

ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR
FAITH JOURNEY ?



Stewardship

A CHRISTIAN STEWARD is a DISCIPLE OF JESUS WHO:

- Receives God's gifts gratefully
- Cultivates those gifts responsibly
- Shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others
- Returns those gifts with increase to the Lord

Stewardship is a way of life that comes from seeing everything as a gift from God, and in turn, changes the way we see things. It is not a cause, a program, or about giving money, but rather more about our hearts and spiritual growth. It is a discipleship ministry and a response in gratitude with the gift of self. This is a journey of receiving God's love and returning love back to Him. Jesus came to give life.

HE is the foundation of the STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE!



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STEWARDSHIP, GENEROSITY, & GIVING do not all mean the same thing!

Then what do they mean?

STEWARDSHIP

Is simply the act of being a steward; a respected person entrusted with their master's possessions; a manager. Stewardship recognizes God is the owner and we are His managers. What good things will you do with what the Lord has given you?

GIVING

Is to present voluntarily and without expecting compensation; bestow: providing love or other emotional support; caring; it is an act of abandoning something of value. One can give without being generous.

GENEROSITY

Is an attitude or willingness to sacrifice for the benefit of others personally. Generosity even amidst poverty tests our love for God.

The heartbeat of our church can be found in our parish.

Today, more than ever, there is a great need for us to strengthen our parish so that she can serve as a vital source of support for our community. It is in our parish that people become part of a worshipping and serving community. It is here that YOU will find your faith, where YOU are formed, and then YOU are supported and encouraged to live out your faith in your life. When you are moved and motivated by your faith, there is a deep sense of gratitude to live a richer life that is full of prayer, service, and sharing. Stewardship is a lifelong journey to living out authentic discipleship.

I came so that they would have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:10

What is my next step?

1. ALWAYS START WITH PRAYER:

The way God designed us, we actually have a “need” for prayer. It’s totally necessary for our formation and is our foundation of spiritual life. We’ve got to “show up” to prayer and be there with our hearts and minds present. A faith journey requires prayer, reflection, and time to allow God to show us who we are and the person of love that we are to become. Consistency in our prayer life is integral and beats intensity every time! Through prayer, a steward will grow more deeply in love for God and in turn will see stewardship as a way of life.

FOR INFORMATION TO JOIN THE PRAYER JOURNEY

“Listen for the Whisper”

PLEASE VISIT <https://stlawrence.org/stewardship/>

2. OVER THE NEXT YEAR, PREPARE YOURSELF:

It will be an exciting spiritual rebirth through the following four pillars of parish stewardship.



Over the next YEAR there will be information being shared on each of the four pillars of stewardship.

PRAYER . HOSPITALITY . FORMATION . SERVICE

*Always start
with Prayer!*

PRAYER IS NOT
OPTIONAL.
IT IS AN ESSENTIAL
PRINCIPLE TO BEING A
DISCIPLE!

It is through prayer that we nurture our personal relationship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Prayer is powerful and effective and the Bible makes it very clear that prayer is not an option for believers. Jesus promises that “whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith” (Matt. 21:22), and St. James tells us that “the prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects” (James 5:6).

For more information,
please scan the QR code or visit:
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BE PART OF OUR PARISH PRAYER JOURNEY

Listen for the Whisper

Begins March 5, 2025
and will run the 40 days of Lent.

Take part in a life-changing prayer journey!
Follow along the prayer prompts on the 40-day calendar
provided and take part in some of the unique opportunities for
prayer on campus or in your private time. Let's create the space
and carve out time to listen for God's whisper.
He has something to say to YOU!

Stewardship Prayer

Dear Lord,
I pray that You give me the
wisdom to guide me on this
faith journey of stewardship.
Help me to understand that
everything I have is a gift
from You. Open my heart
and my mind so that I
may use these marvelous
gifts to give back to You
here on earth. I pray Lord
that You welcome me into
Your kingdom at the end
of my life and that You
are pleased with what I
have done with all
Your gifts.
Amen.



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RESERVE THESE DATES! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Prayer: *Listen for the Whisper*



March 10 @ 7:00pm

St. Lawrence Catholic Church / Presentation in English

You won't want to miss this touching and meaningful presentation by **Tom Lilly**, Chancellor of the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky.

"God created us for prayer. Where do I find the balance of integrating prayer into my daily life? Repetitive devotions. The Mass. Music. Casual conversations. Lamentations. Routines of habit or soulful searching? What is God's preference for the way we choose to communicate? What do I expect to come from these conversations with God? A personal journey through all the influences and inspirations that continue to keep my prayer journey an ongoing work in progress. From Jesus to Aquinas to Mother Teresa...And all of those folks I've encountered in-between."

Oración: *Escucha el Susurro del Espíritu Santo*



March 25 @ 7:00pm

As part of the Spanish Mass at St. Lawrence Catholic Church / Presentation in Spanish

You won't want to miss this exciting and inspiring presentation by **Rev. Christian Galvan**, Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of the Rosary, Diocese of St. Petersburg.

"Escucha el Susurro del Espíritu" is the topic for this heartfelt, uplifting, and inspiring presentation by Fr. Christian Galvan.

