

*St. Mary Cathedral—Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

*2nd Annual*

# Ministry Fair

**October 17 & 18, 2015**

*“One Faith...One Family”*

*St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall after all Masses*



St. Mary Cathedral Parish



For additional information about Christian Stewardship and to learn more about the many ministry and service opportunities available to you at St. Mary Cathedral,

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## **Where is GOD calling you to serve?**

- † Talk with ministry leaders and members of various Christian Service Groups
- † Learn more about the different ministries and service groups in our parish
- † Share what you love and see where your gifts might fit in our parish
- † Discover where God is calling you to share your stewardship of Faith, Time and Talents

*Come discover the many opportunities to share your talents in our faith community!*

***Dear Parishioners of St. Mary Cathedral Parish:***

*Whether you are a leader or a follower, a hands-on type or a dreamer, busy or very busy, there is something or someone that is looking for help from someone with your particular gift or talent.*

*Maybe you aren't even sure what your gifts or talents are, or what areas might be a good fit for you to get involved. Learn more about the various ministries and service opportunities available to you at St. Mary Cathedral. Where is God calling you to serve?*

## **STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

**My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.**

*Adapted from the stewardship prayer of the Diocese of San Diego*

## **To Be a Christian Steward**

*A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).*

**What identifies a steward?** Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

**Who is a Christian Disciple?** One who responds to Christ's call, follows Jesus, and shapes his or her life in imitation of Christ's.

### **Disciples as Stewards**

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion—life shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

<b><i>Social Justice &amp; Outreach</i></b>		
Angel Tree Ministry	Mary Flinn	732-2763 (h )
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner	Joe Koproicz	732-2119 (h)
Bereavement Ministry	Sharon Smith	731-4476 (h)
Care for Retired Religious	Ted Dzwik	370-8484 (c)
Circle of Life	Doug Kusiak	732-3359 (h)
CROP Hunger Walk	Kelly Korson	370-1629 (c)
Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolates	Delphine Rogers	731-2623 (h)
Otsego County Food Pantry	Jerry Cogger	732-7446 (h)
	Mary Woycik	732-0748 (h)
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary Paukert	732-7252 (h)
The REFUGE of Otsego County	Kelly Korson	370-1629 (c)

<b><i>St. Mary Cathedral School</i></b>		
School Office - Marketing	Nicole Hatch	732-5801 (w)
Athletic Association	Jeff Hunter	732-5801 (w)
Bingo	Colleen Bright	350-4001 (c)
Cathedral Players	Joyce Milan	731-2694 (h)
FUNd Fest	Kimberly Smith	732-5801 (w)
SCRIP Cards	Amy Kuznicki	732-5517 (h)

Do you have an idea for a ministry that you would like to see at our parish? Call the parish office and share your gift or calling to serve in a new ministry.

*‘Everything is a gift from God: it is only by recognizing this crucial dependence on the Creator that we will find freedom and peace’.*

~ Pope Benedict XVI

## What is Christian Stewardship?

There is a pervasive, almost unconscious, assumption that “stewardship” refers specifically to questions about church finances or fundraising; that it is in some sense a “decision rule” about how much one ought to give to the Church. But “stewardship” (as defined by the U.S. Bishops’ pastoral letter, [\*Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response\*](#)) is far more. It is a spiritual attitude about who we are and what we have. It begins with the realization that everything we are and everything we have is a gift, freely given to us by a God who loves us and calls us into relationship with Him. With that understanding comes both a desire to somehow “give back” in thanksgiving some share of all we’ve been given and a growing awareness of our responsibility to use those gifts wisely.

Stewardship is this attitude of responsive and responsible gratitude. To see stewardship simply in terms of questions like, “How much should I put in my envelope each Sunday? How much is enough? How should I decide?” is to look at the end, not the beginning. What we give is a reflection of the depth of our commitment, a way of measuring how far we’ve come, not a place to start. For stewardship begins with a relationship; we are loved and called into relationship with Christ. And our stewardship, then, is the measure of our fidelity to that relationship, the tangible, visible result of a longing to give back to the One who loves us. The more we love, the more of ourselves we desire to give.

