



HOLY CROSS CHURCH
A CARING COMMUNITY

JANUARY 12, 2020
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 12th - Baptism Of The Lord

7:30 AM Carmela Santangelo/ Victor & Carol Russo
 10:30 AM Dorothy Obrist/ Gary & Cookie Dunham
 5:00 PM Robert Prednis/ Carol & Don Scullion

Monday, January 13th

7:45 AM Phyllis LaFrance/ Caryn Scuderi & Family
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, December 14th

7:45 AM People of Holy Cross
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, January 15th

7:45 AM Mary Maiurino/ Pat Gates & Brian, Douglas, Cheryl & Maureen
 8:15 AM -3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 16th

7:45 AM Mary Cushman/ Rosemarie & Jim Light
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 17th

7:45 AM Stanley Blanchfield / David Rapp & Family
 8:15 AM - 3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 18th

9:00 AM Dr. Leonor Rivera Calimlin/ Dr. Larry & Marlene Rosales
 3:00 - 3:30 PM Penance
 4:00 PM Joseph E. DeMari/ Wife & Family

Sunday, January 19th-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Jo-Ann Haley/ Caryn Scuderi & Chloe, Joseph & Lillian Durkin
 10:30AM Henry Brault/ Family
 5:00 PM Betty Galletta/ Al & JoAnn Paparo

**The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is “to be our model of holiness.” All of Jesus’ words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we’re meant to *be*. Jesus’ baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.



The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. “*This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased.*” And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit’s grace and power to continue Christ’s mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let’s do as Jesus did. Let’s live in our baptism!

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Please introduce yourself to one of the priests. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community by completing a census card which you can find in an envelope in the gathering area, or contact the Parish Office, or visit our web site; www.holycrossdewitt.org. Welcome!



Week of January 12th

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Frank Cappelletti
Requested By: Wife and Family

PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Credit card and electronic donations are now possible through the Holy Cross website: www.holycrossdewitt.org/give

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

\$19,704.88 Average weekly need

\$17,843.30 Collection of December 22
 \$13,440.68 Collection of December 29
 \$20,964.54 Collection of January 5

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
OF YOUR PARISH!**

CATHOLIC MEDIA - AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Formed:

Watch: God's Doorkeeper (the story of St. Andre Bessette, known as a miraculous healer, and his devotion to St. Joseph as reflected by the incredible Montreal Shrine, St. Joseph's Oratory)

Study: YDisciple (Teens): Living the Creed, Session 1: Baptism and Confirmation

Read: Sacraments in Scripture

Listen: Stealing Home (former Kansas City Royals' three time player of the year)

Catholic Media Kiosk

CD: "Desires of the Heart: Receiving the Gifts of the Father"

Sister Bethany Madonna, vocations director for the Sisters of Life, shares how God not only wants us to know him, but also to give us the desires of our heart and gifts that bring purpose, meaning, and hope...Speaking from her own life experience, Sister Bethany shows the importance of asking in order to receive all the Lord has in mind for us.

Comment: *There are two words to describe this uplifting talk: 'joyful' and 'hope-filled'. I loved it. Theresa - Ridge, NY*

A Family Perspective:

The words in today's gospel, "This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased," are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.



DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:

The Divine Mercy Cenacle will continue each Thursday (starting on Jan. 16) at 9:00am in room 6 in Yeazel Hall.

All are welcome to join. If you are new to the group, please contact Soraya Andrews (447-4954) to secure materials used during the sessions.



Marian Book Group

New to Holy Cross - a Marian Book Group! Our goal is to learn more from our Blessed Mother, to understand her words to better our lives and the lives of others. This is not really a study course, rather a way to discuss what is important to each of us, and hopefully how to live by our Blessed Mother's words. We meet on the first Saturday of the month, and other times based on attendees' schedules. We welcome new participants, and guests.

Our first selection: Fatima for Today by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, available on the kiosk or from Kathleen Pagano.

Wednesday, January 15th, 9am in Room 9.

Adult Ministry:

There is a group of adults in our parish who get together each Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 in room 12 of Yeazel Hall to share their faith and explore different spiritual themes through books and videos. Please join us! If you have questions, please call Deacon Dare Dutter at 446-0473 or email at ddutter@tweny.rr.com.

Moving?

If your future plans include a change of address; would you please contact the Parish Office? You may call 315-446-0473 or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org with your new address.

Prayers Are Requested For...



Shannon Adams, Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Vince Cichello, Linda Cote', Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin,

Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArdle, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Wayne Queror, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer and Kristin Woodmansee.

If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.**

We begin the hour in church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.

Confessions on Wednesday Evenings

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday between 7 & 8pm**. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Church and the forgiveness of our Savior.



