

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

After praying psalms of gratitude and praise each morning, I pray about your needs and ask God to truly bless you and help you know how valuable you are to his Church. Each one of you is a wonderful child of God, and so many of you share your gifts so generously. Every hour you volunteer and every dollar you donate truly makes a difference in our parish and beyond.

At St. Clare Parish, we preach and practice Christian stewardship, knowing that each of us is held accountable to God for what we did with the talents and resources we have been given by Him. Simply put, to be a good steward means:

1. Be aware that our life and all we have are blessings from God.
2. Be grateful to God every day for all his blessings.
3. Be generous in sharing your time and financial resources with others.

The enclosed brochure highlights our annual budget as well as a snapshot of ways that your giving makes an impact.

If spiritual tithing is new for you, consider taking a first step by agreeing to give just 1% or 2% of your income. This takes budgeting and commitment rooted in faith! Pray and ask God to help you make wise stewardship choices with your finances and guide you in how much you will give each week/month for God's Church. Just as God is faithful to us, so are we called to be faithful in supporting his Church's ministries.

Let us all make a renewed commitment to be aware, be grateful and be generous! Together, we are making the Presence of God visible and helping pass on the Catholic faith to the next generation.

Thanks for returning your tithing card on the weekend of November 16/17.

With gratitude to God,



Fr. Jim Deiters
and the St. Clare Stewardship Team