

# Robust Stewardship

Prayer. Ministry. Finances.



Let the  
inspiration  
of the  
Holy Spirit  
guide you as  
to how you  
might share  
your treasure.



The third pillar of robust stewardship is finance.

“Father, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.” This says it all...

God, who has given us everything, asks that we understand with gratitude just exactly what He does for each of us every day. God is the source of everything we have. He asks that we share our blessings with others and serve in His name.

**What gifts do you have to share?**



Through the stewardship of finance, we can make sure our parish is operating at full health and providing the nutrients for a healthy parish community to continue to grow and better resemble the Kingdom of Heaven. We can deepen our roots, build stronger ties with the community and provide more meaningful assistance to those in need. We will spread the reach of our branches by funding new ministries, which will empower us to spread the word of the Gospel to those who desperately need to hear it. And we will build up reserves of strength that allow our parish to weather the storms of the future.

# Finance

The Gospel this week features one of Jesus' shortest parables; that of the mustard seed. Its lesson may seem simple, but that simplicity is what makes it one of the most universal passages in the Bible. As we consider the financial pillar of robust stewardship, we should think in depth about the image that even faith the size of the mustard seed can do wonderful things.

Jesus is trying to tell us that faith can do what we may think is completely impossible. With faith, we can do supernatural things. We simply allow God's grace and power to work through us. How then is our faith nourished? It is nourished through the sacraments, through prayer, and through ministry which happens right here at our parish and school.



As stewards of our parish, our mission is not complete once the church has been built. The wear and tear that occurs over time creates situations in which we are called to happily fulfill our duty to the church by donating our time and resources toward the rehabilitation of our parish church and school.

Our parish is not only a place where we gather on Sundays for Mass, it is a spiritual home where we celebrate the joyous sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and marriage. It is a shelter and a network of support we can rely on when we are struggling with grief, illness, or sadness. It is our responsibility as Catholics to tend to the health of this home by upholding **Stewardship with Prayer, Ministry, and Finance.**

Spend some time thinking about the gifts God has given you and how you might have that same generosity when giving your financial support to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and School. Listen to the Holy Spirit, that little voice which whispers to you especially when you least expect it, as you reflect on ways you might make stewardship a way of life.



Coming together faithfully as a community of Christ next weekend, we will be committing our "Way of Life" as good stewards toward maintaining the health and growth of our parish and school.