More information to come, but mark your calendars!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			3/5 <u>Day 1</u> Pray for all taking part in the 40 days of prayer. Ash Wednesday	3/6 <u>Day 2</u> Pray that you hear God's whisper when He speaks to you.	3/7 <u>Day 3</u> Pray for a loved one that needs healing.	3/8 <u>Day 4</u> Pray for respecting all life.
3/9 M-ake A-ll S-undays S-acred	3/10 <u>Day 5</u> Pray today without asking for anything.	3/11 <u>Day 6</u> Pray for safety in your community.	3/12 <u>Day 7</u> Pray for members of St. Lawrence Parish.	3/13 <u>Day 8</u> Pray for something you want God to teach you.	3/14 <u>Day 9</u> Pray that you see the world through someone else's eyes.	3/15 <u>Day 10</u> Pray for your spouse or best friend.
3/16 M-ake A-ll S-undays S-acred	3/17 <u>Day 11</u> Pray for government leaders.	3/18 <u>Day 12</u> Pray for healthy choices.	3/19 <u>Day 13</u> Pray for others to know Jesus.	3/20 <u>Day 14</u> Pray for the youth.	3/21 <u>Day 15</u> Pray for your coworkers or classmates.	3/22 <u>Day 16</u> Pray for St. Lawrence School.
3/23 M-ake A-ll S-undays S-acred	3/24 <u>Day 17</u> Pray to embrace grace in every day life.	3/25 <u>Day 18</u> Pray for the person who irritates you most.	3/26 <u>Day 19</u> Pray for help managing finances.	3/27 <u>Day 20</u> Pray for loved ones who need healing.	3/28 <u>Day 21</u> Pray that Spirit will guide your words and actions.	3/29 <u>Day 22</u> Pray for forgiveness.
3/30 M-ake A-ll S-undays S-acred	3/31 <u>Day 23</u> Pray to trust God more.	4/1 <u>Day 24</u> Pray for confidence in an area you've been lacking.	4/2 <u>Day 25</u> Pray for your pastor and all priests.	4/3 <u>Day 26</u> Pray for those without food or shelter.	4/4 <u>Day 27</u> Pray for the homebound.	4/5 <u>Day 28</u> Pray for those without family.
4/6 M-ake A-ll S-undays S-acred	4/7 <u>Day 29</u> Pray for respect of nature and all its gifts.	4/8 <u>Day 30</u> Pray for self discipline.	4/9 <u>Day 31</u> Pray in gratitude for all you have been given.	4/10 <u>Day 32</u> Pray for spiritual gifts.	4/11 <u>Day 33</u> Pray for a goal that you haven't reached yet.	4/12 <u>Day 34</u> Pray for patience or controlling your anger.
4/13 M-ake A-ll S-undays S-acred	4/14 <u>Day 35</u> Pray for a relationship that needs help.	4/15 <u>Day 36</u> Pray for clarity with something you struggle with.	4/16 <u>Day 37</u> Pray that you will not take part in gossip.	4/17 <u>Day 38</u> Pray for those with mental health issues or addictions.	4/18 <u>Day 39</u> Pray for ego to not get in the way of a spiritual life.	4/19 <u>Day 40</u> Pray to continue to embrace prayer every day.

Listen for the Whisper

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR PRAYER JOURNEY

St. Lawrence Catholic Church has a variety of offerings and ministries that are available for your prayer journey. During the next 40 days of Lent, you are encouraged to:

- COMMIT TO TAKING PART IN THE "LISTEN FOR THE WHISPER" PRAYER CHALLENGE
- Attend the "Prayer: Listen for the Whisper" presentation on March 10 at 7:00pm with guest speaker, Tom Lilly and/or the "Oración: Misión Cuaresmal" presentation on March 25 at 7:00pm with Rev. Christian Galvan
- Follow along the 40 daily prayer prompts
- Create a **daily scheduled time** to spend with the Lord in prayer
- Set a timer on your phone to keep a prayer schedule
- Consider listening to a prayerful podcast or rosary while on your daily commute
- During your prayer time, light a scented candle that reminds you of church to amplify the prayer experience (*Some ideas are rose, chrism, frankincense scents.*)
- Check out our social media and parish "prayer page" for daily prayer inspirations (*website listed below*)
- Attend Daily Mass (M-Sat at 8:30am in St. Lawrence Church)
- Attend Exposition/Adoration (Wednesdays from 9:00am-7:00pm and on the 1st Friday of the month from 9:00am-10:30am in St. Lawrence Church)
- Pray the Angelus at 12:00 every day
- Pray the Divine Mercy prayer at 3:00 every day
- Sunday Bible Study (Sundays following the 10:00am Mass in Higgins Hall)
- Mothers' Prayer Group (Wednesdays during school. Email mothers.prayer.group.stl@gmail.com for information)
- That Man is You (Wednesdays from 6:00am-7:45am in the St. Thomas Room)
- Thrive Young Adults Ministry (Every other week on Sunday at 8:00pm in Polly Murray Center)
- EDGE Middle School Ministry (Mondays from 6-8:00pm in Polly Murray Center)

Special additional opportunities for our St. Lawrence School families

We are currently looking for "stewards" to lead/organize some of the following prayer opportunities.

- Drop Off Prayer Group (Need a steward to lead this 1 x week from 8:00-8:30am)
- "PLP" Parking Lot Prayer (Need a steward to lead this 1x week for 30 minutes from 2:00-2:30pm)
- Weekly Podcast: Tune in from your car (Need a steward to organize the calendar and topics)
- Rosary Under the Oaks (Need someone to lead this 1x week/month from 2:00-2:30pm)
- Reflect on the inspirational yard signs posted along the car line path
- Divine Mercy at 3:00 (This is self-guided or with a group. There are online links offering an audio version.)
- Attend Exposition/Adoration in the Church (Visit the church until 2:30pm before the car line moves up.)
- Walk With the Saints meditative walk (This is self-guided & there's an option to follow along a video on our parish website.)

To be the steward for any of the opportunities mentioned above, please contact Danah Lee, danah@stlawrence.org. For more information on stewardship, please visit: <https://stlawrence.org/stewardship/> or scan the QR code.

