

St. Joseph Catholic Church; Martinsburg, MO
2016-2017 Parish Commitment Form

Stewardship is a way of life that recognizes and receives God's gifts with gratitude, cultivates them responsibly, shares them generously and sacrificially with others, and stands before the Lord in a spirit of accountability.

The Parish

The Catholic Church offers every member the benefits of Mass and the Sacraments, numerous opportunities for private devotion, prayer groups, a variety of parish ministries such as sacramental preparation, faith formation, and service to those who are sick or are in need.

Through the combined stewardship of all the parishes, many more services are made available through the Diocese to all, among them: Catholic Charities, youth ministry, marriage tribunal, campus ministries, the education of seminarians, support for the initiatives of our Holy Father, our Bishop and a Catholic school education.

Parishioners

Discipleship calls us to more than membership; it calls us to an active stewardship. To support all these ministries, we need every family's active stewardship in this parish. What does stewardship ask of parish members, including children?

- Make a commitment to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation
- Practice your faith in the workplace, the home, the classroom, and in civic life. Support and cooperate with the religious education programs of the parish: Adult Faith Formation, Catholic School, PSR, sacramental preparation, RCIA, etc.
- Participate in parish ministries, outreach, activities, and organizations through your contribution of time and talent.
- Support the ministries of the Catholic Church by pledging and tithing sacrificially to the parish (with a goal of 5% of gross family income to the parish and 1% to the Diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal)
- If a parent, strive to form your child(ren) as stewards and to supervise their commitment as well.

Commitment

I reaffirm my commitment to be a good steward through my example and my actions. I ask the support of my parish in nurturing my faith. I pledge my cooperation with the parish and its ministries.

If I have children, I will strive to form them as stewards and will make every effort to supervise their commitment as well. I understand that if my child(ren) is(are) enrolled in the Catholic School, enrollment is contingent on me practicing my faith.

If I am a student, I understand that I am expected to practice my faith every day, whether at home, in school, at work, or with my friends. I will attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days. I will participate as a steward in helping support parish ministries and I will support the parish with whatever income I have as well. I understand that as a Catholic, I must use my gifts and talents to perform my best in school, whether in religious, academic, or social activities. I also understand that if I am enrolled in the Catholic School, my enrollment is contingent on me practicing my faith.

St. Joseph Parish accepts your commitment of faith. It will provide vibrant worship and Christian formation, help you nurture your gifts and talents, provide ample opportunities to serve; and maintain an environment of welcome and hospitality. The parish will help you and your family live out your call to discipleship and to embrace stewardship as a way of life.

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____

Spouse _____ **Child** _____ **Age** _____

Child _____ **Age** _____ **Child** _____ **Age** _____

Child _____ **Age** _____ **Child** _____ **Age** _____

Address _____

City/State/ Zip _____

Cell phone numbers (for adults) _____

As an active steward(s) of the parish, I/We commit to share the following gifts:

\$ _____ per week for 52 weeks or \$ _____ per month for 12 months or

Other \$ _____ each _____ (please specify)

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Pastor Signature _____ **Date** _____