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The way of discipleship is privileged beyond any other. Jesus says: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (Jn 10:10). But discipleship is not an easy way. “If you wish to come after me,” Jesus also says, “you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me. For if you wish to save your life you will lose it, but if you lose your life for my sake you will save it” (Luke 9:23-24).

<b>Councils &amp; Committees</b>		
Finance Council	Tom Marben	350-1325 (c)
Pastoral Council	Bea Kelly	732-2948 (h)
School Advisory Council	Dan Smith	732-8126 (h)
Stewardship Council	Mary Weitzel	732-2559 (h)
Worship Commission	Wayne Wyrembelski	705-3580 (w)

<b>Christian Service Ministries</b>		
Altar Rosary Society	Teresa Cherry	732-7176 (h)
Ancient Order of Hibernians	Jerry Belanger	939-7245 (h)
Daughters of Isabella	SueBurzynski	732-2745 (h)
	Annette Dolan	731-5565 (h)
Disciples of St. Mary	Frank Jasinski	732-4377 (h)
Flower Planting & Care	Gert Miller	731-1445 (h)
	Barb Kakenmaster	731-1994 (h)
Homebound & Hospital Ministry	Jeff Crane	705-3573 (w)
Knights of Columbus	Pat Oliver	731-5554 (h)
Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)	Roseanne Kujawa	731-6242 (h)
Parish Office Ministries	Janice Reynolds	732-5448 (w)
Parish Store	Judy Hofmann	731-0090 (h)
Secular Franciscans	Annette Dolan	731-5565 (h)
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Order		

<b>Catholic Media</b>		
Baraga Broadcasting	Doug Kusiak	732-3359 (h)
Lighthouse Ministry	Doug Kusiak	732-3359 (h)

*"Once One Chooses to Become A Disciple of Jesus Christ, Stewardship is Not An Option."*

Bishop John J. McRaith, an original member of the U.S. Catholic bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Stewardship

<b>Faith Ministries</b>		
Baptism & Sacramental Prep	Jeff Crane	705-3573 (w)
Catholic Way Bible Study	Jeff Crane	705-3573 (w)
Cursillo	Bea Kelly	732-2948 (h)
	Stan Scott	820-7762 (c)
	Patty Blanzky	989-619-8888(h)
Endow (Women's Ministry)	Peggy LeBlanc	810-240-4444(h)
Eucharistic Adoration	Jeff Crane	705-3573 (w)
	Mary Pomarzynski	732-3346 (h)
Family Faith Formation	Jeff Crane	705-3573 (w)
Little Flowers / Little Women	Michelle Engel	732-3874 (h)
Parents in Christ	Brandy Murrell	731-2073 (h)
Prayer Chain	Rosalie Makarewicz	732-5207 (h)
RCIA	Vicki Looker	989-619-0307(c)
Rosary Hour of Prayer	Rosalie Makarewicz	732-5207 (h)
Teams of Our Lady	Jason & Laura Cherry	732-7289 (h)
That Man Is You! (Men's Ministry)	Chad Fate	619-2167 (c)
Youth Ministry	Marie Hahnenberg	705-3568 (w)

<b>Liturgical Ministries</b>		
Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors,	Jeff Crane	705-3573 (w)
Sacristans, Ushers	Jean Rooyakker	370-4224 (c)
Altar Servers	Todd Zielinski	731-6535 (h)
Children's Liturgy	Amy Mertz	313-530-2028(c)
Altar Linen Care	Judy Schmitt	732-5448 (w)
Altar Server Robes/Sacristy	Janet Hagedorn	732-3757 (h)
Art & Environment	Karen Gurchiek	732-7891 (h)
Music Ministries	Wayne Wyrembelski	705-3580 (w)