

There are different kinds



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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH
2015 Stewardship Handbook

"I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."

Romans 12:1-2

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Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves.

Beginning in conversion, change of mind and heart, this commitment is expressed not in a single action, nor even in a number of actions over a period of time, but in an entire way of life.

It means committing one's very self to the Lord.

Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives.

From Stewardship: A Disciple's Response



Conversion to Stewardship



“Something else must come before the practice of stewardship,” the U.S. Bishops said in an important pastoral letter. “People need a flash of light—a certain way of seeing—by which they view their world and their relationship to it in a fresh new light.”

What is this flash of insight? St. Ignatius of Loyola famously described it in very simple terms: God created us for a reason—to be with Him forever in heaven. He created other things on earth to help us achieve this goal. As a consequence, we should use earthly things to grow closer to God, or remove them if they are a hindrance. One could say that the “conversion to stewardship” comes when we truly believe that everything we have should be used for God’s purposes.



“Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things suitable for Christians; it is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion.”

FROM STEWARDSHIP:
A DISCIPLE’S RESPONSE



Stewardship of Time

Prayer



Prayer: Forming a Friendship with Christ

A man complained to his pastor that giving money to the Church was the hardest part of stewardship. The priest disagreed, responding: “For the next year, try setting aside 20 minutes every single day for uninterrupted prayer. And every week, give 8% of your income to the offertory. At the end of the year, tell me which was harder.”

Time is our most valuable commodity. Unlike our talents, which can be cultivated by practice, or our money, which can be recouped by more work, our time can never be recovered once it is spent. When we share our time—for prayer, service, friendship—we make a basic investment of ourselves. More than anything else, the way we spend our time reveals our priorities.



For reflection...

- ❖ *How often do you spend time in uninterrupted prayer?*
- ❖ *How many types of prayer do you practice? Meditation, praise, rosary, etc.*
- ❖ *Do you pray regularly with your spouse and children?*



Stewardship of Talent *Service*



Formation in Scripture & Church Teaching

St. Pope John Paul II always emphasized ongoing conversion. From childhood through adulthood, our whole life must be a process of drawing closer to God. He never stops calling us forward to learn more and to examine ourselves more deeply. As Catholic adults, it is our responsibility to take the initiative for our own formation.

This year, because our parish is emphasizing formation, we need to pay particular attention to opportunities for studying our faith. This includes reading scripture (and perhaps scripture commentaries) and other Catholic material. It includes attending classes, going on retreats, and discussing our faith with others. There are also bookstores and web sites that offer high-quality information about our faith. Make sure to include Catholic books, videos, and movies among your reading and viewing choices.



For reflection...

- ❖ *What can I do to put a greater emphasis on Catholic formation in my own life?*
- ❖ *How often do I read my Bible and other spiritual books?*
- ❖ *Do I participate in Bible study and discussion groups?*

Stewardship of Treasure

Tithing

Practicing Financial Discipline

It's no accident that the fruit of our labor, the collection, is offered at the same time as the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine. In the same way that the bread and wine are "the work of human hands," in modern society, money represents the result of our work. Our financial gift, then, is a gift of ourselves to God. God accepts our bread and wine, transforms them, and gives them back to us to convey His grace. In a similar way, God accepts our money and transforms it through the work of the parish.

Our parish asks each family to give 5% of gross income to the offertory. This is only possible, however, when we are good stewards of the remaining 95%. And because consumerism is rampant in our society, this can be difficult to do. Part of our Catholic formation should include a serious look at where we spend our resources. If needed, seek out assistance with budgeting, fiscal discipline, and overall financial stewardship.



GUIDE FOR GIVING 5%:

Annual Income	5% Weekly Gift
\$10,000	\$10
20,000	19
30,000	29
50,000	48
75,000	72
100,000	96
125,000	120
150,000	144
200,000	192

For reflection...

