

The mere daily act of focusing on our blessings makes us more mindful, more present to God's mystery and gifts, and more aware of the needs of others around us.

## Stewardship: A Holy Way of Life

Week of November 9, 2015

Welcome to the new weekly e-newsletter from the Diocese of Lubbock Office of Stewardship and Development. We hope you find this beneficial on your stewardship journey as a disciple of Christ. Feel free to use the content provided for bulletin announcements, parish websites, etc. We also encourage you to forward this e-mail to your friends and parishioners (see link at bottom of page). Finally, you can 'like' us on Facebook for daily stewardship inspirations. Our prayers are with you!



### New Department Logo

Recently Rachel and Renee were given the opportunity to present the Spirituality of Stewardship to our seven seminarians. Following the presentation we asked them to share a three minute homily on stewardship. Not only were they up for the challenge, they exceeded our expectations!

The reoccurring theme in their homilies was how the call to holiness is connected to stewardship. One cannot be a steward

without answering the call to holiness and one cannot be holy without entrusting everything to God and recognizing everything as a gift from God, as a steward does. This inspired our department to revise our tagline to read "Stewardship: A HOLY Way of Life"

Thank you Stephen, Deacon Jose, Seth, Deacon Jonathan, Jacob, William and Jeremy!

This weekly newsletter is only a glimpse into the ministry of stewardship. Visit our website for more detailed information, events and articles.

[Visit Our Website](#)

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### Monthly Stewardship Webinar

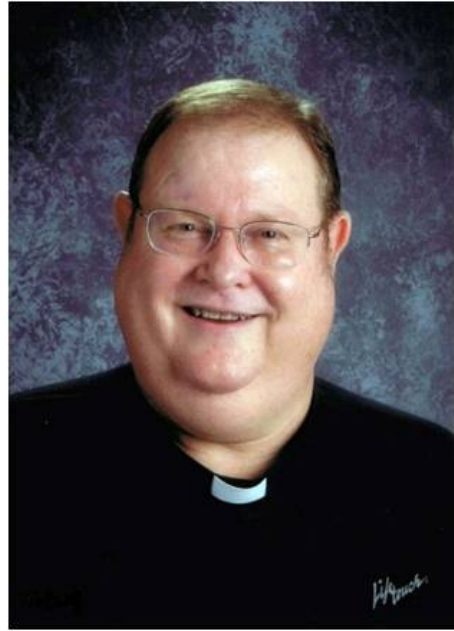
The November stewardship webinar is in honor of Vocations Awareness Month:

### Practical Ways to Promote Vocations

*"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, pray therefore, the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* Luke 10:2

Indeed, the laborers in God's vineyard are few, and we must pray unceasingly for more vocations to the priesthood or religious life. But there are also a number of practical ways to make it happen, such as seeing vocations as a human resource issue that needs to be addressed, and the need to counteract the media influence whose only concerns is the alternative lifestyle.

Presented by Fr. Andrew Kemberling, Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul, Denver, CO



Rev. Andrew Kemberling  
St. Vincent de Paul, Denver CO

**Tuesday November 10, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**

[Click here to Register for this Webinar](#)

## #gratitudechallenge

Have you noticed people being SUPER thankful on Facebook this year? Many have taken on a popular #30daysofThanksgiving challenge.

As stewards we know it always feels better to give than receive, and that actions speak louder than words. This is why we've designed a GRATITUDE CHALLENGE. Each day we will provide a topic to be grateful for and three challenging ways to express and show your gratitude.

30 day  
**GRATITUDE CHALLENGE**

Gratitude is the first step towards living stewardship as a holy way of life.

- ◆ Comment below with your responses to our daily challenge and this online community can keep your blessings in our prayers.
- ◆ We also encourage you to begin a gratitude journal.

**JOIN US  
THROUGHOUT  
NOVEMBER  
FOR  
30 DAYS OF  
GRATITUDE**

## TODAY'S #gratitudechallenge

Closing the Vocation Novena today we pray for the Bishop of Lubbock. In thanksgiving for the ministry of our bishop to the Diocese of Lubbock, that our God may bless the diocese with more vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and consecrated life.

GRATITUDE CHALLENGES:

- 1) Pray for a happy retirement for Bishop Rodriguez and pray for our yet-to-be-named new Bishop of Lubbock.
- 2) Volunteer with your parish during the Episcopal transition (ordaining of the new bishop)
- 3) Bishop Rodriguez is of the Claretian Order (CMF), a missionary order of priests [learn more about them here](#).

