

Staying Connected Thru E-Mail

Greetings!

Grace & peace to all,

Again I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you who are new to "Staying Connected via e-mail". I am pleased to see that there is a definite interest in this electronic form of communication and hope that I will continue to keep you informed and "connected" to our parish family. As promised, below you will see a link to the early release of the August Newsletter which will reach your homes by 8/1/11.

So, do you ever wonder what is going on here at the Parish during the summer? Summer is associated mostly with relaxation and one might think that the Parish Office would slow down a bit. Or, at least, that is what I thought would happen. Much to my surprise I find the Parish Office and staff just as busy as they ever were. Preparations are being made for Vacation Bible School (do you have any idea how many empty paper towel rolls are needed to make a bamboo tree? me neither, but if you have any please bring them to the parish office) and staff is trying to catch up on unfinished business as well as planning programs for the upcoming year. Not to mention the maintenance department working to keep the buildings up to speed (a big project this year is having the bricks tuck-pointed on the school), getting the classrooms in order and making sure that the grounds are well groomed. Wow, makes me glad that I am the Stewardship Director. :-)

In my last two communications we touched on what stewardship is and who is a Christian Steward. We know that stewardship begins at the table of the Lord and that a Christian Steward receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares those gifts in love of God and neighbor and returns them with increase to the Lord. But, do we recognize that Stewardship is a Way of Life? Something that we as Catholic Christians do all day, everyday! Do we know that it is something that is beyond the walls of the Church?

Think about this if you will: Its been a very long and tiring day and you need to stop by the store to pick up a few things for dinner. You have been standing in a long line at the grocery store and you are behind a person who is having a very hard time lifting groceries out of a cart. What do you do? Do you stand there, wait and watch as they struggle with trying to lift a case of pop? Do you become angry or impatient, because its taking to long? Or, do you open your heart and look with compassion, recognize the need and offer to lighten the load? Now, you might say, Joyce, come on, that's a no brain er, of course we would offer to help. Would we?

Stewardship, it is a Way of Life. It's something that we as Catholic Christians do each and everyday.

By now you should have received the results of the feasibility study, if not just give me a jingle and I will get one out to you.

God Bless
Joyce Wager
Stewardship Director

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