- ❖ *Do I believe that all I have belongs to God and seek help to become more financially responsible?*
- ❖ *Does my spending reflect that God is a priority in my life?*
- ❖ *Have I made a good-faith effort to give 5% to our parish?*

Parish Ministries 2015

Hospitality

Coffee & Donuts

Volunteers help setup and serve coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings after Masses. We enjoy the sharing of Catholic faith to all in fellowship, and bring new depth of friendship to all parishioners.

*Carol and Charles Burkhard: (918) 622-6661,
cburkhard@aol.com*

Angela Corral, (918)-633-9791

English as a Second Language

Classes will be offered one evening a week. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is not a native English speaker to learn or improve your skills. Volunteers are needed to help with classes. Sign up as a volunteer or a participant.

*Angela Lievano-Hess: (918) 622-4488
ahess@spxtulsa.org*

Funeral Meals

Members prepare and/or serve meals for parish funeral receptions.

*Janet Blum: (918) 838-8260,
blum777@aol.com*

Greeters

Greeters welcome parishioners and visitors to the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses, as well as Holy Days and other special Masses. Greeters are the first impression of visitors and members.

*Anita Gunter: (918) 627-8846,
onetoegone@att.net*

Homebound Visits

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the sick and homebound bring Jesus' presence to members of our parish family for as long as they are unable to attend Mass. This ministry also strives to help homebound parishioners feel connected to the parish at this time of illness or convalescence.

*Anita Gunter: (918) 627-8846,
onetoegone@att.net*

Ministry of Consolation

Members of this ministry are here to console parishioners after the death of a loved one.

*Mary Maness: (918) 663-3427,
marica@flash.net*

Nursery

The nursery provides a safe and caring environment for children, while the parent(s) attends Mass or other parish functions.

*Sally Fowkes: (918) 633-7306,
fowkes@cox.net*

Special Event Meals

Volunteers are needed for one-time events. If you can provide food, serve a meal, set up, or clean up for a special



event, this is the opportunity for you.

Alice Liotta: (918) 622-4488,

aliotta@spxtulsa.org

Totus Tuus Meals

Totus Tuus is a summer-time Catechetical program filled with faith and fun for Catholic youth in grades 1-12. Volunteers are needed to provide team member meals during the program week and for the team welcome dinner.

Arlene Hausher: (918) 622-4488,

ahausher@spxtulsa.org

Ushers

Ushers assist parishioners and visitors at their preferred Mass find seating, and coordinate collections and the presentation of the gifts.

Art Barber: (918) 664-8706,

abarber2@gmail.com

Prayer

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Spending time in meditation, prayer, and adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is an excellent opportunity to experience grace in our lives. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction takes place every Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Fr. Matt Gerlach: (918) 622-4488,

frmatt@spxtulsa.org

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir leads our community in song and enhances the joyful celebration of the Liturgy. The adult choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and other special occasions. Come share your talents and join the celebration.

Karen Gingrich: (918) 494-9729,

kgingrich@spxtulsa.org



Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the priest and deacon at Mass. Duties include assisting with incense, carrying the processional Crucifix, holding the Roman Missal, carrying the candles, and assisting with gifts at the Offertory. This ministry is open to boys and girls who have graduated fourth grade.

Fr. Matt Gerlach: (918) 622-4488,

frmatt@spxtulsa.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

This ministry assists the priest and deacon with the distribution of the Holy Eucharist and Precious Blood during Mass. Extraordinary Ministers receive the opportunity for spiritual enrichment to help deepen their faith and reverence for the sacred presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Extraordinary Ministers must be in full communion with the Church and must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Deacon Craig Gunter: (918) 627-8846,

deacongunter@spxtulsa.org

Fr. Sylvanus: (918) 622-4488,

frsylvanus@spxtulsa.org

First Friday Adoration

The first Friday of each month 24-hour Adoration is available beginning at 9:30 a.m. to Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Come and spend time with our Lord by committing to an hour time slot each month or come by when you can to sit and pray in His Presence.

