



# STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL 2025



# STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

*The stewardship of time refers to the conscious and prayerful use of the hours and moments God has given us. It involves recognizing time as a precious gift and using it wisely to grow in faith, serve others, and fulfill God's will in our lives. This stewardship calls us to prioritize activities that foster our spiritual growth, such as prayer, attending Mass, reading Scripture, and participating in the Sacraments. It also extends to how we use our time in serving our families, communities, and those in need. By managing our time with intention and purpose, we honor God and contribute to the building of His Kingdom on Earth.*

## **Consider These Ideas to Help You Get Started:**

- **Daily Prayer and Reflection:** Set aside specific times each day for prayer, meditation, or reading Scripture to deepen your relationship with God.
- **Attend Mass Regularly:** Make a commitment to attend Mass not just on Sundays, but also on weekdays or special feast days when possible.
- **Volunteer in Your Parish:** Offer your time to serve in ministries at St. Michael, whether through teaching, assisting with liturgies, or helping with community events.
- **Family Prayer Time:** Dedicate time each day to pray together as a family, fostering spiritual growth and unity.
- **Spiritual Reading:** Spend time reading Catholic books, articles, or devotionals that nourish your faith and provide spiritual insights.

# STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

*The stewardship of talent refers to the recognition and use of the unique gifts and abilities that God has given to each person. It involves discerning how these talents can be used not only for personal fulfillment but also for the glory of God and the service of others. The Church teaches that our talents are entrusted to us by God to build up the Church and to advance His Kingdom on Earth. The faithful are called to develop and share their talents generously, fostering a spirit of gratitude and humility. By using our talents in ways that reflect God's love and purpose, we fulfill our role as co-creators with Him and as stewards of His gifts.*

## **Pray About the Following:**

- **Discernment of Talents:** *Pray for the wisdom to recognize and understand the unique gifts God has given you, asking for clarity in how to best use them for His glory.*
- **Strength and Courage:** *Ask for the strength and courage to step out of your comfort zone and use your talents, especially in areas where you may feel uncertain or challenged.*
- **Humility and Gratitude:** *Pray for a heart of humility and gratitude, acknowledging that your talents are gifts from God and should be used for His purposes rather than personal recognition.*
- **Inspiration and Creativity:** *Ask God to inspire and energize your creativity, helping you to find new and meaningful ways to use your talents in service of the Church and the world.*

# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

*The stewardship of treasure involves responsibly managing and generously sharing the material and financial resources God has entrusted to us. Recognizing all we have as gifts from God, we are called to support the Church, care for those in need, and further God's work on Earth through tithes, offerings, and charitable giving. This practice reflects our faith and trust in God, acknowledging that our true wealth is found in our relationship with Him.*

## *Why Give a Percentage of Income?*

*We give the tithe (which means 10% of one's harvest or income) because it is a scriptural benchmark that has been honored since the early Church (see Malachi 3:10).*

*At St. Michael, we suggest breaking down the tithe in the following way:*

*5% to the Parish Offertory*

*1 % to the Archdiocese*

*4% to other charities for a total of 10%*

## *Working Toward Giving the Tithe*

*If reaching the goal of tithing is challenging, consider gradually increasing your giving by one or two percent of your income each year. With time, you'll find that tithing becomes an achievable goal. More importantly, you'll be confident that you've been faithful in putting God first, even in your finances.*

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## ***Liturgical Ministries***

All Liturgical Ministers (except Altar Servers) must be confirmed Catholics and, if married must be in accordance with the laws of the Church. Schedules are on a rotating basis.

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317-462-4240*

*[jhiggins@stmichaelsgrfld.org](mailto:jhiggins@stmichaelsgrfld.org)*

## **Altar Server:**

Altar servers assist the priest at Mass and help to make the liturgy more beautiful. Parish children who have received First Communion and are in fifth through 12th grade may serve at Mass.



## **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

This ministry provides the opportunity to share the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass, as well as with those who are unable to attend Mass (homebound, hospital, nursing home).

## **Music Ministries:**

Music ministers are called to lead and enter into song with the congregation, glorifying God through music. There are several ways one can join the Music Ministry:

### **Cantor:**

Cantors will feel comfortable singing before a congregation by him/herself with an accompanist. Cantors are scheduled on a rotating basis.

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## Choir:

Choir members should feel comfortable singing in a group before the congregation. The choir sings on a rotating basis.

## Accompanists/ Instrumentalists:

Accompanists are important in leading and sustaining the music for the congregation. Instrumentalists add to the music and elevate worship. Instrumentalists, pianists, and organists who would like to serve are encouraged to contact us.

