encourage community among parishioners by planning the parish's social gatherings.
<b>De Colores/Spanish-Speaking Ministry:</b> This ministry welcomes and encourages the Spanish-speaking community to full participation in the spiritual, educational, social and other interests of our Parish life.
<b>Welcoming Ministry:</b> The ministry staffs the registration table for new parishioners, makes personal visits to new parishioners, and plans periodic social events.



## PRAYER

Acting as Christ the Priest, a parish committed to stewardship strives to nourish each person through prayer, strengthening our relationship with the Trinity, and focusing on the Eucharist, the "source and summit of the Christian life".

<b>Altar Servers:</b> Adult stewards assist in this ministry, guiding young members of the parish as they serve at our liturgies.
<b>Bread Bakers:</b> Parishioners bake and deliver the bread used for the Eucharistic celebrations.
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</b> Adults assist in readings for children during Liturgy of the Word at 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Adult Catholics are commissioned to assist the presider in the distribution of the Eucharist.
<b>Greeters:</b> Stewards welcome parishioners as they enter Mass, assist with collections, and distribute music books and bulletins.
<b>Lectors:</b> Readers at Mass proclaim the Word of God to those assembled.
<b>Linen Ministry:</b> This ministry launders the altar linens used during liturgy.
<b>Liturgical Environment:</b> The ministry prepares the worship environment for each season of the liturgical year by creative and appropriate use of banners, flowers, plants and special elements.
<b>Music Ministry:</b> Music is provided through a variety of ensembles for Sunday Masses, Holy Days and other celebrations.
<b>Sacristans:</b> Sacristans assures that all liturgical supplies and objects are ready and available for all liturgical celebrations.
<b>Sextons:</b> The team coordinates the access to and use of the Church facility for Sunday worship and for special occasions.
<b>Soli Deo Gloria (Liturgical Movement):</b> Participants age 11 to adult enhance special liturgical and musical events through the performance of trained movements.
<b>Sound Ministry:</b> Adults and high school-age youths are trained to assist with sound coordination of the music at liturgies.



## FORMATION

Acting as Christ the Teacher, a parish committed to stewardship emphasizes, through evangelization and catechesis, the development of households of faith, where our Catholic story as the Body of Christ is lived and shared with one another.

<b>Faith Formation Ministry:</b> This ministry strives to inspire our entire community to share our rich Story, rooted in Scripture and Catholic Tradition, as we journey together through study, dialog, reflection, prayer, and service.
<b>Adult Faith Formation:</b> Adults assist in the planning and implementation of sessions for adult faith formation.
<b>Community Faith Formation:</b> Stewards help with the preparation and presentation of parish-wide workshops.
<b>Faith Formation – Hospitality:</b> Adult and teen stewards set up, welcome, or clean up during FFM events.
<b>Family Faith Formation:</b> High school and adult steward, who actively live our Catholic faith, assist as catechists for children and youth in the weekly process of faith formation, from September through April each year.
<b>Parish Bookstore:</b> Stewards staff a mobile bookstore, which offers materials to further Catholic education.
<b>Infant Baptism:</b> Parishioners assist our priests and deacons with our baptism program.
<b>School Ministry:</b> Ministers support the school ministry by volunteering in the classroom and assisting at functions.
<b>Vacation Bible School:</b> Adults help children with religious education as well as of fun-filled activities each summer.
<b>Youth Ministry:</b> This ministry is committed to provide opportunities in a Christ-centered atmosphere. Activities are intended to inspire personal, social and spiritual growth and enable participants to become active in the Holy Trinity faith community.
<b>X-Treme Faith:</b> Adult stewards help with spiritual and social enrichment for grades 9-12.
<b>Holy Pride:</b> Adult stewards help with spiritual and social enrichment for grades 6-8.



## SERVICE

Putting into action our commission as Christ the Shepherd, Priest, and Teacher, a parish committed to stewardship serves the many needs of its own parish family, as well as the needs of the larger community and the world.

