The Fruits of Stewardship

Personal Fruits of Stewardship

When a person embraces stewardship as a way of life, he or she will………..

- Build a deep trust in God’s Divine Providence
- Grow in a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ
- Find a sense of personal joy and fulfillment to life
- Learn to distinguish between “wants” and “needs”
- Find great satisfaction in serving others
- Develop a real balance in life between family, community, church
- Develop a balance between the physical, spiritual, emotional, practical self
- Deepen his or her prayer life
- Learn to prioritize
- Develop a sense of accountability
- Learn to develop God-given gifts and talents
- Always put God first

Fruits of Stewardship in the Parish

When every parishioner begins to embrace stewardship as a way of life, the personal fruits of stewardship will carry over into the very life of the parish. A community of faith that embraces stewardship as a way of life will reap a plentiful harvest. For Blessed Trinity in Ocala, Florida – an Archbishop Murphy Award winning parish – the fruits of stewardship look like this:

- Vibrant Masses – attendance
- Eucharistic Adoration – 15 years
- Largest RCIA in the Orlando Diocese
- Sacramental preparation of children and parents
- John 23 Prayer Group
- Men’s Prayer Group
- Spanish Prayer Group
- Youth Benediction
- “Christ Renews His Parish”
- Cursillo
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Rosary Makers
- Ministry to the sick, serving 12 nursing homes, 2 hospitals and 75 shut-ins
- Bible studies – 3 different groups meeting weekly
- Loyola University Extension classes weekly
- On-going stewardship education in homilies, parish newsletter, parent newsletter, teacher workshops, witness speakers, and annual renewal video
- Education for all – daycare through high school
- Vibrant School Masses, Children’s Sunday Mass, Life Teen Mass
- Staff a “sister parish” in Uganda
- Yearly mission trips to Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Belize, Costa Rica, Honduras and Haiti
- Mission support in Ecuador, Peru, Ukraine, Philippines, and Haiti
- Rosaries sent to India, Uganda, Guatemala, South Africa, US Navy Ships, Texas
- Emergency aid to Sri Lanka, Darfur, Congo, New Orleans, Mississippi
- Local Outreach to “Brother’s Keeper” through 4,461 cases, 2,727 bags of emergency food, 1,110 clothing vouchers, 371 furniture vouchers, helped 21 homeless families find permanent housing, helped 26 families avoid eviction, 190 families received Thanksgiving bags, 170 families received Christmas dinner and toys, $460,000 in goods and services given back to the poor
- Local Outreach to the “Soup Kitchen” providing 205 meals per day and 78,654 meals per year
- Local Outreach to La Guadalupana Mission with Masses serving 350 people weekly, free medical clinic available twice weekly serving 200 patients last year, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, and religion classes for 15 children and 10 adults weekly