

# Spirit of Life Stewardship Committee Guidelines

**Mission Statement:** Relying on the U.S. Bishops' statement: *Stewardship, a Disciple's Response*, the Spirit of Life Stewardship Committee will foster and promote the Church's understanding of stewardship as a way of life, which is not optional but rather central to our baptismal calling.

## **Committee Membership shall consist of:**

- A minimum of 7 members, including the Pastor (or his designated representative) and one high school or college level student
- Volunteer membership with an expectation of a minimum 3-year commitment to the Committee.
- Persons with the following traits:
  - Stewardship is already a way of life at some level.
  - Personal stewardship is exercised and is motivated by gratitude for God's gifts.
  - Active prayer life
  - Belief in accountability through openness and transparency

## **Duties of Committee Members:**

- To provide prayerful guidance to the Pastor on how Spirit of Life Parish can become and remain a functional stewardship parish
- To foster a sense of belonging to and "ownership" of the parish.
- To provide education about stewardship to parish leadership/committees and to all parishioners.
- To promote the stewardship of time, talent and treasure of all parishioners.
- To evaluate the parish stewardship efforts on a regular basis.
- To collaborate with the Pastoral Council in assessing the stewardship needs of the parish.
- Work with the Pastoral Council to provide an annual appreciation event for all people who offer their time, talent, and treasure.
- Coordinate an annual promotion and celebration of parish ministry.
- Coordinate, assess and evaluate, on an annual basis, the need and effectiveness of a parish Time & Talent survey.
- Distribute an annual "stewardship report" to all parishioners.