<b>Bereavement Ministry:</b> A group experienced in loss is available to aid and counsel families who have suffered a recent loss.
<b>Child Care (for Sunday Mass):</b> Adults provide child care on a co-op basis at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Mass.
<b>Child Care (for special events):</b> Adults provide child care during special events at the parish.
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> The ministry provides the services required to maintain Church cleanliness.
<b>Facilities Maintenance:</b> The ministry provides cares for the parish buildings and grounds, and provides safety and security.
<b>Funeral Ministry:</b> Parishioners assist parish families arrange funeral events.
<b>Grounds and Landscaping:</b> Parishioners help improve and maintain the parish grounds.
<b>Information Technology:</b> Technical support is provided for parish computers, telephone system and use of video equipment.
<b>Human Concerns:</b> This ministry identifies and prioritizes the Human Concern needs of our parish and encourages commitment to help meet the needs by coordinating the activities of various groups within Holy Trinity Parish.
<b>Jail Ministry:</b> Periodic visits are made to minister the spiritual needs of the incarcerated.
<b>Kidder Klassic:</b> Parishioners assist in planning the annual spring golf tournament to benefit our Human Concerns ministry.
<b>Mailing:</b> Assists in folding, labeling and sealing of mailings for the parish.
<b>Office and Clerical:</b> Assists with data entry or other office work in the parish offices.
<b>Public Relations:</b> This ministry increases community awareness of the Holy Trinity community and its activities.
<b>Visits to the Homebound:</b> Brings spiritual and emotional support to homebound parishioners.

The word "ministry" comes from the Greek word "diakoneo" which means "to serve." In the New Testament, ministry is seen as service to God and to others, and Jesus himself provided the model for Christian ministry centered not on our own needs but on those of others in our community. At Holy Trinity, we classify as "ministries" those parish-sponsored organizations and groups which provide a service to our greater faith community.

Our parish also provides many opportunities for prayer and faith-sharing, as well as other organizations which are fraternal and social in nature. Although these groups are not considered ministries of the parish, we encourage all parishioners to consider sharing in one of these worthwhile and community-building groups. These groups — too voluminous to include here — are listed and described in detail on our parish website at [www.HolyTrinityParish.org](http://www.HolyTrinityParish.org).

# Holy Trinity Parish

## 2011 Stewardship Renewal

### Adult Response

#### Household Information – Please Print

Adult #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Adult #1 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Adult #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Adult #2 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*We appreciate your desire to be a Worshipping Steward and are grateful for your commitment to a Stewardship Way of Living. Please indicate below all the ways in which you will share your time, talent, and treasure.*

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#### TIME



Prayer and Worship

- I/We commit to attend Mass each Sunday with my family.
- I/We will set aside time each day to pray.
- I/We will read Scripture regularly.
- I/We will continue to nourish my own faith formation by participating in workshops and classes.
- I/We will join or already belong to a Small Christian Community.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### TALENT



Sharing in Ministry

**Talents are the special gifts that are uniquely ours, and we hold the conviction that every parishioner has been given aptitudes, interests, passions, skills and abilities as gifts from God to share for the enrichment of our community.**

- I/We pledge to return the talents given as gifts from God through service in parish ministry. [Please indicate on the back of this sheet ministries in which you are interested.]

#### TREASURE



Sacrificial Giving

**Proverbs 11:24 tells us “Honor the Lord with the first fruits of all you produce.” As such, how we spend the treasure entrusted to us by God is fundamental to how we live as stewards. Our gift back to God should represent a truly sacrificial and faith-filled offering.**

- I/We acknowledge God’s blessings in our lives by returning to God a significant portion of the treasure He has given us and by committing to journey toward at least a 10% tithe.

I/We pledge to return to God \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each  week /  month /  year.  
This represents \_\_\_\_\_% of our income.

