

Holy Spirit Parish

UK Catholic Newman Center



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In their 1992 Pastoral Letter on *Stewardship, a Disciple's Response*, the U.S. Bishops state:

The Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner; shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

The Bishops offer three primary convictions regarding Stewardship:

Challenge: Mature discipleship requires a decision to follow Jesus Christ no matter the cost.

Choice: This commitment leads to a way of life, not just a series of actions.

Vision: Then, with the first two being true, stewardship is transformational.

Stewardship involves all of life:

While pastors and others usually only speak of stewardship in terms of Time, Talent and Treasure, the truth is that stewardship involves *all* of life – body, mind and spirit, our material possessions, friendships, etc. All we are and have is a gift from our Creator for us to use wisely to build up God's kingdom here on earth.

Time:

Time is a very precious gift. Most of us feel we don't have enough time for all the things we want to do. Everyone is given the same amount of time: 24 hours each day, 168 hours each week. The question is: ***How do we choose to use our time?*** Henry David Thoreau once said:

***"It is not enough to be busy, so are ants.
The question is what are we busy about?"***

Talent:

All of us have been blessed with various talents, whether we are aware of it or not, or whether we have developed our talents or not. Of course, it is usually not possible to develop *all* of our talents. But, ideally, we can and should develop some of them and use them wisely to bless the communities we belong.

Treasure:

When it comes to financial support of our church family, the biblical ideal is a tithe, a sacrificial offering. One of the most important steps to consider is to become an 'intentional giver'—as opposed to a 'loose change giver.' An intentional giver is one who has the willing diligence to 'do the math,' that is, to look at his/her annual income and then prayerfully and intentionally decide what *percentage* should be set aside for the support of the church and for charity.

Five reasons to be serious and generous with our financial resources:

- 1: *God expects us to be generous* even if our financial resources are not much. Remember how Jesus praised the poor widow for her generosity to the Temple (Mark 12:41-44).
- 2: *We could have been born in a slum, begging for food every day.* Reflection on this accident of our birth should motivate us to be generous with our material blessings.
- 3: *Consistent financial giving is the best medicine for our greedy tendencies.*
- 4: *Generous financial giving helps to make us a little more like our good and generous God.*
- 5: *It feels good to experience the joy of giving.*

Automatic Giving

We thank all parishioners who choose to use the automatic method of giving to their Church family. We find more and more people choosing to give in this way, mostly due to the convenience and accessibility of options. Giving electronically allows us to be faithful and consistent in our giving.

HOW TO GIVE

- GIVE ONLINE**
uknewman.com/support-our-parish
(Gifts will automatically recur each month.)
- COLLECTIONS**
Drop off your donation weekly in the collection basket at Mass.
- MAIL A CHECK**
Mail a check to
320 Rose Ln, Lexington KY 40508
with "offertory" in the memo line.
- ENVELOPES**
Call the Parish to request
Offertory Envelopes
at (859) 255-8566
- STOCK GIFT**
Call the
Diocesan Development Office
at (859) 253-1993

Stewardship Opportunities

Liturgical

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Eucharistic ministers distribute the Body & Blood of Christ at Mass. (Debbie Drosick ddrosick01@gmail.com)

Lector: Lectors proclaim the Scriptures (Word of God) at Mass and other liturgical gatherings of the community. (Theresa Godsey theresa.godsey@gmail.com)

Altar Server: Altar servers assist the priest and deacon at Mass and other liturgies. This ministry is open to all persons who have received First Holy Communion, age 10 and above. (Chuck Mallory mallorychuck1@gmail.com)

Hospitality Ministry: Assist in organizing before Mass, setting up materials needed, and preparing people to bring up gifts and candles. (Debbie Drosick ddrosick01@gmail.com)

Bereavement Ministry: Help set up funeral Masses and assist with the Mass of Remembrance in November. (Delma Smith dsmith@cdlex.org)

Live-Streaming: Assist with live-streaming our daily or weekend Masses. Some computer literacy required; training provided. (Glenn Gremillion glenn1951@gmail.com)

Musical

Brass Guild: Brass or percussion player. Rotates through various liturgies. (Mary Weber Bane mweberbane@cdlex.org)

Weekly Mass Choirs: All voice parts and instruments welcome to lead liturgical music at the Saturday night or a Sunday Mass. The parish owns several brass, woodwind, percussion, string, and keyboard instruments. (Mary Weber Bane mweberbane@cdlex.org)

Handbell Choir: Some music reading experience is needed; rehearses Monday night and rotates through various liturgies. (Mary Weber Bane mweberbane@cdlex.org)

Treble Choir: Open to all treble singers (Soprano/Alto/Counter Tenor) age 12 and above; rehearses Monday night and scheduled at various parish and community events. (Mary Weber Bane mweberbane@cdlex.org)

