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 its 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 the things that I want my parish to be.

AMEN

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Dear Epiphany Parishioners and Friends,

Three reasons to be excited about what’s going on at Epiphany...

Stewardship is one of those words that, if you’re like me, you hear and immediately wonder, “What does the Church want from me now?” It can be difficult to get excited about attending Mass if you know that you’re going to be pressured to give money every single time you come. I feel that annoyance, too, which is one of the reasons I try very hard to not talk about money during Mass. To think about stewardship, though, as what the Church is trying to take from us is missing the whole point.

To understand this, we have to start at the beginning. When God made Adam and Eve, he gave them charge over taking care of the whole world. In other words, they were immediately given the responsibility of stewardship. They were made partners with God in his mission to bring forth the best world possible. This is a responsibility that we asent to out of love for God. When we think about it this way, stewardship becomes a positive act, something we do to advance the mission of the Church.

With that in mind, I thought I’d tell you not about what we “need” from you, but share with you some of the ways your stewardship – whether that be giving financially or through volunteering – has benefited our parish and those around us.

1. Senior Ministry - Our parish generously supports Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry, a group that helps in many different ways, whether it be providing rides to the doctor, Stephen Ministers who visit those who are lonely, or putting on social events throughout the year. In addition, we have many willing Extraordinary Ministers who take communion to the homebound every single week.

2. Children’s Ministry - In just the past 5 years, beginning with the vision of Fr. Pastiorius and enthusiastically embraced by the parish, Epiphany has developed a wonderful children's ministry. We have a large VBS, PSR, and Children’s Choir. We also have Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sunday and your generosity helps a number of families with scholarships for parochial schools. Have you noticed how loud it gets now at Sunday Mass with the squeaks of babies and toddlers? I love it! It means that we have created a welcoming environment for these young ones to experience the faith.

3. Social Justice - We recently had a baby shower sponsored by our Pro-Life committee that I thought was a great success. One of the benefactors was Our Lady's Inn, a charity that supports young, single mothers. I cannot think of a better use of our time and gifts to support those in need. We also have a very active and generous St. Vincent de Paul Society here along with other outreach such as our Thanksgiving Day meals that provides nearly 100(!) meals to families in need.

I know I missed a lot, but there's so much going on at Epiphany that it's hard not to be excited about how God can take our gifts and turn them into much more than we could have ever imagined.

This stewardship letter will encourage you to look ahead and plan your giving for the next year so that next year when I write this letter I have many more things to highlight to be excited about. Each one of us, through our gifts large or small, are making a huge difference in the world and in the Kingdom of God.

The Rev. Michael Rennier
Dear Parishioners,

Please take some time prayerfully to reflect upon how the Holy Spirit may be calling you to share in the life of our parish. If you are a long time parishioner, you are part of the foundation of our parish. If you are new, you are part of our future. Please consider your gift of time, talent, and treasure. Your gift and commitment is one of the most concrete signs of your love. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Michael Rennier

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**YOUR GIFT OF TIME**

I commit to praying for Epiphany, our ministries, and my family for ______________ hours per week.

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**YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE**

Please consider continuing your support of the parish or even increasing your support if you are able.

My/Our Intention for my/our regular weekly offering will be

$____________ per □ week □ month □ year

Envelope #: __________________

Signature _______________________

Print Name _______________________

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Please return your stewardship card in the weekend offertory basket or to the parish office.
Epiphany of Our Lord Ministries

Christian Services
01 ACA
02 Donut Sunday
03 Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry
04 Martha’s Group
(Funeral Luncheons)
05 Pro-Life
06 St. Pat's Salad Makers
07 St. Vincent DePaul Society

Education/Christian Formation
08 Bible Study
09 Liturgy of the Word for Children
10 Prayer Group
11 Christian Initiation

Tuesday Evening PSR
12 Little Flowers
13 Blue Knights
14 Little Lambs
15 Chosen Confirmation
16 Women’s Group Bible Study

Liturgy/Worship
17 Altar Servers
18 Bell Choir
19 Cantor
20 Choir
21 Eucharistic Minister
22 Greeter
23 Heavenly Dusters (Church Cleaners)
24 Lector
25 Sacristan
26 Wedding Coordinator

Non-Fundraising Events
27 Chili Cook-Off
28 Parish Pot Luck

Non-Parish Fundraisers
29 Back Stoppers
30 Mgr. Sullivan Picnic

Organizations
31 Epiphany Friends Forever
(Formerly Epiphany Sports Association)
32 Knights of Columbus
33 Ladies Guild
34 Men’s Club

Parish Fundraisers
35 Auction (Quarter)
36 Fish Fry
37 Bazaar
38 Golf Tournament
39 Fall Festival (formerly homecoming)
40 Trivia Night

Skills
41 Artist
42 Carpenter
43 Clerical/Envelope Stuffer
44 Computers
45 Electrical
46 Flooring
47 General Maintenance
48 Landscaping
49 Nursing/Health
50 Painting
51 Plumbing
52 Secretary

Leadership
53 Parish Finance
54 Welcoming Committee
55 Other

Your Gifts of Talent

You are invited to be a part of the active mission and ministry of our parish by sharing your time and talent in at least one of our activities.

Please print the name of each household member who will share his/her gifts of time and talent with our parish community. In the box below each name, indicate the code number of the ministry or organization of interest.