Of this amount, please allocate \_\_\_\_\_% to the building fund and \_\_\_\_\_% to the collection.

- Please send info on making my gift electronically from my checking account or credit card.

## Stewardship of Talent – Ministries and Other Opportunities

For each adult listed on the front side of this form, circle either "N" (for a ministry for which you wish to join as a NEW member) or "R" (for a ministry for which you are already involved and RENEWING your commitment).

A description of all ministries can be found on our website at [www.HolyTrinityParish.org](http://www.HolyTrinityParish.org).

Adult #1	Adult #2	Ministries of HOSPITALITY
N R	N R	Baking and Culinary
N R	N R	Coffee & Donuts Ministry
N R	N R	Rides to Church
N R	N R	Set-up/Clean-up of Parish Events
N R	N R	Social Ministry
N R	N R	De Colores/Spanish-Speaking Ministry
N R	N R	Welcoming Ministry

Adult #1	Adult #2	Ministries of FORMATION
		<b>Faith Formation Ministry</b>
N R	N R	Adult Faith Formation
N R	N R	Community Faith Formation
N R	N R	Faith Formation - Hospitality
N R	N R	Family Faith Formation
N R	N R	Parish Bookstore
N R	N R	Infant Baptism
N R	N R	School Ministry
N R	N R	Vacation Bible School
N R	N R	Vocations Committee
		<b>Youth Ministry</b>
N R	N R	X-Treme Faith
N R	N R	Holy Pride

Adult #1	Adult #2	Ministries of PRAYER
N R	N R	Altar Servers
N R	N R	Bread Bakers
N R	N R	Children's Liturgy of the Word
N R	N R	Eucharistic Ministers
N R	N R	Greeters
N R	N R	Lectors
N R	N R	Linen Ministry
N R	N R	Liturgical Environment
N R	N R	Music Ministry
N R	N R	Sacristans
N R	N R	Sextons
N R	N R	Soli Deo Gloria
N R	N R	Sound Ministry

Adult #1	Adult #2	Ministries of SERVICE
N R	N R	Bereavement Ministry
N R	N R	Child Care (for Sunday Mass)
N R	N R	Child Care (for special events)
N R	N R	Church Cleaning
N R	N R	Facilities Maintenance
N R	N R	Funeral Ministry
N R	N R	Grounds and Landscaping
N R	N R	Human Concerns
N R	N R	Info Technology/Web Page
N R	N R	Jail Ministry
N R	N R	Kidder Klassic
N R	N R	Mailing
N R	N R	Office and Clerical
N R	N R	Public Relations
N R	N R	Visits to the Homebound

Other skills or interests you can offer the parish community:

Adult #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Adult #2 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Youth Response

### Please Print

Youth's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Spring 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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- I commit to attend Mass each Sunday with my family
- I will set aside time each day to pray
- I will read the Bible regularly
- I will say grace before meals
- I will participate in the Xtreme Faith youth group (for high school students)
- I will participate in the Holy Pride youth group (for middle school students)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## TALENT

***Talents are the special gifts that are uniquely ours, and we hold the conviction that every parishioner has been given aptitudes, interests, passions, skills and abilities as gifts from God to share for the enrichment of our community.***



- I will sing or play an instrument in the Youth Band at Sunday Mass (grades 8 and higher)
- I will sing in the Children's Choir at Sunday Mass (grades 2-8)
- I will serve as an altar server at Sunday Mass (grades 4 and higher)
- I will serve as a greeter at Sunday Mass (with parents)
- I will serve as an aid in Faith Formation classes (high school students)

## TREASURE

***Proverbs 11:24 tells us "Honor the Lord with the first fruits of all you produce." As such, how we spend the treasure entrusted to us by God is fundamental to how we live as stewards. Our gift back to God should represent a truly sacrificial and faith-filled offering.***



- I acknowledge God's blessings in my life and, to help build His Kingdom, I will try each week to return to God a significant portion of the treasure He has given me