Daytime Choir & Instruments: Join if you are interested in fun, fellowship, and music (sacred and secular) and need a less rigorous schedule or prefer daytime rehearsal. (Mary Weber Bane mweberbane@cdlex.org)

Other Musical Talents: Interested in offering musical talents but don't feel you fit in the categories above. (Mary Weber Bane mweberbane@cdlex.org)

Prayer

Be BOLD Prayer Group: Join to pray for the success of our Be BOLD campaign. No meetings; commit to spend 15 minutes per week in conversation with God and to say one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to God, and the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel each day. (Bill Conley william.h.conley.jr@gmail.com)

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Social Outreach

BUILD: BUILD (Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action) brings together diverse congregations in Lexington to do justice and powerfully address community problems.

(Katherine Goetz ksgoetz@live.com)

Caring for God's Creation: Local service opportunities that 'care for our common home'.

(Kevin Steele ksteele@cdlex.org)

Catholic Action Center: Provide monthly lunches for the Catholic Action Center.

(Ryan Hughes rhughes416@gmail.com/ Sister Ellen Kehoe ekehoe@cdlex.org)

Congolese Ministry: Serving a vibrant community of Congolese refugees through tutoring, transportation, religious education, and more. (Nancy Herring nherring@qx.net/ Sister Ellen Kehoe ekehoe@cdlex.org)

Habitat for Humanity: Help provide local families with a safe place to call home.

(Ryan Hughes rhughes416@gmail.com)

Visitation Ministry: Visiting those in the hospital, care facility, or at home who would like to receive Holy Communion. Weekly opportunities and flexible scheduling. (Bob McLaughlin boblaughs@yahoo.com)

Knights of Columbus: A fraternity of men dedicated to the Church and the welfare of their brothers and their families. (Chris Ballard noterdame2@gmail.com/ Jerry Price jpric1@email.com)

Light Church Housekeeping: Serving the parish by taking care of plants, seasonal decorating, or other light housekeeping. (Chuck Mallory mallorychuck1@gmail.com)

Spaghetti Dinner: Cook the spaghetti dinner after the 5 PM Sunday Mass. (NEEDS COORDINATOR)

Fellowship Weekends: Be on a team to provide donuts and coffee after a Mass, the third weekend of every month. (Michael Garcia mrg87e@gmail.com)

Giving Baskets: Coordinate donation baskets after Thanksgiving that support local charities in Lexington.

(Joelle Kendrick joellekendrick@att.net)

Warm Up America: Gather once a month to knit or crochet hats, scarves, afghans, etc. for those in need. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, we will teach you! (Pat Dillon catscradle232000@yahoo.com)

Blood Pressure Screening: Take blood pressure after Mass (RN, LPN, MD, Medical or Nursing student)

(NEEDS COORDINATOR)

Formation

OCIA (Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults): Join the group to learn more about your faith or to sponsor someone interested in becoming Catholic. (Art Mize amize@cdlex.org)

CCD Catechist (Teacher): Meets Sundays from 10-11:10 AM. Entails planning and teaching with a team. (Sister Ellen Kehoe ekehoe@cdlex.org)

Youth Night Helper: Help with occasional youth nights for middle and high school students. (Sister Ellen Kehoe ekehoe@cdlex.org)

Student Opportunities

UK Intramural Sports: Students interested in helping organize and/or play on a men's women's or co-rec team in the UK Intramural sports leagues and tournaments. (Kevin Steele ksteele@cdlex.org)

Newman Center Representative: Newman rep willing to connect with other Catholics in your residence hall of Greek house and invite them to Mass or Newman events. (Brian Gall b.gall@cdlex.org)

Core Team: Interested in being part of our student leadership team? Our Core Team does everything from planning events and service opportunities to strategizing how to make our Newman Center the best it can be! (Brian Gall b.gall@cdlex.org)

Service: This is a great way to get involved with community service and serving the poor in our midst! (Brian Gall b.gall@cdlex.org)

Student Liturgy: We are seeking lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, and hospitality ministers for our Thursday night and Sunday night student Masses. (Brian Gall b.gall@cdlex.org)

Parish Councils & Committees

Pastoral Council: (Tim Wills willstim49@gmail.com)

Finance Council: (Joe Warren joe@thermalbalance.com)

Building Committee: (Franklin Hoopes bfrank@windstream.net)

Stewardship Prayer

Generous and loving God,

*You call us to be disciples of your Son Jesus
and good stewards of your many gifts.*

*Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness
and deeper appreciation of your countless blessings.*

*Transform us through the power of your Spirit
to nurture a stewardship way of life*

marked by faith-filled prayer,

service to our neighbor, and generous sharing.

Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts.

*With Mary's help, may we return ten-fold
the gifts entrusted to us.*

We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen

-Bishop Robert Morneau

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