## Schola:

The St. Michael Schola is an auditioned group which specializes in chant and polyphony. The Schola sings at various liturgies throughout the year. This group requires learning difficult music by oneself; ability to read music is highly recommended.

## Reader:

Readers proclaim the Word of God in Sacred Scripture during Mass. There is an established schedule for each weekend Mass and sign-ups occur throughout the year for extra Masses.

## Sacristan:

Sacristans arrive before Mass to prepare the altar and ensure that other ministers are present.

## Usher:

Ushers assist at Mass by helping parishioners find a pew to sit in, circulating the collection baskets during the Offertory, guiding the gift bearers who bring up the gifts, and assisting in the flow of traffic during Communion. This ministry is open to anyone in high school or older.

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## *Formation*

### **Adult Bible Studies:**

The parish offers two adult Bible studies: Beginner's Bible Study and Thursday Bible Study. Beginner's Bible Study meets Sunday morning 9:30-10:45 a.m. Thursday Bible Study meets Thursday morning 10-11:30 a.m. They are both taught by graduates of the Guadalupe Bible College.

*Contact: Darlene Davis,  
317-498-2242  
[ljdarlene@gmail.com](mailto:ljdarlene@gmail.com)*

### **Returning Catholics:**

Returning Catholics is for anyone who has been away from the Church and wants

to come home. Each six-week session allows time to ask questions and learn about Church teaching on a variety of topics such as hurts of the past, forgiveness, spiritual growth, discussions about Sacraments and the Mass, marriage, divorce, and annulments. Sessions meet on Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and each series is advertised in the bulletin, weekly email, and website several weeks in advance.

*Contact: Bryan and Terri Korff  
770-371-7596  
[Bryan.korff@gmail.com](mailto:Bryan.korff@gmail.com)*





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## St. Michael Catholic School:

Led by the Holy Spirit, St. Michael Catholic School encourages our students to grow in their Catholic faith, achieve academic excellence, and become responsible citizens. The school serves students from pre-K through eighth grade. Volunteers are needed for various tasks.

*Contact: Mrs. Ruth Hittel*  
*317-462-6380*  
[school@stmichaelsgrfld.org](mailto:school@stmichaelsgrfld.org)

## Wednesday Night Religious Education:

Wednesday Night Religious Education (WNRE) is for students in 1st-8th grade. Classes are held from 7-8 p.m. Families are also welcome to

attend Mass at 6 p.m., with dinner immediately after. Volunteers are needed to be catechists and help prepare and serve dinner.

*Contact: Jennifer Beyer*  
*317-462-4240*  
[re@stmichaelsgrfld.org](mailto:re@stmichaelsgrfld.org)

## Parish Life

### Bereavement Ministry:

The Bereavement Ministry's main mission is to provide meals to the surviving members of a deceased parish member's family. We aim to provide a pleasant atmosphere with "comfort food." We are always looking for volunteers (men and women) to assist with





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organizing, preparing, providing, and serving the food. Items needed range from home-cooked foods to bags of chips and drink mixes.

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[cmurphy@stmichaelsgrfld.org](mailto:cmurphy@stmichaelsgrfld.org)

## Coffee and Donuts:

*Coffee and donuts are served Sunday mornings in PLC Rm. 2 after the 8:30 a.m.*

Mass September - May (excluding holidays).  
Volunteers help by picking up the donuts, making coffee, and cleaning up.

*Contact: Carol Houston,*  
317-410-9613  
[Chouston120@gmail.com](mailto:Chouston120@gmail.com)  
OR  
*Contact: Gail Probst*  
317-508-2338  
[Afp2gap@yahoo.com](mailto:Afp2gap@yahoo.com)

## Eucharistic Adoration:

Volunteers are needed to fill half-hour time slots each Fridays that school is in session from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to make sure that the Blessed Sacrament is never alone. On First Fridays, two volunteers are needed every hour for 24-hours to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is always accompanied.

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317-462-4240  
[jhiggins@stmichaelsgrfld.org](mailto:jhiggins@stmichaelsgrfld.org)

## Homebound/Nursing Home/Hospital Ministry:

Those involved in this ministry bring Communion to people who are homebound or are in a nursing home or hospital. You do not need to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass to volunteer for this ministry.

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## Knights of Columbus:

The K of C is a Catholic men's fraternal society founded under the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Our activities are designed to volunteer our time, serve our parish, and raise money for charitable organizations in our community.

*Contact: Howard Green*  
317-498-3494  
[soccercows@yahoo.com](mailto:soccercows@yahoo.com)

## Meal Train:

Volunteers sign up to prepare a meal for a fellow parishioner who is ill, recovering from surgery, has a new baby, etc. When a

request comes in, an email is sent that includes an online signup sheet. Sign up for as many or as few dates as you are available.

