

*Ministry opportunities through  
Stewardship at St. Hubert*

Many  
ways  
to  
say  
it.



Thanks for  
**EVERYTHING**



It's not what we *do*.  
It's what we *are*.

*Stewardship is everything we do  
after we say "I believe."*

It is the goal of the Stewardship Commission to help our entire faith community recognize the many gifts God has given us and find creative and effective ways to use them and share them as God intended.

Prayerfully consider the ways in which you can use your gifts to help your friends and family use theirs in the mission and ministry of our church. And prayerfully consider making the Stewardship Commission your ministry.

After all, you've already said, "I believe

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# It's better to give *and* to receive.

*Stewardship of our gifts means  
thanking God by sharing them.*



God has blessed each of us with talents and abilities to do things great and small. We've been given experience, energy and enthusiasm to use for the benefit of others. We've been given the time in which to do this. Making good use of our gifts is how we thank God.

All of us profess our faith. Good stewardship of our gifts is how we *live* it.

It is important for us to realize that every person has gifts of one kind or another and that these gifts, given by God, have value. It is also important to understand that these are not *our* gifts; they are God's gifts and we are expected to share them. After all, that is why we've been given them.

Our parish has an incredibly diverse array of life and cultural experiences and people skills, educational background, and community connections. It also has hundreds of ways to put our life experience, interests, energy and enthusiasm to work in the service of the Church and the community.

By using *your* gifts, you can help others recognize and share *their* gifts in so many ways. Think of it as a thank you note to God.



# What in the world can we possibly do?

*Global stewardship seeks an end to suffering  
from war, disease or disaster.*

In the developing world, poverty often leaves people without land, food or health. Greed, violence and disease are fed by inequity, apathy and ignorance, which recognize no boundaries. When abject poverty exists next to unimaginable wealth, it is a sin.

Stewardship is a trust from God. It includes all creation and the human cultures built from it. As God's stewards, we commit ourselves to the relief of suffering and address its causes.

Relieving suffering around the world seems too large to achieve, but there are steps we can take. We can begin planting the seeds of non-violence and reconciliation by committing to good conflict resolution in our communities and in our homes.

There are hundreds of legitimate organizations in this country that provide a wide range of assistance to suffering people around the world. Bringing our parish community's resources of time, talent and treasure to bear on needs and opportunities around the world is Global Stewardship in action.

That's how we use God's gifts to touch lives, change lives and save lives.

# Are we the problem or the solution?

*Personal stewardship recognizes that  
our decisions touch the lives of others.*



Every day we make choices without considering the implications. An act as simple as buying coffee can help perpetuate an economic system in which thousands of farmers often receive less for their crop than it cost them to produce it. On the other hand, a thoughtful choice can help ensure fair market prices to farmers in some of the poorest countries in the world.

Each of these choices is an opportunity given to us by God. Every choice we make has implications for ourselves, for others and for our world. Making the most of these opportunities by making positive choices based on our faith is an act of stewardship. God blesses us with these opportunities every day.

How much difference can our choices really make?

Anthropologist Margaret Mead, a committed Christian, said, “A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

Thoughtful, *faithful* people, working within our faith community, can provide the powerful combination of leadership and example to change minds, change hearts and change the world.



## Living our faith. right now, right here.

*Local stewardship seeks the common good  
as defined by our faith.*

Problems that seem to be the responsibility of government or charitable organizations are the responsibilities of practicing Christians. It is the will and voice of concerned people that will encourage and direct government. It is the commitment and action of dedicated people that energizes organizations and ministries.

Christian stewardship within our community involves intentional recognition, care, and response to the needs of the poor and powerless. It also involves helping others, from neighbors to lawmakers, see those needs.

Through cooperative programs, good stewards can partner with charitable organizations and other faith communities to touch, change and even save lives.

Floods, tornadoes and other natural and man-made disasters can strike anywhere at any time. Members of our community have consistently demonstrated a commitment to local stewardship by responding quickly and generously.

You can help our parishioners practice local stewardship through organizations and programs within our faith community and the community at large..

# God entrusted the earth to our care.

*We have only one home.*

*Stewardship of the earth is just good housekeeping.*



The Catholic attitude toward nature, in a word, is stewardship, the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

Being good stewards of God's Creation requires:

- A God-centered, sacramental view of the Universe.
- A consistent respect for human life, which extends to respect for all Creation.
- A worldview affirming the ethical significance of global interdependence and global common good.
- An ethics of solidarity promoting cooperation and a just structure of sharing in the world community.
- An understanding of the universal purpose of created things, which requires equitable use of resources.
- An option for the poor giving passion to the quest for an equitable and sustainable world.
- A concept of authentic development which offers a direction for progress that respects human dignity and the limits of material growth.

Environmental stewardship involves building awareness, taking action and promoting action. Individually, there are many things we can do. Together, as a faith community, we can do far more. Your involvement and leadership can truly help save the world.



## More than just paying the bills.

*Financial stewardship honors the past,  
supports the present, builds the future.*

The money we earn is the result of our hard work and wise decisions. How can it be a gift? The talent and knowledge we use to earn it are ours through the grace of God as are the opportunities for education and advancement. We are blessed by God and among our blessings are those that enable us to make a living.

Financial support of our parish can take many forms:

**Annual Pledge** Helps parish leadership plan responsibly and maximize our opportunities.

**Debt Reduction** To meet the growing spiritual needs of our rapidly growing faith community.

**Planned Gifts** Wills, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities or life insurance.

**Tribute Gifts** People and events can be honored by a living memorial supporting the mission of the parish.

**IRA Gifts** Individual Retirement Accounts now offer a way to make a gift directly to St. Hubert that will never be subject to income or estate tax.

Just as there is much more to stewardship than money, there is more to financial stewardship than putting an envelope in the basket. You can help our parishioners find creative and effective ways to financially support the mission and ministry of our church.