*Fr. Matt Gerlach: (918) 622-4488,
frmatt@spxtulsa.org*

Folk Group

The Folk Group leads the music for the 5:00 p.m. liturgy on Saturdays and other occasions. Many instruments are incorporated into this Mass. If you have a talent for singing and/or playing an instrument, this is a group for you.

*David Patocka: (918) 369-0117,
dp112358@gmail.com
Spencer Moseley: (918) 622-4488,
smoseley@spxtulsa.org*

Lectors

Lectors are ministers of the Word; they proclaim the Scriptures during Mass. Please consider this ministry if you have a clear speaking voice and are comfortable reading in front of people.

*Deacon Ernesto Fernandez:
(918) 622-4488,
deaconfernandez@spxtulsa.org*

Liturgy Committee

Members plan specific themes for each liturgical season, determine needs for liturgies and the liturgical environment, and check dates for special liturgies: Anointing of the Sick, RCIA rites, Confirmation Sending Masses, Communal Penance Services, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week liturgies.

They also review the effectiveness and needs of the liturgical ministries including ushers, servers, readers, music ministers, and sacristans. Appointments are made with the approval of the pastor.

*Deacon Craig Gunter: (918) 627-8846,
deacongunter@spxtulsa.org*

Prayer Chain

A network of parishioners prays for the intentions of St. Pius X parishioners, family and friends. Each prayer request is forwarded to each member of the prayer chain via telephone and email.

*Marilyn Stutsman: (918) 744-1822,
prayers@spxtulsa.org*

Rosary Team

There are opportunities to join fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary Saturdays before the 5:00 p.m. Mass at 4:15 p.m., and Sundays before the 8:00 a.m. Mass at 7:35 a.m.

*John Knecht, (918) 272-5483,
jconnectus@aol.com*

Spanish Folk Group

The Spanish Folk Group is made up of singers and musicians who lead the congregation in song at the 12:30 p.m. Sunday Spanish Mass and other occasions.

*Luis Pena: (918) 607-7108,
bighappylouie@cox.net*

Vocations Crucifix

This ministry is for parishioners who are interested in fostering vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious orders, as well as single and married life. You and your family are invited to take the Crucifix home to pray for vocations.

*Carolyn Naumann: (918) 477-9062,
bebsn@sbcglobal.net*



Faith Formation

Adult Bible Study

Travel through the Bible one book at a time to get an in-depth understanding of the Scriptures. Each session begins with a presentation followed by small group discussion. Workbooks are provided. Study groups are available on Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening.

*Mary Lou Ortiz: (918) 906-2588,
bennylou@cox.net*

Boy Scouts

Volunteers lead and assist boys in grades 6-12 in becoming better citizens through participating in healthy youth activities that promote leadership, physical and emotional well-being, learning, achievement, and friendship in a Christian environment.

*Eric Kissel: (918) 261-0875,
scoutmaster81@gmail.com*

Children's Liturgy

Make the Scriptures more accessible to youth, Kindergarten-2nd grade. Adults

and high school students assist with a separate Liturgy of the Word for children at the 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. weekend Masses during the school year.

*Arlene Hausher: (918) 622-4488,
ahausher@spxtulsa.org*

Children's Religious Education

Teach religious education classes for 1st to 5th grades. Classes serve to strengthen parish children in the knowledge and practice of their faith. Volunteers are also needed to substitute teach or help as a classroom aide.

*Arlene Hausher: (918) 622-4488,
ahausher@spxtulsa.org*

Confirmation

Sponsor a confirmation candidate (11th grade or 16 years old) or assist with classes and events preparing students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a great opportunity to share your faith with our youth.

*Spencer Moseley: (918) 706-6239,
smoseley@spxtulsa.org*

Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts is an informal educational program for 1st through 5th grade boys designed to train them in the responsibilities of participatory citizenship, providing growth in moral strength, and enhancing the development of physical and emotional fitness, all done in the spirit of fun!

