
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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*Like Elijah and Elisha,
Jesus was not sent
only to the Jews.
—Luke 4:26-27*

Pastor's Column

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Christian Stewardship—Empowered by God's Grace and Mercy

We continue our journey through the month of January as we reflect upon Christian Stewardship, and reflect upon the meaning of the words, "Thank You."

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 our Eucharistic Celebrations, Tim and Lia Keane, and their daughters, gave their "witness talk" about their journey with the Lord Jesus and the Village of St. Thomas More Parish. They focused especially upon what attracted them to our Faith Community, and what motivates them to actively participate in the Parish.

Our "Thank You," to God, and to one to another, reminds us of our interconnectedness, the web of relationship and community that gives meaning to life.

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 at all the Masses, Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and Development, and Bill Ipsen, our Parish Financial Resources Liaison, will speak at homily time. Chris will inform us about the various ministries of our Parish and the number of people needed to fulfill these ministries as we continue the mission and ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

Bill will remind us of the financial challenges that lie ahead of us as we pay down our mortgage and as we now maintain two buildings, and in 2016, soon to have three buildings (Parish Center, Parish Offices, and our House of Worship) to maintain!

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.

Last week, Tim and Lia Keane, and their daughters, reminded us that it takes a Village to help us be faithful stewards. Let us be mindful that we need to do what we can, through time, talent, and treasure, to maintain our Village of St. Thomas More Parish.

As we close out this month of Christian Stewardship, may all of us take more seriously, and say, more committedly, the words: "Thank You!"

Fr. Mike