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Pastor's Column

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Christian Stewardship—Fulfilling God's Purpose

As we journey through this month of January, we continue to reflect upon Christian Stewardship, and our responsibility to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

Christian Stewardship is a way of living, living as Disciples of the Lord Jesus. Thus Christian Stewardship is, simply put, Discipleship.

Last weekend, at all Masses, Anthony and Erin Barela gave a “witness talk” about their journey with the Lord Jesus as Catholics. They focused, especially, upon how the Faith Community of St. Thomas More has been present to them over the years.

They said, “St. Thomas More Parish is our faith family, our faith home. Our children are learning that people are more important than things, than stuff!”

Seeing a young family like them, committed to Jesus and to his Church, fills me with great hope for the present and for the future.

Christian Stewardship, lived on a daily basis, is the visible sign and acknowledgement of our dependence upon God and one another.

Christian Stewardship is not just about giving of time, talent, and treasure. It is also about receiving the gifts of time, talent, and treasure when the need arises in our lives.

This weekend, before all the Masses, Bill Ipsen, the Parish Financial Liaison, will give us a financial update on the Operations Budget and the beginnings of our Mortgage/ Building Completion Fund; and, Chris Smith, the Director of Stewardship and Development, will take time to give us an update, on the various ministry needs of our Parish.

This information will, again, remind all of us of our dependence upon God and one another. We are a part of the web of relationships, of the interconnectedness that gives meaning to life and helps us to be at peace.

As we make our way through this month of Christian Stewardship Awareness and Renewal, may all of us take more seriously, and say, more committedly, the words: “For All That Has Been—Thank You!” and “And For All That Will Be—Yes!”

Fr. Mike