*Peter Stabnick: (918) 728-8465,
pstabnick@att.net*

EDGE - Middle School Youth Ministry

Middle school students draw closer to God as they participate in EDGE on Wednesday evenings, service projects, and social activities. Volunteers assist with these youth activities.

*Spencer Moseley: (918) 706-6239,
smoseley@spxtulsa.org
www.spxchurchtulsa.com*

Financial Peace University

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's way of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Classes meet for nine weeks.

*Arthur & Lynette Barber: (918) 664-8706,
abarber2@gmail.com*

Girl Scouts

Volunteers are invited to help lead or assist girls in grades K-12 in becoming better citizens through scouting. It offers an opportunity to develop leadership

skills and self-awareness through interaction with other girls the same age. It allows them to prepare for their future through career exploration, community service, and skill building.

*Monique Francois: (918) 254-2430,
mofrancois@runbox.com*

Life Teen - High School Ministry

This ministry offers spiritual, social and service events focused on inviting high school youth to live a more active faith life. It challenges them to examine various aspects of their faith and to grow in their understanding of the teaching of the Catholic Church. Volunteers are needed to assist in carrying out the activities of this group.

*Spencer Moseley: (918) 706-6239,
smoseley@spxtulsa.org*

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation is primarily for the education of those people who are considering joining the Catholic Church. Eight months of classes introduce them to Catholicism and integrate them into our parish. Many other parishioners also attend the weekly classes to learn more about their faith. Volunteers help to assist in a catechumen's journey of faith into the Catholic Church – or take one of your own.

*Deacon Craig Gunter: (918) 627-8846,
deacongunter@spxtulsa.org*

RCIC

Volunteers help teach Sacramental prep lessons to children entering the Catholic Church and/or receiving Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

*Arlene Hausher: (918) 622-4488,
ahausher@spxtulsa.org*

Women's Bible Study

Women of the parish meet on Thursday mornings to study the Bible.

Jo Miller: (918) 627-9329

Service

55-Plus Group

The 55-Plus Group is a social organization for all parishioners 55 and over. We generally get together on the third Thursday of each month from September through May, with a variety of programs. We meet in Dorney Hall starting at 11:45 a.m. for a pot luck luncheon. Each monthly event is posted in the weekly bulletin. This group provides an opportunity for members to be Christ for one another in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

Tom and Sue McKeefery:

(918) 633-1841, thomasm6@att.net

Athletic Association

Sports help children develop physically and mentally, and builds community between parents and students. Coaches help form the character of our students by making a generous commitment of their time. Please consider helping to support our teams.

Royce Ellington: (918) 638-6318,

athletics@spxtulsa.org

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)

The purpose of CDA is to participate in religious, charitable and educational Apostolates of the Church. CDA engages in creative spiritual programs which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways that positively influence the welfare of the Church and all people

throughout the world. CDA strives to embrace working through love to promote justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and dignity for all.

Rhonda Howell: (918) 706-7432,

rhonda1027@yahoo.com

Days of Caring

Do you see things around campus that need some TLC? So do we. Twice a year, Fall and Spring, we gather to beautify and repair our campus. Help is needed with gardening, painting, repairs, dusting, and much more. Many hands make light work. This is a stewardship opportunity for the whole family.

Alice Liotta: 918-622-4488,

aliotta@spxtulsa.org

Feast Day

Help with setup, clean up, food service or game and inflatable operations. This is a one day event but much help is needed.

Alice Liotta: 918-622-4488,

aliotta@spxtulsa.org

Finance Council

This group assists the Pastor with the parish's financial budgeting and planning. Service on this council is based upon experience and appointment with the approval of the Pastor.

Diana Levine: (918) 622-4488,

dlevine@spxtulsa.org

Funeral Sacristans

Funeral Sacristans prepare the church for funeral Masses the morning of funerals. A list will be provided to guide volunteers in preparation.

Mary Maness: (918) 663-3427,

marica@flash.net

Garage Sale

Assist with annual summer garage sale by picking up donations, organizing, setup, work day of sale, etc. Volunteers are needed days and/or evenings for two weeks. Give as much time as you can spare for a great cause.