Attention: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers -

Your new schedule has been sent out. If you did not receive your schedule or have any changes in your email, contact Peg at the parish office via phone or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org.



Funeral Reception Ministry

Possibly you are looking for a way to give of yourself in a very distinctive way. Through the Holy Cross Funeral Reception Ministry, you can give comfort to others in a particular time of their neediness. As part of this intentional ministry, they will prepare Yeazel Hall, serve food & beverage & clean-up.

To be part of this Ministry, please call Sue Sovik at 315-445-8980, or the Parish Office at 315-446-0473 to become part of this special ministry.

Pray the Rosary Daily

Most mornings after daily Mass a group gathers to pray the Rosary. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray.

Please join us!

Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Mt 18:19-20



Pancake Breakfast - Next Sunday
January 19

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a Pancake Breakfast that will be held on **Sunday, January 19** from 8:00am to 12:00 Noon. Breakfast will be held in Yeazel Hall and will benefit the youth programs at Holy Cross. Mark your calendar & plan to attend.



HC School Basketball News

Holy Cross School welcomes parishioners to join us at our home basketball games held in the Holy Cross School gym. On **Sunday, January 12**, Boys A team plays CAP at 12:30 and the cheerleaders will cheer for the Girls A team plays IC at 2:00pm. Both games are free to enter. Concession snacks are available for purchase.

You are welcomed to join the 10th Annual Holy Cross Church Goal Planning Segment (HCC GPS) for 2020.

The thing about goals is that living without them is a lot more fun, in the short run. It seems to me, though, that the people who get things done, who lead, who grow and who make an impact... those people have goals." - Seth Godin

Does that make sense to you? Then your 2020 journey can begin in earnest on Saturday morning, **January 18th**. That moment begins at 9:30am (following 9am Mass) in Yeazel Hall. Your commitment is only about 40 minutes to write down your ambitions, aspirations and yearnings for 2020. In this enterprise a 2020 goal strategy will emerge from your innermost heart to the written page. It's certain to be interesting and fun. It is that easy.

All the special, time-tested tools will be provided for you. Bring your pencil and coffee. Invite an available family member or a friend. HCC GPS is all confidential and anonymous. Please email Bill Sovik at bsovik@twcny.rr.com to register by 01/15/20 for the head count.

"A goal without a plan is just a wish." — Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince

"Our goals can only be reached through a vehicle of a plan, in which we must fervently believe, and upon which we must vigorously act. There is no other route to success." - Pablo Picasso

2019 Tax Contribution Statements

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please fill out the form below. You may put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office. You may also email the information to Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. Requested statements will be sent out at the end of January.

Name: _____

Address: _____

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 12th

- 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - rooms 12 & 13
- 5:00 PM Confirmandi & Sponsor Mass & Dinner - Yeazel Hall
- 5:00 PM First Sacrament Mass & Family Dinner - Yeazel Hall
- 6:30 PM Third Option - rooms 12 & 13

Tuesday, January 14th

- 6:45 AM HS Faith Formation
- 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study - room 9

Wednesday, January 15th

- 6:45 AM MS Faith Formation - Yeazel Hall
- 12:00 PM Monthly Luncheon
- 6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
- 6:00 PM STEP Meeting - room 11
- 7:00 PM Penance - Church
- 7:00 PM NA & Narnon Meeting - Yeazel Hall

Thursday, January 16th

- 7:45 AM Elementary Faith Formation
- 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle
- 1:00 PM Knitting Group - Yeazel Hall
- 7:00 PM HS Faith Formation - Youth Room
- 7:00 PM MS Faith Formation/Youth Group - Yeazel Hall

Friday, January 17th

- 2:30 PM Diocesan Social Action Committee Mtg. - rms. 12 & 13

Saturday, January 18th

- 9:30 PM Goal Planning Session - Yeazel Hall
- 3:00 PM Penance - Church

Sunday, January 19th

- 8:00 AM - Noon Pancake Breakfast - Yeazel Hall
- 9:15 AM Adult Ministry - room 12

New Date - January 15
Holy Cross Monthly Luncheon

All are invited to this month's luncheon on **Wednesday, January 15th at 12:00pm**. This month we will visit Dominic's Restaurant. **Please call Jo (315-446-3328) no later than Monday morning, Jan. 13th** to let her know you will be coming. She will need a count for the restaurant reservations.



Coffee and Conversation - Angel Blankets
Calling All Who Sew

There is always a need at our local hospitals for Angel Blankets. You are invited to join us on **Tues., Jan. 21st - 12:00pm** in Yeazel Hall to help make Angel Blankets. Come to find out more about how these blankets are made & how important this ministry is. You only need to have the ability to sew a simple stitch. Bring your bagged lunch & we will provide the dessert and refreshments.



