



“PREPARING FOR MY JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP”



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Catholic Community**
**PRAYER, SERVICE and
SHARING OF TIME RENEWAL
2018-2019**



Serve Others By Serving God

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**“Have Courage, Go Forward,
Make Disciples”**

—Pope Francis

GENEROSITY IS THE ESSENCE OF THE LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP. They are synonymous. How do we know if we are living as faithful stewards?

“By giving to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.” At first glance, we might think this instruction refers only to money or possessions. Jesus would surely want us to be generous with our finances, and to give without seeking to receive. However, the principle also applies to our time and talents.

Most likely, some of the people God has placed in our lives are “asking” for our time; children in need of care; elderly parents; neighbors or friends experiencing sickness, etc... Often, the needs of others do not coincide perfectly with our own plans. Rather, serving our families and communities frequently requires a change in our normal program of life. When such interruptions occur, do we share our time and attention freely and lovingly, handing over our “cloak” as well without a grumble or a grudge?

And what about the use of our God-given talents? We have all been blessed in different ways with gifts that can strengthen our communities. When our abilities could be useful to others, are we willing to share them without seeking recompense? Gifts of organization or artistry, culinary or mechanical skills, musical or ministerial talents. What we have received can be a blessing to those in our parish, our workplace, our neighborhood, and our families.

“Preparing Our Way” as disciples of Christ means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: such as when you volunteer through our Faith Responders group-which reaches out to help others; being part of the snow shoveling crew to keep our sidewalks and parking lot in safe condition; putting our weekly bulletins together to keep our parish community members informed on what’s happening at St. Thomas; help teach our children God’s Love for them, etc...

There are so many ways we can prepare our journey to become disciples of Christ at St. Thomas the Apostle through this PRAYER, SERVICE and SHARING RENEWAL.

Family Name: _____
First Names _____
Telephone Number _____

Please fill out your name and telephone number and turn the whole brochure in. Don't forget to make a note of your commitment to Prayer, Service and Sharing.

You are Invited....

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community invites you to be a Christian steward of your God-given gifts of Prayer, Service and Sharing Of Time.

In this Stewardship brochure, you will have an opportunity to make :

- **DAILY PRAYER AS A PART OF YOUR LIFE**
- **SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENT**
- **CALL TO SERVE-Serving on one of the Parish Committees.**

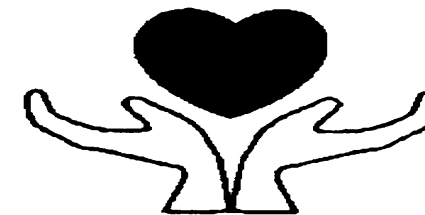
We ask you to prayerfully reflect over these opportunities and make a commitment of :

Prayer: Please pray for St. Thomas the Apostle and our parish members, our local community and the world beyond.

Service: Write your name by the areas that interest you in service to St. Thomas (if more than one member in your family wishes to volunteer, please list their names beside their area of interest)—if you need more information about a particular area, please call the parish office at 726-4228 and ask for Sue.

It's not how much we give, it's that we serve and give together.

Reach out



in love

Stewardship of Prayer

Prayer has always been the cornerstone of the Christian experience. As you embark on this Stewardship of Prayer, realize that all good things come from God.

Communicating with God: While individual prayer is the simplest form of praise to the Lord, Stewardship of Prayer asks for the commitment of allotting time for prayer. Just as we would make any other appointment, make an appointment with God to pray. How we pray is a personal choice with many variations. Consider committing at least ten minutes each day to begin as a starting point for your Stewardship of Prayer, then explore the many forms of prayer our Catholic Community has to offer.

We do ask you to pray for St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community if you are not able to do any Service or Tithing at St. Thomas.

“CALL TO SERVE”

St. Thomas the Apostle is looking for people who are interested in serving on one of the many Committee groups that are part of our Parish Community.

You will find a description of each one in the Ministry Catalog that is on the information table in the gathering space or go to our website at www.stthomasnewton.org. Please take a few minutes to prayerfully discern if this is something you might be interested in. The chairperson of the Committee group that you sign up for, will contact you with more information and if you have any questions.

