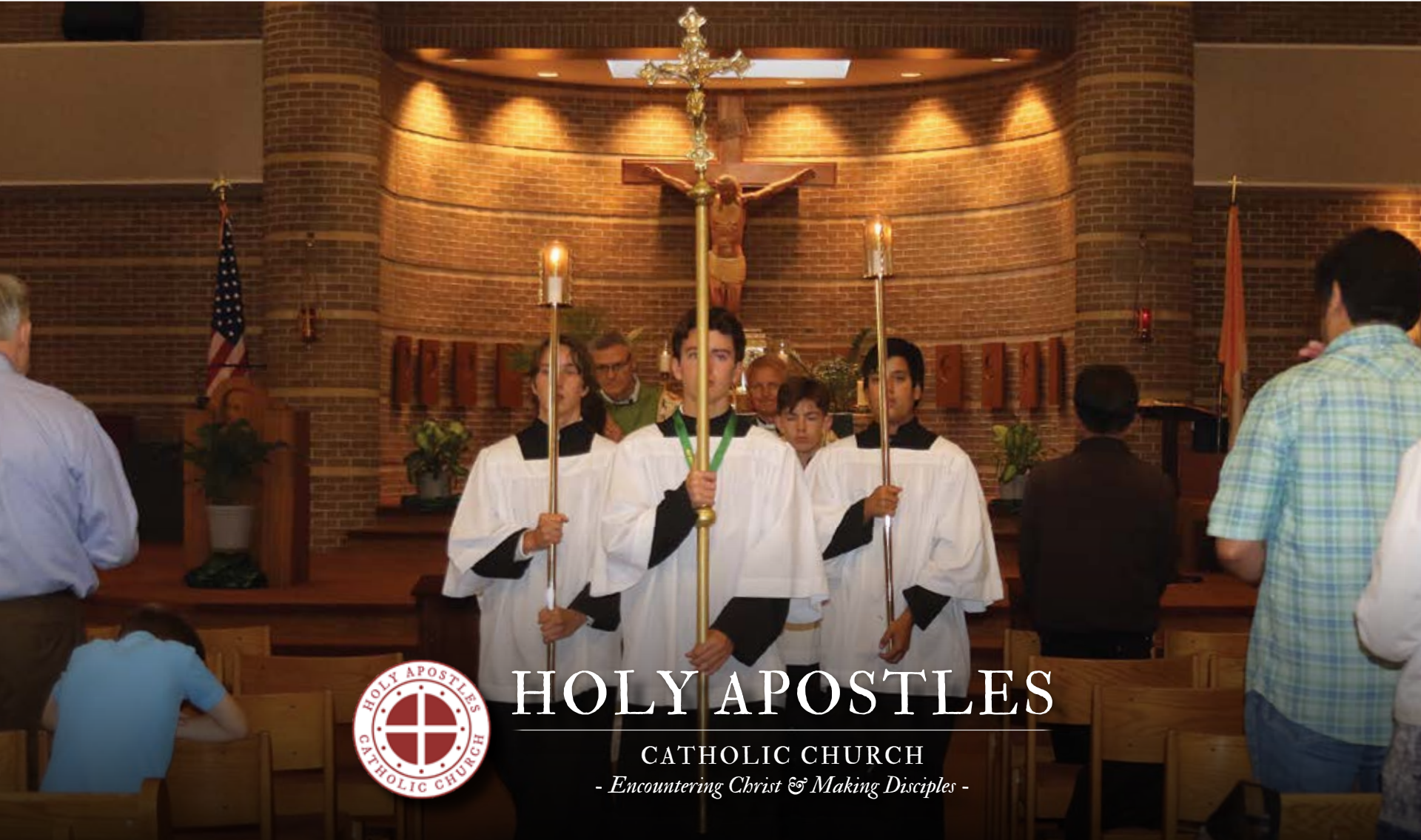


STEWARDSHIP

Not a Program, Not a Fundraising Campaign,
Not a Tagline... **A Way of Life**



HOLY APOSTLES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Encountering Christ & Making Disciples -



BEING A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

In common language, “stewardship” simply means taking good care of one’s belongings. At Holy Apostles Catholic Church, when we talk about stewardship, we mean something more than that.

As Christians, we believe that we don’t really own anything, per se. God has created all things; everything we “own” is really “on loan” from God. From this perspective, stewardship means taking care of God’s gifts. Everything God has given us — special skills, a nice smile, a good income — is meant not only for us, but for others as well. As strange as it seems, being a good steward of these gifts involves giving them away. As we learn from Jesus’ life, self-giving is the road to true happiness.

