



Catholic Community of St. Odilia

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL 2026

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

Dear Parishioner,

The other day, as I walked through the hallways after Mass, I watched something beautiful unfold. Carrie and Bill were quietly loading their cars with donated food to bring to the local food shelf while Mary and Kelly loaded their cars with big boxes of diapers and baby wipes for the Women's Life Care Center. Down the hall, Laura was teaching Sunday School to a group of wiggly 2nd graders. In the kitchen, Latino Ministry volunteers were prepping coffee and Mexican sweet bread for 1:00 PM Mass. As I walked back to my office, Mark and Rose were reverently going to receive the Eucharist to bring to some of our homebound parishioners.

None of them were doing anything particularly extraordinary. But together, they were living something quite profound: **Stewardship as a Way of Life.**

THE GIFT OF EVERYTHING

Here's what struck me: these individuals weren't just volunteering. They were responding to a deep truth that Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:21 *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

You see, as disciples of Christ, **stewardship isn't just a financial appeal—it's a call to a way of life.** Everything we have is a gift from God. Our breath. Our families. Our health. Our abilities. Even our time. We don't own these gifts; we're simply trusted to care for them.

When Mother Teresa said, *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love,"* she understood this truth. Living as a steward means asking ourselves: *"How can I make a difference right where I am?"*

YOU ARE NEEDED

Our world is hurting. Every day brings news that can feel overwhelming. But here's what I know about you, our St. Odilia family: You don't turn away. You step forward with love.

Like St. Paul reminds us, *"Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it"* (1 Corinthians 12:27). It truly takes all of us—every single person—to live out our mission: **"To make Jesus Christ known and loved."**

This is why your response to our Stewardship Renewal matters so much.

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FOUR WAYS TO LIVE AS A STEWARD

I've enclosed your Stewardship Renewal Commitment Card. As you pray over it, consider how God might be calling you in these four areas:

Your Whole Life: Where is Jesus asking you to live as a steward each day—at home, at work, in your community?

Your Prayer: Will you commit to regular prayer for our parish family and for our hurting world? Your prayers make a real difference.

Your Volunteer Service: We desperately need your hands and hearts. Events throughout the year. Committees that guide our mission. Ministries that touch lives. Where might you serve?

Your Financial Generosity: Your financial gifts fuel everything we do together. How is God calling you to support our shared mission?

God has walked a unique path with you—through your joys, your struggles, your blessings, and your growth in faith. **Your stewardship response flows from that personal journey with Christ.** He doesn't ask you to give like your neighbor because He hasn't given you your neighbor's story. What He has given you is your own beautiful relationship with Him and your own reasons for gratitude. How are YOU called to respond to God's incredible generosity in YOUR life?



THE JOY YOU'LL DISCOVER

When we embrace stewardship as our way of life, something beautiful happens. We don't just give—we **discover joy we never expected**. We don't just serve—we find purpose that fills our hearts.

Thank you for the countless ways you already build up the Body of Christ here at St. Odilia. You make our mission possible every single day. It is a true honor to serve here with you.

Please take time to pray before completing your commitment card. Then return it as soon as you can—we're counting on you.

With deep gratitude and love in Christ,



Father James E. Peterson

Father James Peterson
Pastor



P.S. Choose today to live Stewardship as a Way of Life. You will not regret giving your heart to others.



STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE

LEARN TOGETHER

588... K-8 School Students
119... Preschool Students
31... School Masses
119... Faith Formation Students
137... Latino Faith Formation Students
40... Sunday School Students
189... K-5 VBS Participants
94... 6-12 Grade VBS Volunteers
35... High School Youth Retreat

WORSHIP TOGETHER

128... Baptisms
180... First Communions
137... Confirmations
17... Weddings
66... Funerals
41... RCIA
85... New Parishioner Families
57.7k... Mass Live Stream Views

SERVE TOGETHER

20... Mass Coordinators
30... Altar Servers
39... Lectors
200+... Music Ministry Members
354... Mass Volunteers
110... Ministry Area Council Members
270+... Fall Festival Volunteers
1673... Musical Tickets Sold
562... Lord Renew Your Church Donors
5166... Lbs of Food Donated To Ralph Reader



BEHIND EVERY NUMBER, A STORY

These aren't just statistics—they're **stories of grace** unfolding in our community. **180** children experienced their first taste of the Eucharist, hearts racing with joy and reverence. **Six** received full scholarships through your generous giving, you ensured no child missed this pivotal moment with Christ. **58** souls were welcomed into God's family through the waters of baptism, with **five** receiving financial assistance through your generous stewardship. **119** young minds are discovering who Jesus is through our faith formation classes - **sixteen** through scholarships you funded.

What makes it all possible? **You.**

Every single one of these sacred moments happened because donors and volunteers like you stepped forward. You prepared altars, welcomed families, taught lessons, organized celebrations, and countless other acts of love that created space for the Holy Spirit to work.

When you give and volunteer at St. Odilia, you're not just writing a check or filling a role—you're participating in someone's journey toward Christ. You're the hands and feet of Jesus, making each of these beautiful encounters possible.

That's the power of stewardship lived as a way of life.





YOU ARE NEEDED

MEET A NEED
SCAN HERE



Look at this list and imagine the impact you could make. Every single volunteer opportunity you see here represents **a chance to live out our mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved**. Whether you have 30 minutes a month or several hours a week, there's a place for you to serve alongside your parish family.

READY TO GET INVOLVED? Simply complete the form or scan the QR code to submit your volunteer interest. We'll connect you with the ministry leads who can't wait to welcome you.

Current volunteers: Thank you for your faithful service! Only complete this form if you want to join a new ministry. Your ongoing volunteer service is known and appreciated.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____



WORSHIP

Which Mass do you prefer to serve at :

☐ 5 PM ☐ 7:30 AM ☐ 9 AM ☐ 11 AM ☐ 1 PM ☐ 6 PM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Live Stream Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Linen Launderer | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Projectionist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |



MUSIC

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bell Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Musical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Music Ensembles | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Board Operator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Music Ensemble (6 p.m. Mass) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Choir | |



BUILDING & GROUNDS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry/Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Mowing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Maintenance/Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Garden Maintenance (Flowers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housekeepers for the Lord | |



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden (Vegetables) | Serving Meals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feed My Starving Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Charities Ramsey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Shelf Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> County Family Service Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat for Humanity (Holy Hammers) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dorothy Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meals on Wheels | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing and Caring Hands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donations Bakers - (Sharing and Caring Hands) | |



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Council of Catholic Women (CCW) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Festival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Club | <input type="checkbox"/> In Event Activity Chair |



HOSPITALITY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Celebrations | <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral Lunches |
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*Must be E3 Qualified



PASTORAL CARE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BeFriender | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home/Assisted Living Visits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement - Funeral follow-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home-Bound Eucharistic Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Shawl |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Presider | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah's Table - Monthly Senior Lunches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Mentor Couple | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Therese at St. Odilia Volunteer |



FAITH FORMATION *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Small Group Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Sp.R.Ed. Special Religious Ed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet Bag Assembly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Catechist | <input type="checkbox"/> Word for Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> K-6 Faith Formation Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry Chaperone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-K Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> OCIA Sponsor |



SCHOOL*

School volunteer needs evolve as the school year unfolds. For a current list of volunteer opportunities please click here (Parent Involvement - St. Odilia School - Shoreview, MN (www.stodiliaschool.org))



LEADERSHIP COUNCILS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Life Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities Council | <input type="checkbox"/> School Advisory Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Formation Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino Leadership Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Council |



COMMITTEES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund Advisory | <input type="checkbox"/> Respect Life Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racial Equity Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Committee | |



Communications & Development

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising/Advancement | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Production |