

**Stewardship:
Growing Closer to Christ by Sharing
Time, Talent, and Treasure**



**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Osprey, Florida
2009**

Agenda

Stewardship – Sharing Time, Talent, and Treasure

- What is Stewardship?
- Why does Stewardship matter?
- Who should practice Stewardship?
- Stewardship at OLMC
- OLMC Stewardship plan
- Next Steps Involve Ministry Leadership

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is Not a Ministry – It is a Foundation for Ministries

Welcoming

Military

Home
Bound

Greeters

Food
Drive

Social

Stewardship

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship Recognizes Gifts from God

- Stewardship is an inner attitude that recognizes that everything is a gift from God and willingly gives a portion of those gifts to others, especially the poor.”

Fr. Joseph M. Champlin

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- Leads to Gratefulness
- Desire to give back

What is Stewardship?

A Spiritual Approach Rather than a Practical Program

- “Stewardship thus has more to do with a spiritual approach than with a practical program.
- It touches one’s interior self.
- It should deeply affect the manner in which we live and ideally become a way of life for us.”

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What is Stewardship?

To Use God's Gifts to Imitate Christ USCCB Pastoral Letter

I. The Call of Discipleship

- We are stewards of personal vocations received from God
- Vocations: talents, responsibilities, roles
- The call to follow Jesus & imitate his way of life

II. Jesus' Way

- The example of Jesus – supreme teacher of Stewardship
- Evangelization by setting an example

III. Living as a Steward

- Help God with Creation – cultivation and care = Talents
- Help God with Redemption – family prayer, Mass, Scripture, penance, Blessed Sacrament = Time

Stewardship A Disciple's Response, 1992, p 8-9.
USCCB Pastoral Letter Plan

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- IV. Service to community, especially those in need
 - Faith Community = Parish, Diocese, Church
 - Domestic Church = home, children, family
 - Outward Community = divisions from wealth, power, others
- V. Summary: A Christian Steward Uses God's Gifts to Serve Others
 - Receives God's gifts gratefully
 - Tends God's gifts responsibly
 - Shares God's gifts with others

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What is Stewardship? In a Nutshell

- Growing Closer to Christ by Sharing
 - Time
 - Talent
 - Treasure

Why Does Stewardship Matter?

Stewardship is How We Attempt to Imitate Jesus

- Christianity has never been about agreeing with a body of doctrine or beliefs
- Christianity has always been about conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Evidence of this has always been how one lives their life day-to-day -- the values, attitudes and beliefs evident in my behavior and speech.
- Stewardship is how we attempt to imitate Jesus' Way of Life.

*Fr. Greg Klein
OLMC Parish, Osprey, FL*

Who should practice Stewardship? All the Baptized

- All the Baptized should practice Stewardship
- Baptism is the sacrament of incorporation into the community who claims to follow Christ.
- Prior to Vatican II, the ordained and consecrated religious were thought to be the "official" ministers of the church
- Vatican II brought us back to the earlier theology that baptism is the foundation for ministry in the church.

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Stewardship at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

10 Years of Ministry Growth Positions OLMC for the Next Steps

- 5 Ministry & program areas
 - Christian Service
 - Liturgical
 - Parish Office
 - Social Action
 - Social
- 59 Ministries & programs
- 44 Coordinators
- 250 Ministry volunteers – estimated
- About 15% of registered parishioners – adults & children

Stewardship at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Recent Steps: Encourage and Support Stewardship

- Stewardship Committee formed 2007
- Biweekly meetings to learn and plan
- Followed USCCB 2002 Pastoral Letter on Stewardship
- **Established Welcoming Ministry**
- Participated in Diocesan Stewardship Conferences
 - Miami '07, Ft. Myers '08, Sarasota '09
- Incorporated Diocese of Venice Guidance
- Developed Stewardship Committee Mission Statement

Stewardship at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Recent Steps: Mission Statement

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

As disciples of Jesus Christ and guided by Gospel values, we commit to fostering Stewardship as a way of life for the parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Osprey.