New Knitters - Welcome

We will meet on **Thursday, January 16th - 1PM** downstairs in Yeazel Hall. New knitters are always welcome. Stop by even if you are a beginner and want to learn more or if you want help with ongoing projects such as knitting hats for newborns in the hospitals.



Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or beth@holycrossdewitt.org

Today's readings remind us that God gives the divine Spirit so that we, like Jesus, might continue the mission of bringing justice to the world. In the first reading, the first of the servant songs, the author invites us, like Jesus, to be an instrument for bringing God's justice to the earth "I, the Lord have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand, I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, & from the dungeon those who live in darkness." (Isaiah 42:6-7). The Church teaches us to encounter others in their diversity and recognize that we are united as one human family. Solidarity invites us to remember that we are all children of God who share in one another's joy and suffering. This is a key component of working together to seek justice for all God's children. Being in solidarity with others lifts us from our individualism and offers us the opportunity to work together to address poverty. Take a moment to think of a particular person you know who is suffering as a result of poverty or economic difficulty: think of the person's name; recall his or her face and situation. Say this prayer for solidarity and for the grace to share in the suffering of our brothers and sisters who experience poverty, and for a deeper conviction to work for justice and peace.

Almighty and ever-living God, empower your one human family to join hands on our journey of faith. Send us your spirit of hope, so that we may work to alleviate human suffering and foster charity and justice in our world. Amen.

from the Justice & Peace newsletter/USCCB.org

Samaritan Center Dinner: Jan. 26th, 11am-12:30 or 12:30-3pm

Join a large crew of Holy Cross volunteers at our local soup kitchen located at 215 N. State St, on Sunday, January 26th. Families with children under 12 years old are invited to help to prepare the meal at 11am-12:30pm. Individuals and families with older children are welcome to serve & clean up afterward from 12:30-3pm. Contact Rick Coughlin to sign up: philiprcoughlin@gmail.com

Refugee Family Christmas Party

Thank you to the parish for providing giving tree gifts for the Ali Khel family. Members of the Refugee Assistance group held a Christmas party in Yeazel Hall to celebrate the holiday with Maliha & her nine children. This is the third year of our parish support for this family. We have witnessed their resilience & strength as they encounter each new challenge: health issues, language, food & transportation. We are charmed by their hospitality and moved by their suffering as we transition from meeting basic needs, to recognition of trauma as they come to terms with the loss of family & homeland. Thank you for your continued prayers & support.



Thank You Notes

Thank you for your kind generosity. Your bus passes will help so many refugees come to our citizenship classes. They study so hard to become citizens of the United States of America. Some work 2 jobs. Others work all night & still come to class. All worry about their families not here in America. Please call or text me if you would like more information. Thank you again.

Alicia Sovik Socia (315) 329-4659

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,

On behalf of the Moses Dewitt students and families I want to thank you and your generous church community for dedicating time and resources to help our local kids this holiday season. Merry Christmas to you all!

Thankfully,
Sarah Hayes - school social worker

SYRACUSE MARCH FOR LIFE

Starts on **Saturday, January 18** begins at Noon at the MOST Building. March proceeds to the Onondaga County Court House steps and ends with a brief ceremony. Guest speaker will be Cheryl Morrow, MD,MBA. This is a reflective protest of the devaluing of human life—carry a red rose...a symbol of the Pro-Life Movement.



Save The Dates:

Tues., March 24—Syracuse Right to Life Lobby Trip to Albany
Sunday, March 29 - Annual SRTL Youth Oratory Contest!

WASHINGTON MARCH FOR LIFE

One-Day Pilgrimage for Adults and Families to Washington, DC - January 23-24, 2020 Sponsored by the Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry. Cost: Young Adults (ages 18-25) - \$25, Adults - \$50, Maximum Family Rate - \$125 *The trip includes Mass with Bishop Lucia at the National Basilica, participation in the March for Life with the diocesan group, transportation, meals, and a diocesan scarf.* Bus pickup available in Utica, Syracuse, Cortland, & Binghamton. Contact Morgan Durfee at 315-472-6754 ext. 2 or email familyrespectlife@syrдио.org. To register online: <https://march4lifesyrause2020.eventbrite.com>

EDUCATE - A - KID

Holy Cross parish has a glorious history of never turning a parish student away who seeks a Catholic Education.

Some of our parents cannot afford the tuition in whole or part. If you are able to help Educate-A-Kid, please help us provide a Catholic Education for a boy or girl. Tuition is \$5,250.00.

