Pastor's Column

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November—A Month of Remembrance, Gratitude, Thanksgiving, and Stewardship

It is November!

We begin our annual trek through remembrance, gratitude, and thanksgiving. These movements of the heart naturally lead us to a response—stewardship.

We remember all that God has done and continues to do for us. We are grateful for the gift of life, love, family, friends, and faith. Our response is thanks, not just in word, but most importantly, in the actions of our everyday lives. As we set our priorities and agendas according to the Gospel, as we respond in faith, we become Christian Stewards.

As we begin this month of "Christian Stewardship Awareness," we are mindful that our community is "St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons."

"In God, we live and move and have our being!" —Acts 17:28

We are called to be a people who are responsible for each other. We take care of each other, helping each other to be faithful Disciples of Jesus. In this way we continue the mission and ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

Although we are now in our permanent worship space—our Church—we still need to keep focused that the Church, ultimately, is a gathering of people in faith, not a building. The building is not an end in itself. It is a means to an end.

The building is one of the tools we use to be responsible for each other and to reach out to the community around us.

As we move through this month of Christian Stewardship Awareness, allow yourself to reflect upon the many ministries available in this Faith Community. Choose a ministry or ministries that will help you to be more responsible for others. You will benefit, your family and friends will benefit, and the world will benefit!

Let us always be mindful that we are members of "St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons."

Let us continue to tend to each and to support each other through all the seasons of our lives!

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