Parish Communities

Art and Furnishing Community _____
Cemetery Committee _____
Christian Women _____
Education/Faith Formation Community _____
Finance Council _____
Fundraising/Picnic Community _____
Health Cabinet _____
Health Cabinet/Care Ministry _____
Hispanic Ministry _____
Living Justice Community _____
Maintenance/Buildings/Grounds _____
OTIS: Optimistic Teens Improving Society _____
Pastoral Council _____
Stewardship Community _____
Worship Community _____

MINISTRY OF SERVICE 2018-19

To keep our volunteer list up to date, it is important that you sign up for the Ministry/Volunteer area you are interested in, or want to **continue in, for 2018-2019**. Please write your **individual name by each area of interest**. Ministry Catalogs with full descriptions of our volunteer areas are available on the information table in the Gathering Space, or on our parish website under Stewardship. Thank you for your Ministry of Service!

Faith Formation

Catechist _____
Sacramental Preparation _____
Children's Liturgy _____
Vacation Bible School _____
RCIA _____ Bible Study _____
O.T.I.S. Leaders/Youth Group _____

Fundraising Events

Parish Picnic Chairpersons _____ What area _____
Parish Picnic Helpers _____
Parish Picnic Oral Auction Helpers _____
Parish Picnic Silent Auction Helpers _____
Monster Cash Raffle Helpers _____
Wine & Cheese Tasting/Silent Auction Event at the Holiday Inn _____
Misc. Events _____

Liturgical Ministry

Eucharistic Minister: 4:30 _____ 8:00 _____ 10:00 _____
Hospitality/Usher: 4:30 _____ 8:00 _____ 10:00 _____
Proclaimer/Introduction: 4:30 _____ 8:00 _____ 10:00 _____
Servers: 4:30 _____ 8:00 _____ 10:00 _____
Sacristan: 4:30 _____ 8:00 _____ 10:00 _____
Lay Presiders _____ Funeral Server _____
Funeral Hospitality Greeters _____
Art & Environment _____ Cantor _____
Choir _____ Instrumentalist _____

Cemetery

Maintenance/Landscape Design _____
Fundraising _____ Record Keeping/Office _____

Outreach Ministry

Faith Responders _____
Adult Missionaries (Haiti and Honduras) _____
Giving Tree _____ Care Ministry _____
Prayer Chain _____ Prayer Shawl Ministry _____
Rosary Making group _____
Hope House Volunteer (Homeless Shelter) _____
Will be trained
Respect Life _____ Prison Ministry _____
Sunday Communion to the Homebound _____

Support Ministries/Services

Baking for parish socials/events/ _____
Making Meals when needed _____
Helping with Donut Sundays _____
Funeral Luncheon Help _____
Day _____ Night _____
Weekends _____
Washing Altar Linens _____

LET'S GROW IN LOVE TOGETHER and share the gifts that God has freely given us with St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community and the Community beyond. May we be willing to follow the Lord's command to go that extra mile in Prayer, Service to others and Sharing our resources.

Building & Grounds Maintenance

Landscaping _____ Minor Building Repairs _____
(Helping Charlie Heinzen)
Flower Care: Inside _____ Outside _____
Setup Tables and Chairs for funerals/Events
Days _____ Nights _____ Weekends _____

Lawn Cutting at St. Thomas (April-October) you will be assigned an area to cut (every other week) _____

Snow Shoveling/Snow Blowing (sidewalks around St. Thomas-rotation schedule-every 4 weeks) you will be with three other persons/families (late Nov.-early April) Families/individuals _____

Building Cleaners:

Weekly vacuuming/cleaning of Gathering Space _____
Weekly sweeping/cleaning of Worship Space _____
Weekly cleaning of bathrooms _____
Monthly overall cleaning of Building _____
(First Monday of the month at 8:00 am)

Support Services:

Office Volunteer (when staff is at Conferences or meetings) _____
Money Counters (Wednesday Mornings) _____
Parish Mailings _____
Phone Callers: Days _____ Nights _____
Bulletin Inserters: Done on Thursdays: 8:30 am
Group 1 (1st, 3rd, 5th Thursday of the month) _____
Group 2 (2nd & 4th Thursday of the month) _____

Scrip Helpers: You will be trained on what to do
4:30 Mass _____ 8:00 Mass _____ 10:00 Mass _____
Monday mornings in the parish office _____

Anything Else—Misc: _____