Stewardship is using our time, talent, and treasure to build God’s Kingdom. All three elements are equally important. Our Catholic Stewardship Renewal is an important event for our parish family. It is a time when we reassess the way we use God’s gifts by making commitments of time, talent, and treasure. Renewing ourselves in these areas results in great spiritual benefits for us as individual parishioners, and for the community around us. This year, how will you use your gifts?

“Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

— 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18





PREPARING YOURSELF SPIRITUALLY

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, “Prayer and Christian life are inseparable” (CCC, 2745). In fact, St. Paul tells us to “pray constantly.” But as anyone who has ever tried to pray on a regular basis will tell you, prayer can be hard work. That is why we have to make a firm commitment to be persistent.

Just as we learn to budget our money or schedule occasions for service, we also have to be very specific when we make time for prayer. Many people set aside 10 minutes in the morning to sip a cup of coffee and read the daily readings. Others pray a Rosary on the way to work. Still others pray with their children before bedtime or pray with their spouse before retiring for the evening. However we pray, the important thing is that we make a conscious effort to spend time with the One we love most.

ACTION STEPS TO IMPROVE YOUR PRAYER LIFE

- Spend 15 minutes every morning in quiet prayer by reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture. A helpful place to start is the readings for each day, found at usccb.org/bible/readings or on Catholic phone and tablet apps, such as My Parish, iBreviary, Magnificat or Divine Office.
- Thank God for the good things He has given you that you might take for granted throughout the day.
- Examine your conscience before going to sleep and say an Act of Contrition like we do at Mass.
- Pray with your children each night before bed, giving each family member an opportunity to pray for something and concluding with an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and the *Glory Be*.

ACTION STEPS TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN SERVICE

- Pray about how the gifts God has given you can best be used to serve others.
- Use your Commitment Card to find a parish ministry or apostolate that will help you grow personally in living out your faith.
- Commit to being faithful to God through those you serve in word and deed.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

—1 Peter 4:10



BECOMING AN ACTIVE SERVANT

Every week, our parish is buzzing with activity. There are groups that pray together, groups that minister to other parishioners, and apostolates that reach out to the community. Christ Himself taught us that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). When we lay down our wants and desires to serve each other, God blesses our efforts! Will you consider where God is calling you to serve Him?

CONSISTENT AND GENEROUS GIVING

Our deepest reason for giving is not because our parish has needs, but because we have a spiritual need to give. We are called to give to God from our first fruits, and to recognize that everything comes from Him. Our gifts to God should be out of faith and gratitude for what God has done for us. Just like the apostles who laid down their nets the moment that Jesus called them, we too should lay down everything, even something as important to us as our finances, to follow Christ. God's promise to us is a promise of life and security when we place all of our trust in Him. "The Lord will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8).



OFFER OUR TREASURE IN PRAYER

- Pray about the best use of your financial resources and ask God to show you where you need to give Him priority in them.
- Evaluate your regular offertory gift and increase it based on what you think God is calling you to give until you reach the full tithe.
- Make a commitment to give regularly to God through the parish offertory, and be faithful to your tithing commitment, even when you attend Mass elsewhere.

"Jesus said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Then they abandoned their nets and followed him."

— Mark 1:17-18

2023 Holy Apostles Ministry & Apostolate Catalog



Here at Holy Apostles, we are devoted to Our Lord and to our parish mission: "Encountering Christ & Making Disciples." One way we encounter Christ is through serving one another. Christ gave His actions and His life as an example for us to imitate. God gives each of us special gifts, talents, and abilities, not for ourselves, but for His Glory, His Church, and the world.

We are blessed with many opportunities for you to exercise your unique God-given gifts. Check out our ministries and apostolates below to see how you can live out your call to be a part of this great mission.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

Altar Linens

Washes and maintains altar and sacramental linens according to canonical norms.

*Contact: Jo Kadrmas, 719-597-3380,
kjjkad@msn.com*

Altar Servers

Serve at the altar and assist the priest and deacon with sincere devotion and decorum at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Training sessions are held for

new servers and are open to boys and young men under the age of 18 who have received First Holy Communion.

*Contact: Deacon Pat O'Connor, 719-597-4249,
poconnor@diocs.org*

Arts & Environment

Helps prepare and adorn the sanctuary to ensure a beautiful environment for worship.