**TOMORROW'S #gratitudechallenge: In gratitude for my faith formation**

#### GRATITUDE CHALLENGES:

- 1) Recall all the people who had an impact on your faith journey. Where is your First Communion teacher today? Pray for him or her. Reach out and say "thank you", if possible.
- 2) Reflect on how you are forming the faith of people in your life. Obvious impacts can be made on children and grandchildren, but how are you forming the faith in the life of your spouse, your employees, your boss and your friends? Help them recognize the daily blessings from God. Use phrases like "Thanks be to God!" instead of "Congratulations" or "God Willing" instead of "I might be there."
- 3) Learn something new about the Catholic faith every day. There are many books and blogs available and with over 2000 years of material, you'll never run out of things to learn. Start by tuning in to radio station 102.9 FM (in Lubbock) for EWTN Catholic Radio.

**Find gratitude challenge days 1 - 8 on our website [here](#).**

The rest of this week's challenges will be posted daily on our [Facebook page](#)

#gratitudechallenge topics for the next few weeks include: Occupation, Friends, Education, Mistakes, Parish, and more.



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STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

### Missed you in Chicago!

Each year the Office of Stewardship and Development attends the International Catholic Stewardship Conference. We are able to send two people thanks to generous Catholic Businesses and Foundations such as the [Catholic Church Extension Society](#) and [Our Sunday Visitor](#). One of the people to attend is a priest or parish stewardship committee member.

### Apply for scholarship to attend ICSC in New Orleans, LA in 2016

Keep in touch with our office via this newsletter, [facebook](#) or [our website](#) for scholarship information. We hope to see you in New Orleans next October!

### Check out our Blog Posts!

- [Swap Out Your Sin](#)
- [What do an Australian, a Beauty Queen and a girl from Olton have in common?](#)
- [Pope Francis' Stewardship Message](#)
- [Stewardship in Families](#)
- [Are you a hypocrite?](#)
- [Reflections on today's Stewardship Webinar](#)
- [How Does God Speak to you?](#)
- [The End is Near](#)

## **Stewardship Reflection for the weekend of November 14/15, 2015 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

How would you spend your day if you knew it was the last day you would spend on earth? Undoubtedly, it would not be a normal day. The point of today's Gospel reading is that the end-time is always imminent. The good steward remains prayerfully alert, ready to give an accounting; and living each day in the awareness of the coming judgment and salvation. How do we exercise stewardship over our daily lives? Are we prepared to give an accounting? How will we allow Christ to work in and through us to prepare for the reconciliation of the heavens and the earth?

### **Para el Fin de Semana del 14/15 de Noviembre de 2015 Domingo Trigésimo Tercero del Tiempo Ordinario**

¿Cómo invertirías tu tiempo si supieras que este fuese el último día que vivieras sobre la tierra? Indudablemente, este no sería un día normal. El punto de la lectura del Evangelio de hoy es que el final del tiempo es siempre inminente. El buen corresponsable permanece alerta piadosamente, listo para entregar cuentas; y vive cada día consciente del juicio y la salvación venideros. ¿Cómo ejercitamos nosotros la corresponsabilidad en nuestra vida diaria? ¿Estamos preparados para rendir cuentas? ¿Cómo permitiremos a Cristo obrar en nosotros y a través de nosotros para preparar la reconciliación de los cielos y la tierra?

[Find Stewardship Reflections for the entire month of November here](#)

### **Where will we be this November?**

The Stewardship and Development Office is located at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 4620 4th Street in Lubbock. Office hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

If we are not available during those times you can find us here:

- November 10 - 1:00 p.m. Stewardship Webinar
- November 19 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. National Philanthropy Luncheon
- November 20 - Staff Retreat (Out of Office All Day)
- November 25 to 27 - Thanksgiving Break

**We are available during office hours, week nights and weekends to present to your parish or organization on the following topics:**

- Spirituality of Stewardship
- Forming a Stewardship Committee
- Strength Finders
- Parish Stewardship Assessment
- Increased Offertory Programs
- Youth and Stewardship
- How to Host a Ministry Fair
- and more!



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Next week we'll be asking you to help us name this Newsletter.

**The winning name will receive a gift certificate to  
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