

October 26, 2009

Dear Parishioners:

You are invited to deepen your faith by participating more fully in the life of Stewardship at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Stewardship is a way of living that acknowledges our dependence on God for all we have and lies at the heart and soul of Christian life. Perhaps each of us could consider a renewed Stewardship commitment by “taking another step”.

If you are presently offering two hours of your time each week, could you “take another step” and share three? If you are currently donating one or two percent of your income, could you “take another step” and increase it to two or three percent?

In coming weeks, you will hear talks at Mass from members of our parish. These ministry volunteers will explain how stewardship has touched their lives, as they share their time and talent with family, church and community.

Enclosed is a listing of Stewardship Opportunities available at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We invite you to use these suggestions to reflect on where you could offer your skills, talents and enthusiasm in building up our parish. In November, on Commitment Sunday, we will invite you to bring your Stewardship Form. You may wish to continue in an existing ministry, volunteer for another opportunity or suggest a new direction.

Please know that I am touched by the generosity of all our parishioners! My thanks to each of you for all that you are and all that you have done to build our parish community. I am confident of your continued commitment to Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Gregory". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Gregory L. Klein, O. Carm.  
Pastor

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, OSPREY FLORIDA  
2009 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

**My offering of Time, Talent and Treasure**

Please bring this form to Mass on November 14/15 or drop off at the parish foyer front desk.

**WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?**

“Stewardship is the ability to share one’s gifts of life, time, talents and resources with others with no strings attached and no conditions.”

-the late Archbishop Thomas Murphy, Seattle

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” Mathew 25:34-40

**TREASURE**

...Consistent giving to parish, family, and community...

In thanksgiving for God’s gifts, each household is asked to consciously plan and budget a generous gift to the Offertory.

Stewardship of Treasure also includes proportionate giving in response to the needs of community and family.

# 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](http://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
- \_\_\_\_\_ Immokalee 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