In collaboration with the Pastor, we promote the sharing of Time, Talent and Treasure through:

- A year-round program of Time, Talent and Treasure personal witness
- Development and growth of hospitality, evangelization and service ministries
- Communication and education using effective media
- Recruitment, training and recognition of Time and Talent
- Fund raising that respects gratitude for God's gifts, generosity through God's grace, and returning to the Lord with increase
- Annual accountability reports for all activities

Stewardship at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Next & Future Steps to Make Stewardship a Way of Life

- Parishioner commitment survey distributed Oct 26
- Personal witness talks Oct/Nov
- Ministry leadership stewardship orientation Nov 3
- Commitment Sunday Nov 15
- Welcoming of new ministry volunteers by Nov 20
- Thank you event Nov 22
- Presentations to ministry meetings As requested
- Continuing education – leaders/parishioners 2010

Welcoming Questions for Ministry Leaders to Consider

- Am I a welcoming person?
- Is there room in my life for others, or am I too busy?
- Do I extend welcoming gestures with a warm smile?
- Do I hear with my heart as well as with my head?
- Do I go out of my way, even when it is not convenient to do so?

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Welcoming Questions for Ministry Leaders to Consider

- Do I try to use inclusive language whenever possible?
- Do I work on my own spiritual development?
- Am I open to full, conscious, active participation in worship and in parish activities/events?
- Do I make an effort to encounter Jesus Christ in the people with whom I work, play and worship?

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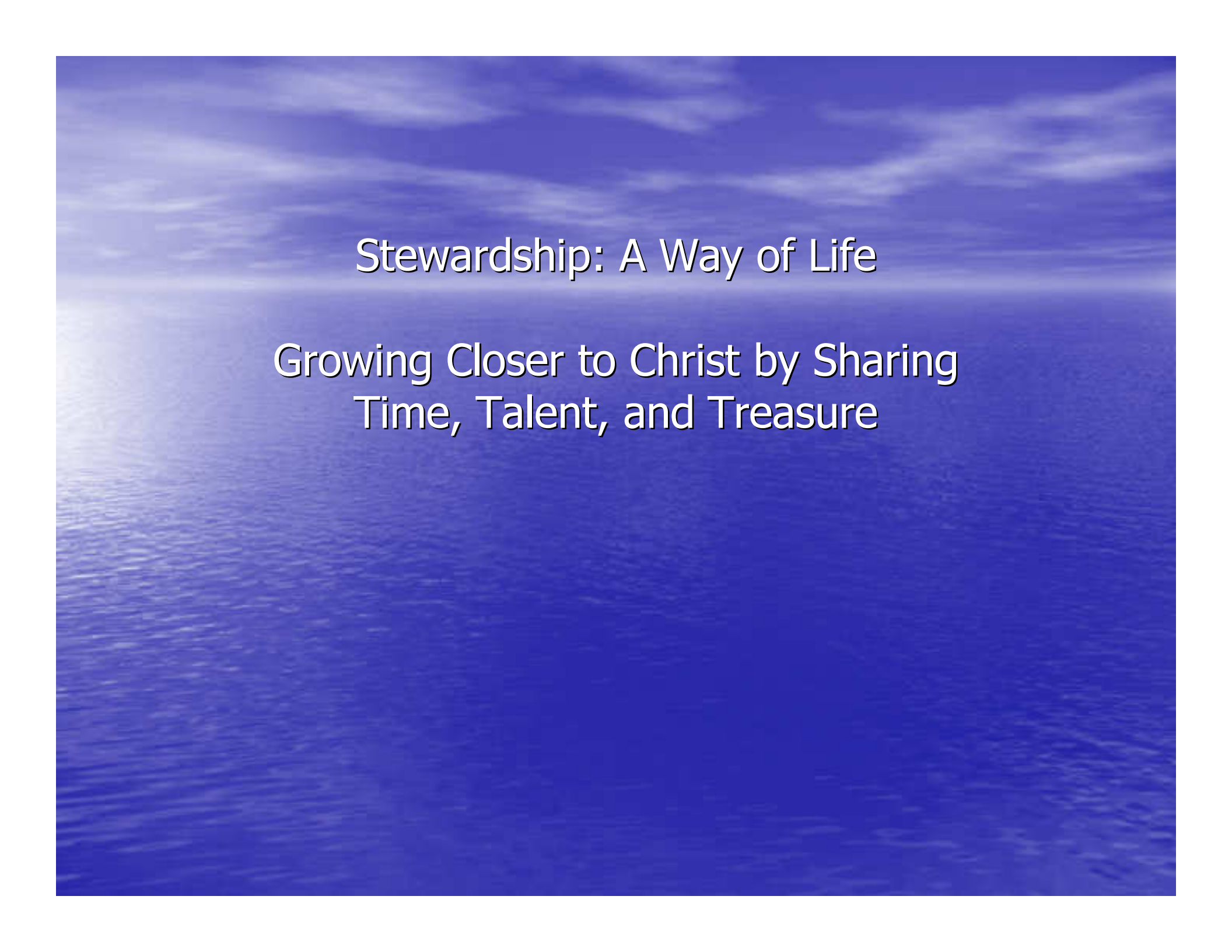
Welcoming Hospitality by ministry leaders and members

