



## Stewardship 2023 Plans

*Almighty God, we pray that You will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your Son Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. – Amen.*

We are created in the image of God, who shares life with boundless generosity. It is of our essence to be generous as we participate in life on God's terms by cherishing the gifts of life, not clinging to them, but sharing from God's bounty entrusted to us to steward. Our generosity enables others to know life as a gift and invites them to live their own lives thankfully. Gratitude transforms life; generosity enables it.

Sunday, November 13 is Commitment Sunday, our parish gathering of annual financial commitment cards. Giving is in direct connection to blessings received in response to a loving God. You won't want to miss this event celebrated with the infamous Good Shepherd "Stew"ardship meal following the 10:15 service in the Parish Life Center. Circle the date on your calendar and plan to join us!

Overview:

❖ Theme for the 2023 Stewardship Campaign: Growing generosity

*O Lord, you have taught us that you will require much from those to whom much is given: Grant that we whom you have called to so goodly a heritage may share more abundantly with others what we so richly enjoy, and in serving them may know the glory of serving you.*

*Amen.*

❖ Guidance from Archbishop Desmond Tutu, God Has a Dream

Generosity is a skill that is cultivated, formed through teaching, practice, and time. "Like humility, generosity comes from seeing that everything we have and everything we accomplish comes from God's grace and God's love for us. ... Certainly, it is from experiencing this generosity of God and the generosity of those in our life that we learn gratitude and to be generous to others."

With gratitude for growing generosity,

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Chair, Stewardship