*Contact: Nancy Rziha, 719-574-2408,
nancyrziha@yahoo.com*

Daughters of Veronica

The Daughters of Veronica (DOV) is an opportunity for girls who have received 1st Communion through the age of 18 to draw from their feminine genius to serve and prepare for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The DOVs strive to grow in deeper relationship with Our Lord through prayer, service, catechesis, and fellowship.

Contact: Patty Quigley, 719-693-4406, Pattymq12@yahoo.com

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Parishioners who are trained and mandated by the Bishop to distribute Holy Communion at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. EMHC's can also be trained to bring the Eucharist to our parishioners who are homebound or nursing home residents.

Contact: Sherry Slominski, 719-597-4249, sslominski@holypostlescc.org

Funeral Planning

Assists families with planning or pre-planning of a funeral.

Contact: Audrey Sujkowski, 719-484-8730, hamusicliturgy@holypostlescc.org

Lectors

Lectors proclaim God's Word through Sacred Scripture at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and make announcements before Mass.

Contact: Ken Slominski, 719-660-3867, slominskis@msn.com

Music Ministry

Brings glory to God through beautiful liturgical music and encourages an atmosphere of prayer and worship. In addition to the Sunday choir, Holy Apostles also has a Samoan choir and a Handbell choir.

Contact: Audrey Sujkowski, 719-484-8730, hamusicliturgy@holypostlescc.org



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

24/7 Eucharistic Adoration in the Divine Mercy Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament.

Contact: Linda Oppelt, 719-338-4348, linda.oppelt@hotmail.com

Sacristans

Prepares beforehand for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and cleans the sacred vessels afterward.

Contact: Patty Quigley, 719-963-4406, Pattymq12@yahoo.com

Sound

Responsible for management of parish multimedia equipment used for all Masses and various events.

Contact: Frank Sanchez, 719-460-5160, frank-sanchez@live.com





Stream Team

Livestreams Sunday Mass for the homebound.

Contact: Frank Sanchez, 719-460-5160, frank-sanchez@live.com

Ushers

Assist with the comfort of parishioners during Mass and perform various specified functions during the Liturgy.

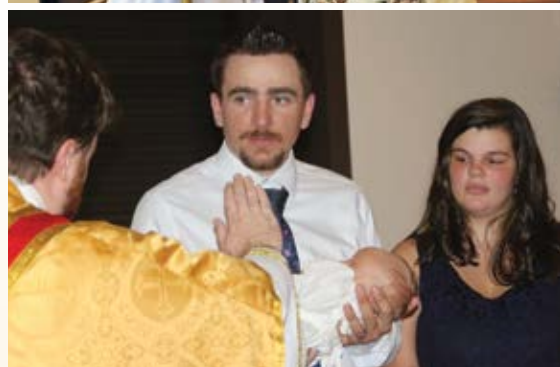
Contact: Art Figeroa, 719-465-2341, artfigeroa@yahoo.com



Wedding Coordinator

Assists with the details surrounding the actual wedding ceremony after marriage preparation has been completed.

Contact: Audrey Sujkowski, 719-484-8730, hamusicliturgy@holypostlescc.org



FORMATION & VOCATIONS

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist Prep

Prepares children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Contact: Peggy Armstrong, 719-484-8726, parmstrong@holypostlescc.org

Baptism Prep

Helps families and godparents to prepare for the baptism of infants and children under the age of 7.

Contact: Sherry Slominski, 719-597-4249, sslominski@holypostlescc.org

Confirmation Prep: Adults

Prepares adults 18 and older who have already received the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Contact: Mike Picard, 719-597-4249 X108, mpicard@holypostlescc.org

Confirmation Prep: Youth

Prepares youth to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Contact: Mike Picard, 719-597-4249 X108, mpicard@holypostlescc.org

Family Faith Formation

Assists parents as the primary educators of their children to teach and model the Catholic Faith.

Contact: Mike Picard, 719-597-4249 X108, mpicard@holypostlescc.org

Holy Apostles Preschool

We lovingly invite all children in partnership with their parents to our nationally accredited developmental program as we prepare them for the path ahead in a nurturing, safe, Christ-centered environment.

Contact: McKenna Anderson, 719-591-1566, manderson@holyapostlescc.org

Marriage Preparation

Prepares engaged couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony and assists couples married outside the Catholic Church to have their marriage convalidated.

Contact: Deacon Dave Thompson, 719-597-4249, dthompson@diocs.org

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)

RCIA helps adults who desire to become Catholic prepare to enter the Catholic Church, as well as baptized Catholics who desire to learn more about their faith or receive First Communion and Confirmation.