- **Making space:** Make room for others in our lives both physically and attitudinally. Just as we make room for a spouse, our children or a sibling to enter our lives, so too do we need to make space for others.
- **Pay attention to people:** Listening skills are needed. Developing these skills will enable us to pay attention with both our minds and our bodies, with both our heads and our hearts.

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Welcoming Ministry Leadership Action Steps to Welcome New Volunteers

- Commitment Sunday Nov 14/15
- Surveys available for pick-up Monday Nov 16
- Ministry leaders contact and invite volunteers to Welcome Coffee by Nov 20
- Welcome Coffee
 - Saturday Nov 21 4 PM
 - Sunday Nov 22 9:30 AM



Stewardship: A Way of Life

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Stewardship Opportunities at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Share Your Time and Talent

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name _____ Date ____/____/2009

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Evening) _____ Email _____

When we spend time with God in prayer, we are spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others. Please reflect prayerfully on this list. You can read more about the ministries available at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in our Stewardship Opportunities Booklet. The newest edition will be available in November or at the parish website, www.OLMC-Osprey.org

Note: Please print the first name of the interested family member on the line under commitment!

Commitment

- ___ Altar Servers
- ___ Adoration
- ___ Arimatheans
- ___ Baptismal Team
- ___ Bereavement
- ___ Bridge
- ___ Centering Prayer Meditation
- ___ Choir & Cantors
- ___ Christmas Cookies
- ___ Christmas Tree Gifts
- ___ Coffee & Donuts
- ___ Collection Counters
- ___ Couples Bible Sharing
- ___ Data Entry
- ___ Exercise
- ___ Eucharistic Ministers
- ___ Faith Formation Adults
- ___ Faith Formation Teens
- ___ Faith Formation Children
- ___ Faith Formation Office Volunteers
- ___ Friday Bible Study
- ___ Funeral Liturgy Planning
- ___ Gardening
- ___ Greeters & Ushers
- ___ Helmet Liners (military)
- ___ Homebound
- ___ Immakalee Food Collection/
Guadalupe Social Services
- ___ Lectors
- ___ Library
- ___ Other Ideas _____

Commitment

- ___ Liturgical Arts & Environment
- ___ Men's Club of Carmel
- ___ Military Ministry
- ___ M.O.M.S.
- ___ Nurse
- ___ Office Volunteers F.F.
- ___ Our Lady's Club
- ___ Peace and Justice
- ___ Photographer
- ___ Public Relations
- ___ Praise & Worship
- ___ Prayer & Healing Shawl
- ___ Prayer Line
- ___ RCIA
- ___ Re-Membering Church
- ___ Respect Life
- ___ Rosary Society
- ___ Sacristan
- ___ Social Events
- ___ Spanish Class
- ___ Sacramental Preparation
 - ___ Adults
 - ___ Children-Teens
- ___ Spiritual Formation
- ___ Stewardship Committee
- ___ Theology on Tap
- ___ Vacation Bible School
- ___ Website/Graphic Arts
- ___ Welcoming Committee
- ___ Youth Group