*Contact: Christie Murphy,*  
317-462-4240  
[cmurphy@stmichaelsgrfid.org](mailto:cmurphy@stmichaelsgrfid.org)

## Monday Church Cleaners:

Volunteers help clean the church each Monday morning or on another day at a time of their choosing.

Responsibilities include dusting, sweeping the Narthex, cleaning the pews, washing the windows, cleaning the bathrooms, etc. Many hands make light work!

*Contact: Lynn Decker,*  
317-289-6285  
[lycralem@comcast.net](mailto:lycralem@comcast.net)

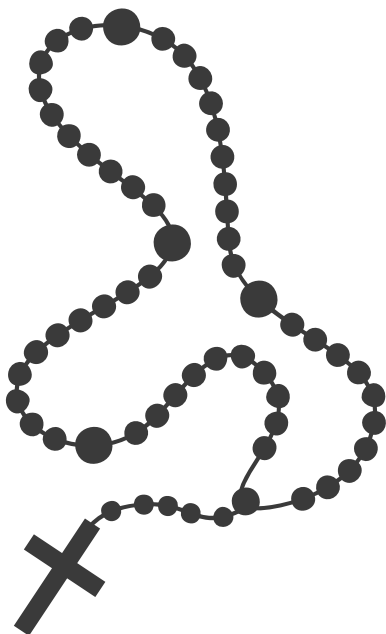


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## Monthly Rosary Group:

Join others in praying the Rosary on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the church. In warmer months, the rosary is prayed in the Mary Garden. Everyone is welcome!

*Contact: Mary Beth Sifferlen,  
317-408-5476  
[mjsifferlen@comcast.net](mailto:mjsifferlen@comcast.net)*



## Rosary Makers Guild–Our Lady of Fatima:

The Rosary Makers Guild is a group of volunteers who offer their time, talent, and treasure to provide rosaries for the many missionaries asking for rosaries, and to encourage others to live the message of Our Lady of Fatima. Rosaries have been made and donated to missionaries and prison chaplains on behalf of the prisoners and to veterans at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center. We gather twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Parish Office Meeting Room to make the rosaries.

*Contact: Pixie Reeves,  
317-649-1781  
[reevesp@myineststar.net](mailto:reevesp@myineststar.net)*

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## **Season of Hope Bereavement Group:**

*Season of Hope is a six-week bereavement process centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, tradition, and practices of the Catholic Church. It is open to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Sessions are held once or twice per year and are advertised in the bulletin, on the parish website, and in the weekly email. There is no charge for these sessions, but registration is required so that materials can be ordered.*

**Contact: Angela Walker,**  
574-952-0703  
[Ajsmith.walker@gmail.com](mailto:Ajsmith.walker@gmail.com)

## **Season of Hope Social Group:**

The Season of Hope Social Group meets monthly at a local restaurant for dinner and companionship. Anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one and is seeking support from others who understand is invited to come. Check the weekly bulletin for dates, times, and dinner locations. No registration is necessary.

**Contact: Marilyn Killila**  
317-200-8938

## **That Man is You:**

That Man is You (TMIY) is a men's group focused on a personal encounter with Jesus Christ so Jesus can transform your life. The 90-minute meetings focus on fellowship and issues facing men today. Meetings are

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held on Sunday mornings  
9:30-10:50 a.m. from  
September through May.

Contact: John Stutz  
317-526-0723

## **The Landing Place Dinners:**

Dinner for the Landing Place, a local teen outreach program, is provided by a group of generous volunteers during the even months of the year, on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Volunteers receive an email before a scheduled meal with a list of needed items. You can sign up for what you would like to prepare/purchase and donate. This is a wonderful opportunity to care for our community through delicious food!

Contact: Janice Cassell  
317-440-5429  
[jmcassell@comcast.net](mailto:jmcassell@comcast.net)

## **Transportation Ministry:**

Volunteers are needed to provide transportation to parishioners who need a ride to Mass.

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## **WNRE Dinners:**

Dinner is served each Wednesday night after Mass and before Wednesday Night Religious Education classes. Volunteers prepare, serve, and clean up the meal in the school cafeteria, which takes approximately two hours. Volunteer each week or whenever you are free. Groups of friends, families, and members of other ministries are all welcome to help!

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## Young Adult Ministry:

St. Michael has a vibrant group of Young Adults who worship, pray, and socialize together on a regular basis. Events are open to all young adults between the age of 18 and 39.

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## Youth Ministries

### Catholic Youth Organization (CYO):

The CYO is part of the youth ministry programs for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and is administered by the parish. CYO sports are open to all youth in the Catholic Church and students at Catholic schools. This

program relies on adult volunteers to coach teams and assist at games and practices. Adults who volunteer need to complete Safe and Sacred training prior to involvement in CYO activities.