*RCIA for Adults (Ages 18+) - Contact: Mike Picard, 719-597-4249 X108, mike@holyapostlescc.org
RCIA for Families and Children aged 7-17 - Contact: Peggy Armstrong, 719-484-8726, Parmstrong@holyapostlescc.org*

Youth Group

Meets weekly and provides a fun and supportive community for youth.

Contact: Mike Picard, 719-597-4249 X108, mpicard@holyapostlescc.org

PARISH LIFE

Finance Council

Consults with the pastor regarding the financial health of the parish.

Contact: Parish Office, 719-597-4249, office@holyapostlescc.org

Funeral Hospitality

The funeral hospitality ministry prepares and serves a simple luncheon for the bereaved following a funeral here at the parish.

Contact: Gloria Hill, 719-597-2176, Mamamiaglo@yahoo.com

Hospitality Team

The Hospitality Team helps Holy Apostles create a welcoming environment for all visitors and parishioners, making them feel at home and assisting with any needs





they might have. Serving on this team provides those with the gift of hospitality an opportunity to extend the love of Christ to all who step through our doors.

Contact: Parish Office, 719-597-4249, office@holypostlescc.org

Lawn & Grounds Maintenance

Maintains the beautiful lawn & grounds at the parish.

Contact: Gary Vitt, 719-237-5409, garyvitt@yahoo.com

Library

Provides Catholic resources to the parish to facilitate spiritual growth.

Contact: Lily Wright, 719-216-3913, queenofapostleslibrary@gmail.com

Parish Council

Consults with the pastor to ensure that the parish is meeting the spiritual and corporal needs of those living within the parish boundaries.

Contact: Parish Office, 719-597-4249, office@holypostlescc.org

St. Joseph's Guild

Assists with maintenance projects around the church: painting, landscaping, repairs, etc.

Contact: Joe Oppelt, 719-440-2741, Joseph.oppelt@hotmail.com

St. Michael Ministry

Team responsible for parish safety at Mass and assisting the parish during emergency situations.

Contact: Lisa Dodson, 719-591-6842, lisa_dodson91@hotmail.com

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Book Club

Participate in spiritual, educational, and social opportunities through discussion of timely books.

Contact: Margarita Quinones, 719-229-7337, margaritaq1962@gmail.com

Charismatic Ministries

Charismatic Ministries offers Charismatic Praise and Worship events, as well as Unbound healing & deliverance ministry and Life in the Spirit seminars designed to bring openness to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Contact: Deacon Chuck Matzker, 719-484-8733, cmatzker@diocs.org



Christian Aerobics

Aerobics classes for women of all ages and denominations. Body, mind, and spirit provide the foundation.

Contact: Cheryl Perkins, 719-201-1400, cheryl.perkins54@gmail.com

Community of the Teresian Carmel and the Little Way Discalced Carmelite Secular Order

Members of the Discalced Carmelite Order who live the Carmelite charism as a lay (secular) community. The community meets once a month for Mass, prayer, formation, and social time. Aspirants are accepted once per year.

*Contact: Mikell Humpert, OCDS
719-651-3727, mhumpert5@msn.com*

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers is open to any woman who supports the Christian education and character formation of children by mothers. Meets once monthly for an evening of Mass, Adoration, and Spiritual Formation.

Contact: Megan Picard, 512-657-2360, Holyapostlesccm@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Fosters devotion to Divine Mercy by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after the noon Mass on Sundays and assisting with leading the Rosary and Chaplet at funerals.

Contact: Lee Arnold, 719-271-4795, lee5leony@yahoo.com

First Saturday Prayer Group

Meets on the first Saturdays of every month for Mass, First Saturday devotions, and fellowship.

Contact: Andee Maddox, 719-201-3406, andee.maddox@gmail.com

Golden Agers

A fellowship group open to all parishioners aged 50 or older that meets monthly for a luncheon.

Contact: Beth Pressley, 806-789-9002, medmep@sbcglobal.net



Inferno Men's Group

Inferno exists to help encourage and empower men, so together, we can lead our families, build up community, revive the Church and become the saints we were created to be! Inferno offers diocesan-wide events as well as a COR small group that meets at Holy Apostles.

Contact: Luke Vercollone, 617-827-1775, beast.ministries@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

A fraternal organization of practicing Catholic men (aged 18 +) that serves the parish and endeavors toward patriotism, charity, unity and fraternity.

Contact: Ray Galuska, 847-274-1228, rayg200@sbcglobal.net, KofCCouncil14338@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study

Learn to read, study and pray with Scripture, to be more enriched by the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, and to apply the Word of God to daily life.

