

Welcome-Worship-Witness

A Stewardship Message

“You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”

— John Bunyan

Stewardship Opportunities



A thought about Lent and Giving

Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

One thing that is certain to come to one's mind within the season of Lent is "sacrifice." The sacrifice of Jesus through the gift of his own life, often moves each of us to consider how we might be sacrificing in our daily lives as his disciples. But should the topic of sacrifice and stewardship be considered as similes from the perspective of a Christian? If we embrace the theology that everything comes from God and that it is from those "things" that we give back, then this does not fall under the definition of sacrificing, but rather of "returning." Sometimes we get ourselves into a difficult situation by mis-managing those things that we have been given. And at those times, it might seem like a sacrifice to give to God..... but I think/hope you see my point. It is my prayer this Lent, that we will use this season to better manage those gifts that we have been given, so that we might joyfully return a portion to God in thanksgiving for all of those things that he has done for us!!

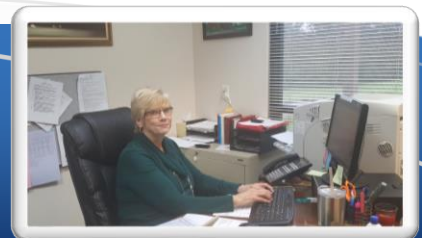
Stewardship = Time, Talent, and Treasure

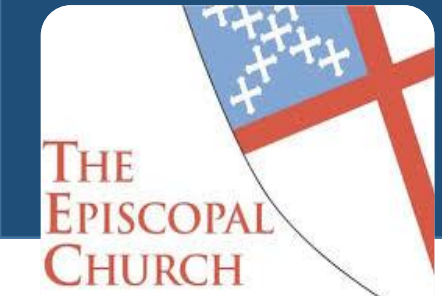
The mission is to bring men and boys into the deepest possible relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ by following the rules of prayer, study, and service. “The sole purpose of the Brotherhood is the spread of Christ’s Kingdom.” A big part of our Stewardship is to promote fellowship within our church & community. We do this by; serving pancakes on the 5th Sunday of a month; organize Chili Cook-Off events; sponsor a Meet & Meat event the 5th Thursday of a month; offer bible study & pancakes during the summer; we provide scholarships to children, enabling them to attend church events in our Diocese, including summer camp, pilgrimages; and hold an Oktoberfest each Fall. All men, young and old, of the church are invited to join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month for bible study & fellowship. Come see what we are all about. Jesus is Lord.

Jim+

Caught in the Act!!

Becky Slate works tirelessly making sure that the directory is up to date, that the Prayers of the People is ready to go on Sundays, weekly mailings are sent out, serves on the vestry, and is an assistant treasurer. Thank you, Becky for all of your hard work!





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Is Saint Anne a Vibrant Parish?

#2 Liturgy inspires active participation and offers an experience of God. Many components create good liturgy and almost everyone has an opinion on them. But some values help all liturgies. Liturgical ministers who are well formed in their roles invite all community members to celebrate together. Music responsive to the liturgical seasons as well as the cultures and languages that make up different assemblies moves the hearts and spirits of those who play, listen and sing. Relevant preaching connected to the lives of the community touches hearts and sends all forth nourished and challenged. Preachers who take the time to break open the Word during the week are well prepared to preach and pray with power. Vibrant parishes offer liturgies that invite people to linger with God yet propel them into the world and the needs found there. Come to be nourished and then sent forth to act. A young parishioner made a drawing of his new church with two differently colored doors, one marked IN and one marked OUT. That is liturgy's role.

by Denise Simeone

Meet the Steward

**Jean
Harding**



After living in Cleburne for forty years my husband, Don, and I moved to Desoto to be near our daughter and granddaughter. Moving directly across from Saint Anne in 2000, the Episcopal flag was waving in the breeze against the blue sky. The gargoyles and the Norman tower beckoned, and we were smitten. We had been Episcopalians since the Eisenhower administration. Saint Anne welcomed us with open arms and soon put us to work; Don serving at the altar and I in the choir. The people of Saint Anne helped make this our new church home. We shared many happy moments here, and, upon my husband's illness and death, this church family has been my constant source of comfort. Saint Anne is the most loving and friendly parish I have ever been in, and the number of ministries offered astounds me still.

—What a special and holy place Saint Anne is!

Stewardship Through Outreach

One way that many of our members, directly or indirectly, serve as Good Stewards of their Time, Talent or Treasure is by reaching out to those in need. A wonderful example of this occurred in the month of February, when we responded to the call of Mother Samiri, the founder and director of The Gateway of Grace Refugee Ministry. Just take a look at the car load of gifts and supplies (not to mention the gift cards) that filled the back of Ann Barrick's car, on their way to the baby shower at the young mother's home. Thank you, Saint Anne, for reaching out your hands and your hearts in love and service!!