*Contact: 317-462-4240  
[ad@stmichaelsgrfld.org](mailto:ad@stmichaelsgrfld.org)*

## Teen Prayer Group:

This group's mission is to unite the teens of St. Michael Catholic Church in fellowship, spiritual growth, and prayer for one another. On First Fridays, teens meet in the youth group room in the mezzanine of the gym (Parish Life Center) at 5:30 p.m. to



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visit and hang out. The group then moves to the church for Adoration and to offer up their prayers to Our Lord. Those who are interested are also invited to drive for pizza to continue the fun. All teens in 7th-12th grade are welcome.

*Contact Laura Lake*  
[llake@stmichaelsgrfld.org](mailto:llake@stmichaelsgrfld.org)

## Youth Group:

Join the fun on Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. in the Youth Room (mezzanine of the gym). Play games, puzzles, work on homework, or just hang out! Youth Group is open to all teens in 9th-12th grade and follows the WNRE schedule.

*Contact: Jennifer Beyer*  
317-462-4240  
[re@stmichaelsgrfld.org](mailto:re@stmichaelsgrfld.org)

## Community Ministries

### Disciples of J-O-Y:

Disciples of J-O-Y for Disaster Relief is local non-profit that helps those who have been affected by natural disasters in our local and surrounding communities. Men and women with generous hearts and a wide variety of talents are needed.

Contact: Jim Snellenberger,  
463-233-4500  
[www.disciplesofjoy.org](http://www.disciplesofjoy.org)





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## Hancock County Food Pantry:

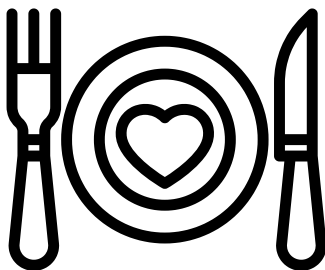
Donations of non-perishable foods are collected on the first Sunday of every month in the marked bins in the Narthex. This collection supports the Hancock County Food Pantry in their efforts to combat hunger in our community. Volunteers are also needed at the Food Pantry to assist clients, sort food, and stock shelves. Individual and families are welcome.

*Contact: Howard Green*  
317-498-3494  
[soccercows@yahoo.com](mailto:soccercows@yahoo.com)

## Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen:

The Kenneth Butler Soup Kitchen serves two meals a day, five days a week, to any resident of Greenfield in need of food. Volunteers provide the majority of the labor. Please join in feeding those in need by either donating food or volunteering your time to prepare and/or serve the meals.

*Contact: KBMSK*  
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[kbmskinc@gmail.com](mailto:kbmskinc@gmail.com)



# TIME TO COMMIT

FILLING OUT YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD IS A POWERFUL WAY TO SHOW YOUR DEDICATION TO SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH'S MISSION AND MINISTRIES. YOUR COMMITMENT HELPS ENSURE WE CAN CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER. BY TAKING THIS STEP, YOU'RE NOT ONLY INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH, BUT ALSO DEEPENING YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO COMPLETE YOUR CARD AND MAKE A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO OUR SHARED MISSION.

**TALENT** USING MY TALENTS IN PARISH MINISTRIES

You can read about each ministry in the coming weeks. Write the first name of the family member and the name of the specific ministry they're interested in participating in. Please also list the ministries and any contacts involved in them. You may write multiple names for the same ministry.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**  
List the Liturgical Ministries you or someone in your family are interested in learning more about.

**FORMATION**  
List the Formation Ministries you or someone in your family are interested in learning more about.

**PARISH LIFE**  
List the Parish Life Ministries you or someone in your family are interested in learning more about.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**  
List the Youth Ministries you or someone in your family are interested in learning more about.

**TIME** OPTIMIZING TIME WITH GOD IN PARISH

Prayer is the beginning of stewardship. Please check your commitments to prayer.

- ☐ ATTEND MASS EVERY SUNDAY AND ON HOLY DAYS
- ☐ MEET TOGETHER WITH MY LOVED ONES AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK
- ☐ READ THE BIBLE FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES A WEEK
- ☐ PRAY THE ROSARY AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK
- ☐ PRAY THE GROUND MEMORIAL
- ☐ GO TO RECONCILIATION
- ☐ ROUTE A FRIEND
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**2024 COMMITMENT CARD**

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED CARD DURING MASS ON THE WEEKEND OF **SEPTEMBER 27/28** OR FILL OUT ONE ONLINE AT [WWW.STMICHAELSGRFLD.ORG](http://WWW.STMICHAELSGRFLD.ORG). THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!



