

‘Tis the Season...

Over the past few months we've been highlighting various stewardship ministries. They are all run by parishioners who donate their spare time, use their special skills, and share their personal resources. Their aim is to bring comfort, joy, enjoyment and spiritual enrichment to their fellow parishioners and the community at large.

It seems appropriate—in this season of giving—that a man who helps keep people in the stewardship frame of mind should say a few words about the work he promotes.

So this week our “guest writer” is Jim Large. He has been involved in the Stewardship ministry for the last nine years. He professes to having no title, but says he's recently been assisting the parish staff in such activities as compiling the Stewardship Ministry Book, the Parish Stewardship Renewal and the Ministry Fair.

So without further ado, I turn the space over to Jim.

“Many parishioners volunteer their time and talent without even realizing that they are truly responding to God's call of Christian stewardship.

“Who is a Christian steward? The U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on the subject says that it is one who ‘receives God's gifts gratefully,’ cherishes and tends them responsibly, shares them with others and ‘returns them, with increase, to the Lord.’

“With over 80 ministries and groups, St. Sebastian's is blessed to have hundreds of parishioners who believe that we are caretakers of all God's gifts. We gratefully share our gifts of time, talent and treasure and in so doing enhance our relationship with God and one another. It is how we express our membership in the Body of Christ.

“The categories of parish ministries are varied and offer a way for every parishioner to respond to God's call of faithful stewardship.

“To help people find the right outlet for their gifts, articles on ministries will continue to appear in the bulletin in the future. The latest Stewardship Directory describing each ministry is available online at the parish website or at the rectory office.

During this Christmas season when we thank God for His most precious gift, His Son, Jesus Christ, may we all take inventory of the other many gifts He has given us, give thanks for these gifts and be ready to share them with the parish and community.”

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