We have a Holy Cross School Incorporation that also allows matching funds from many companies. Call the Parish Office for more information. It is "Friends of Holy Cross School, Inc." – Federal Tax ID is 26-3789417.

Please complete this form if you can help.

God bless you and I know He will for bringing a child closer to Him.

I wish to help a family afford a Catholic education.

Name _____

Address _____

Full Scholarship _____

Partial Scholarship _____

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE ~ WEEKEND OF January 18th & 19th

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>USHERS -A</u>
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Michael Read	H1 Kay Sgarlata	CH1 Catherine Muller	Alaina DiBiase	Dennis Cole
		H3 Claudette Tanner	CH2 Deacon	Nicholas DeBiase	Claude Pilon
		H4 Mary Relihan		Simon Farranto	Michael Krisak
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Melody Foster	H1 Teri Skandalis	C1 Mary Touchette	Riley Biddlecome	Ed Coolican
		H3 Al Highducheck	C2 Mary Malay	Volunteer Needed	Tony Ebersole
		H4 Robert Brunette		Volunteer Needed	Len Smith
					Charles Stepneski
Sunday, 10:30 AM	Theresa Beaty	H1 John Fix	CH1 Ron Deluca	Kaitlin Houglund	Neil Bourcy
		H3 Laureen Wisniewski	CH2 Deacon	Finn O'Brien	Don Brown
		H4 Ellyn Lubel		Gabriel Yang	Peter Bergamo
					Milke Sigona
					Ray Moade
Sunday, 5:00PM	Angela Rigdon	H1 Pat Ryan	C1 Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
		H3 Elaine Ryan	C2 Gretchen Lane	Volunteer Needed	
		H4 Margaret Ingraham		Ryan Rigdon	

OUR PCA MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Matthews:

- Daily Mass: Friday 9:00am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30pm (vigil); Sunday 8:00am
- Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul

- Daily Mass - M ~TU~Wed. 12:00pm
- Weekend Mass: Sat.. 4pm; Sun. 9:30am

St. Francis of Assisi (Bridgeport)

- Daily Mass: Mon. 9:00am
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 9:30am

St. Mary's of the Assumption (Minoa)

- Daily Mass: Wed. 9:00am
- Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

Blessed Sacrament

- Daily Mass: Chapel M - F 8:00am
- Weekend Masses: Sat. 5:00pm (vigil) Sun. 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am
- Reconciliation: Saturday 4 - 4:45pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

Classes required for 1st child's Baptism

†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office.†

Marriage ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding

Penance ~ Wednesday, 7-8PM Saturday, 3:00PM

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 36
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 16
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Patty Kirwan, Administrative Assistant ext. 10
- Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
- Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24
- Maureen McManus, Sacristan
- Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Dir. Youth Ministry ext. 19
- Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
- Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 13
- Julie Sheridan, Dir. Faith Formation 1-6 & Evangelization, ext. 12
- Matt Stano, Maintenance

PARISH INFORMATION

- **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
- Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (holiday deadlines will change)
- E-mail preferred; please send to: peg@holycrossdewitt.org
- Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.
- Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

4200 E. Genesee St., DeWitt, NY 13214

School Office – Phone: 315 446-4890, FAX: 315 446-4799

Website: hcschooldewitt.org

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Staff ~ Name and Title

- Martha O'Leary, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse



HOLY CROSS

PARISH STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Volume I

Sunday

January 12, 2020

We are pleased to announce that Holy Cross is introducing our Parish Stewardship Appeal to help increase the regular Sunday offertory and engage parishioners in the various ministries that encompass the broad spectrum of parish life. In this appeal we will ask all parishioners to reflect on the meaning of stewardship and to consider their role as stewards of our parish.

Also, during the month of February we will ask every family to review their level of parish support and to make a commitment by means of an annual pledge to our parish. During the coming week, please consider the following:

- **Is your giving still thoughtful and intentional, or has it become a habit and no longer represents your current potential?**
- **Has your weekly contribution kept pace with your increases in salary or other forms of income over the past few years?**
- **Are you still giving at the same level today as a few years ago?**
- **What is the dollar really worth today?**
- **Can our parish survive on it?**

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship is a way of life. It is a way of participating in the life of the church, and its origin can be found in the scriptures which reveals our relationship to God as creator and giver of all gifts. To be a steward means we are not the owners of these gifts, but rather grateful caretakers and servants. As stewards of God's gifts we view our resources of time, talent and treasure as gifts from God. We don't own or possess these resources in the true sense of the word, but we are entrusted with them to nurture their growth and to use them wisely. As we embrace stewardship, we are called to give generously and responsibly in order to make the best use of our resources of time, talent and treasure.