Contact: Carlos Aguirre, 719-491-4281, carlos@peakframing.com

Seven Sisters Apostolate

A call to women to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest.

Contact: Deborah Washington, holyapostlescc7sisters@gmail.com

Small Catholic Communities

Promotes and sustains a Catholic identity through small gatherings and book studies.

Contact: Patty Quigley, 719-963-4406, Pattymq12@yahoo.com

Solos

A fellowship group for singles over the age of 50 (widow/widowers, divorced, or never married).

Contact: Sharon Miller, 713-882-0210



St. Monica's Prayer Warriors

Meets on a regular basis to pray for the return of loved ones to the Catholic Faith.

Contact: Andee Maddox, 719-201-3406, andee.maddox@gmail.com

Widows' Apostolate

A community of women who have lost their husbands that meets regularly to provide fellowship and support.

Contact: Alice DeBoer, 719-570-9557

Women's Ministry

Holy Apostles' Women's Ministry exists to bring Christ's love to others by providing support, friendship, and spiritual strength to each other and the parish. Our service projects come from our members'



suggestions. Meetings 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00-10:30 am.

Contact: Lily Wright, 719-216-3913, lawright33@yahoo.com

OUTREACH

Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy (EADM)

EADM offers spiritual formation and cenacles of Divine Mercy, which results in bringing knowledge of God's mercy to those who need it most through spiritual and corporal works of mercy. They are dedicated to helping the poor, praying for the sick and dying, evangelization, and pro-life efforts.

Contact: Pat Lynch, Plynch1833@gmail.com

Fostering Hope

Provides support for families in the process of fostering and adopting children, such as meals, childcare, tutoring, etc.

Contact: Tami Olivares, 719-301-9631, tami@fosteringhopefoundation.org

Miscarriage and Infant Loss Support

Miscarriage and infant loss are hidden tragedies that many people bear alone. The parish office has confidential resources and burial information available, as well as miscarriage delivery aids available at no cost for those who know in advance that a miscarriage is imminent.

Contact: Parish Office, 719-597-4249 or office@holypostlescc.org

Monument House Support

A transitional housing opportunity for men who need a home while looking for employment and journeying toward independent living. Opportunities for volunteers to mentor residents and/or provide a meal and dine with residents.

Contact: Ed & Anita Achtenberg, 719-648-1662, monument_house@centurylink.net

Movie Nights

Local community-building through movie nights on the lawn.

Contact: Parish Office, 719-597-4249 or office@holypostlescc.org



Prayer Shawls

Knits and crochets prayer shawls for those experiencing a loss or crisis.

Contact: Marilyn Battaglia, 707-372-1899, battdm@sbcglobal.net

Respect Life

Promotes the dignity of the human person and respect for all human life. Join us to pray the Rachel rosary every Friday morning at 9:00 am on the sidewalk near Planned Parenthood at Fillmore Street and Centennial Blvd.

Contact: Lily Wright, 719-216-3913, csrespectlife@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

Contact: Deborah Washington, 719-484-8739, svdphacc@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry

Provides emotional and spiritual support for those experiencing a loss, crisis, or life difficulty. A trained Stephen Minister will journey with anyone needing support one-on-one.

Contact: Sheila Ludwig, 719-287-7716, sheilainco@comcast.net





STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Jesus, I give my whole life to You.

I thank You for creating me, dying for me, and rising for me. In gratitude, I offer myself to You, asking for the grace to keep You first in my heart.

Please give me a spirit of service and love so I can pour out myself for others as You did for me.

Help me to use everything You have given me for the good of my family, my parish, and all around me.

AMEN

Please keep until Fall 2024

It's difficult to give God any percentage of our time, talent or treasure if we do not first give Him 100 percent of our hearts. For this reason, our Stewardship Renewal is a time for growing closer to God above all else. It is a time to make God our top priority, and then express this growth through written commitments. How will you turn more readily to Him with your whole heart?

TIME

Several suggestions for regular prayer are listed on your Commitment Card. Will you set aside time each day to spend with God?

TALENT

Your Commitment Card lists numerous parish ministries and apostolates available for your involvement. Will you offer yourself in service to God through others?

TREASURE

This year, will you make a specific financial pledge to contribute to the Sunday offertory?



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*Please bring your completed Commitment Card to Mass on **October 14 or 15**, mail it to the parish in the envelope provided, or fill it out online at www.holyapostlescc.org.*

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