

PASTOR'S COLUMN

“Now Is The Time”

Although we celebrate *Stewardship* in the month of November, we are mindful that it is a way of life that is continuously lived. Our very life and the limited time that we spend on Earth is pure gift. Coming to the realization that all is gift is the beginning of real peace and inner joy!

Once we are in that “good place,” we know that we must use the gifts of *time*, *talent*, and *treasure* as our way of giving gratitude and recognition to God for what has been given to us.

The Church of St. Thomas More is that “good place” in which we recognize our identity as Disciples of the Lord Jesus, as branches connected to the Vine. It is this connection that nourishes us and strengthens us so that we may continue the Master’s Mission and Ministry. Through our *time*, *talent*, and *treasure*, we build up the Church, the Body of Christ, for this time and this place.

Our Faith Community provides many opportunities in which we can, through *time*, *talent*, and *treasure*, gratefully give back to the Lord. I encourage every parishioner, especially in this month of November, to discover and choose a ministry so that you can be involved in the life of this community utilizing your *time* and *talent*. It is in “the giving” that we shall receive!

This year a special challenge is before us as we begin *“Our Journey Into The Future...Together.”* This new Capital Campaign will raise the needed funds for our permanent Church/Sanctuary, our Administration Building and Youth Center, the recently purchased five-acre parcel of additional land, the retirement of our debt, and \$1 million for the Diocesan Secondary Education Initiative.

As we continue to focus on *time* and *talent*, this year we call special attention to the gift of our *treasure* in order to ensure that St. Thomas More continues to be that “good place” where the Lord’s work continues.

NOW IS THE TIME. NOW IS THE MOMENT. We are at that point at which this community has been working for the last 18 years. We are ready to take that giant step and build our permanent worship space, the place that we, the Church, will call our home!

This is an extremely exciting time! We need to pull together more than we ever have in the past. As the Lord’s stewards, giving our *time*, *talent*, and *treasure*, the build out of the St. Thomas More Parish Campus will soon be a reality.

I know that you are a grateful people. I know that you are generous people. I know that you are a Faith-filled people. I know that you will respond in the manner that is needed!

God Bless you for all that you do. Remember that the Lord is never outdone in generosity.