*Alice Liotta: (918) 622-4488,
alietta@spxtulsa.org*

Home and School Association

The Home and School Association exists to assist the school with a variety of events that foster the growth of the school and help it to reach its educational and financial goals while strengthening the tie between our school and our parents. Help is needed on a regular basis for organizing and carrying out events.

*Katie Dale: 918-407-4599,
jkaedale@gmail.com*

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal men's organization that supports widows, seminarians, developmentally disabled children and the Respect Life cause through fundraising, activities, and giving. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community and supporting St. Pius X, while enhancing your own faith. Men 18 or older are invited to join this leading organization of Catholic laymen.

*Joe Deere:
cherokeerecycling@yahoo.com*

Maintenance and Repair

Volunteers are needed to paint, clean (vacuum, wash windows, deep clean carpets), fix and assist in otherwise maintaining the parish campus. Hours to assist are flexible and a basic desire

to help is all you need. Supplies will be provided. Volunteer on a weekly, monthly or one time project basis.

*Chris Desruisseau: (918) 851-4927,
maintenance@spxtulsa.org*

Mass Sacristans

Mass Sacristans prepare the sacred vessels, linens, and vestments needed for the weekend Masses, assist the altar servers in preparing to serve, and also clean and put away all items afterwards.

*Fr. Sylvanus: (918) 622-4488,
frsylvanus@spxtulsa.org*

Offertory Counters

Members gather to assist the business office in counting the collection.

*Diana Levine: (918) 622-4488,
dlevine@spxtulsa.org*

Other School Opportunities

Our parish school has many volunteer opportunities open to members of the parish who would like to contribute to the school, including instruction assistance, tutoring assistance, technology, and other needs.

*Beth Krukowski: (918) 627-5367,
bkrukowski@spxtulsa.org*

Photography

We are always in need of photos of parish activities for our newsletter, website and bulletin. Volunteers don't need to be professional, just willing to take photos at any of our parish activities and send them to the parish office electronically.

*Alice Liotta: (918) 622-4488,
alietta@spxtulsa.org*

Saturday Sacristans

Sacristans prepare the altar, sanctuary and liturgical vessels on Saturday mornings and also decorate the church for liturgical holidays.

Jo Miller: (918) 627-9329

School Advisory Council

This committee is composed of members who advise the pastor and school principal on a range of school-related issues. Service on this council is by appointment with the approval of the Pastor.

*Christy Brown: (918) 851-9655,
tulsabrowns@cox.net*

School Auction Committee

Members of this committee plan, collect auction items, decorate and help out with the School Auction. Parishioners are invited to volunteer for this important annual fundraiser for the school.

*Cheryl Kane: (918) 622-4488
ckane@spxtulsa.org*

Sewing

From drapes and banners to baptismal garments and an occasional item for our priests, there are projects or repairs that need to be done.

*Alice Liotta: (918) 622-4488,
aliotta@spxtulsa.org*

Single Catholics of Tulsa/SCOT

Enjoy fun and fellowship with single, widowed and divorced Catholics ages 35 and over. SCOT is a diocesan group.

*Terri Knode: (918) 361-7076,
Bryan Clements: (918) 835-3618
single_catholics_of_tulsa@yahoo.com*

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship committee assists the pastor to develop and build a St. Pius X Church and School Community that fosters the three pillars of stewardship — Time, Talent & Treasure — with a sense of belonging, involvement and commitment from each parishioner. Service on this committee is based upon living a stewardship life. Appointments are made with the approval of the pastor.

*Larry and Linda Wewers: (918) 688-6222
parish@spxtulsa.org*

Women's Club

The goal of this group is to bring together women of all ages and stages of life for social and spiritual activities while socializing with other ladies in the parish.

*Judy Miller: (918) 605-3428,
judymiller36@cox.net*



*"Be hospitable to one another without complaining.
As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one
another as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

1 Peter 4:9-10

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