

PASTOR'S COLUMN

“How Do We Pledge Allegiance To Our King?”

In this month of November, we continue our reflection upon Stewardship. Stewardship is not a program or process, but rather, it is a life style that we freely choose as our way of pledging allegiance to our King.

So often in conversation, we hear the phrase, “Don’t just talk the talk; walk the walk.” In other words, our internal faith must be externalized through the actions of our everyday lives.

As Disciples of the Lord Jesus, we believe Him to be our Lord and Savior, sent from the Creator Father, as a gift of love to us.

As Disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are members of His Body. We are the Body of Christ for this time and place. We are called to continue His Mission and Ministry to the little corner of the world in which we find ourselves.

We do this, not just in word, but also in deed. Our time, talent, and treasure become the external signs of what we internally believe. We give our “first fruits,” that biblical tithe, or 10%, of time, talent and treasure, in order to build up the Body of Christ.

We put the Lord first in our lives, because the Lord has placed us first in His Life. When we each do our part and give our tithe, it is amazing all that we can accomplish in the Name of Jesus!

This weekend, we welcome Bill Ipsen, the Chair of our Capital Campaign, “Our Journey Into The Future...Together.” Bill was also the Co-chair of our previous Campaigns, “Standing on Holy Ground I & II.”

Bill and his wife Debbie are examples of good stewards who take their faith seriously. The Church of St. Thomas More is the community in which they have deliberately chosen to “walk the walk.”

Bill focuses, in a special way, on our Capital Campaign, “Our Journey Into The Future...Together,” and the ways in which the stewardship of our treasure can help us achieve our dreams of our building our permanent sanctuary and the rest of our Parish Campus build-out.

Take time this weekend to read and reflect upon Chris Smith’s Stewardship Column in the Parish Bulletin. It offers some examples of how your tithe can impact the Building Fund when translated into a three- or five-year pledge.

As we continue our reflection on Stewardship, I ask you to dig deep into your souls. There you will find and become aware of how good God is and how God has blessed you. With that awareness, stewardship of time, talent, and treasure becomes a joy and a celebration!

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