Household member (s)

1) FIRST NAME LAST
   I wish to become active in: [ ]
   I am already active in: [ ]

2) FIRST NAME LAST
   I wish to become active in: [ ]
   I am already active in: [ ]

3) FIRST NAME LAST
   I wish to become active in: [ ]
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4) FIRST NAME LAST
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   I am already active in: [ ]

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace. Whoever prophesies, let it be with the same spirit. Whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever.
1 Peter 4:10-11
As is typical of Epiphany, our parishioners responded to our plea for donations to purchase a new piano with a resounding yes!

Music plays a big part of our liturgy. So when our music director, Elizabeth Wildman, noticed our piano was not sounding melodic, we knew it was time start looking for a replacement. Through the search for a piano, Elizabeth was able to locate one at a great price, but we had to move quickly. As is typical of Epiphany, our parishioners responded to our plea for donations to purchase a new piano with a resounding yes! The funds needed to purchase the piano were raised in just a matter of weeks. If you have attended Mass here at Epiphany lately you are sure to have noticed the new tunes. Thank you to all who contributed to the piano fund and for helping us to continue bringing music to your ears!

Serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song.

Cow Plop Bingo

In June of this past year, we hosted our first ever Cow Plop Bingo and it proved to be a huge success! For those of you who have never heard of a Cow Plop Bingo, these are the basics. Our Monsignor Sullivan Field was set up into 500 5x5 squares. Squares were sold for $20 each and randomly assigned a number of 1-500 (so that #1 was not necessarily a corner number). The winner ($2,000 prize) of the cow plop bingo was the person who had the square where the cow deposited its first cow pie. The event was a huge success; we sold out of all of our squares before the day even started! The day’s events included: live music, food trucks, outdoor games, beer garden, family playground, and of course our cow plop bingo. Congratulations to our winners, Bill and Carol Regan! Next year’s Cow Plop Bingo will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

Breviary Coffee is now for sale! A number of young adults at Epiphany have been hard at work learning the craft of hand-roasting coffee beans. The result is our very own, amazingly delicious coffee brand, Breviary Coffee, a medium roast coffee that comes to us from small, independent farmers in Burundi. If your tasting palette is better than mine, you’ll taste - caramel, nougat, all-spice, black tea, berry, lemon water. All I know is that it tastes delicious and each bag you purchase will benefit our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. (Fr. Michael, bulletin issue 10-29-17) To make a purchase, call or stop by the parish office, or mail in your order form and check and we will have your coffee ready and waiting for you after Mass. Please mail the form below to: Epiphany, 6596 Smiley Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139 and make checks payable to: Epiphany A half pound bag sells for just $7.00. BTW...Coffee makes a great Christmas present!

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Address: ________________________ Phone: ________________________
# of bags: ________________________ Amount paid: ________________________

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## 2017 Fall Festival (Formerly Homecoming) Financial Report

**General Expenses include:** Permits, Entertainment, table and chair rental, lift rental, equipment upgrades, etc.

**Note:** The Volunteer Drink Booth expenses were absorbed by the Beer, Cocktail and Soda Booths this year, the volunteer food tickets have always been absorbed by Inside and Outside Food booths.

Miscellaneous Deposits are made before or after Fall Festival Weekend and include: Advance Raffle Ticket Sales, Advance Rides, Sales of leftover merchandise etc.

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2017 Stewardship Newsletter

**Fiscal Year 2017**

**Income**

- $296,997.85

**Endowment Income**

- $30.00

**Expenses**

- $734,851.74

**Capital Expenditures**

- $65,601.03

**Non Cash Expense**

- $728.70

**Net Income**

- $55,636.38

**Assets as of July 1, 2017**

- **Parish Checking**: $165,389.78
- **Parish Money Market**: $179,089.98
- **Beyond Sunday**: $13,356.20
- **Sum of CD’s**: $30,637.59
- **Endowment Fund**: $440,456.60
- **Organization’s Checking**: $34,157.00

**Epiphany 2016-2017 Statistics**

- Registered Parish Households: 621
- New Families: 8
- Total Number of Catholics: 1,519
- Contributors: 245

**Sacramental Information**

- Baptisms: 10
- First Communions: 22
- Confirmations: 4
- Deaths: 17
- Marriages: 7
- Christian Initiation: 0
For more up-to-date information about Epiphany, Visit us at: www.epiphanystl.org
Facebook: Epiphany of Our Lord Parish
Email: parish104@archstl.org

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<td>January 7, 2018 - Feast of Epiphany</td>
<td>Gymnasium</td>
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<td>Epiphany Friends Forever</td>
<td>February 10, 2018</td>
<td>Gymnasium</td>
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<td>Fish Fries</td>
<td>March 2, 9 &amp; 23, 2018</td>
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<td>Palm Sunday</td>
<td>March 25, 2018</td>
<td>No Activities</td>
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<td>Easter Sunday</td>
<td>April 1, 2018</td>
<td>Gymnasium</td>
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<td>Donut Sundays</td>
<td>3rd Sunday of the Month</td>
<td>Gymnasium</td>
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<td>November – April</td>
<td>After All Masses</td>
<td>Church &amp; Gym</td>
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<td>May Crowning</td>
<td>May 6, 2018</td>
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<td>&amp; Sacrament Recognition</td>
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<td>Msgr. Sullivan Breakfast</td>
<td>May 20, 2018</td>
<td>Gymnasium</td>
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<td>Cow Plop Bingo</td>
<td>June 2, 2018</td>
<td>Msgr. Sullivan Field</td>
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<td>Flea Market W/ Scout BBQ</td>
<td>June 22, 23 &amp; 24, 2018</td>
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<td>September 14 &amp; 15, 2018</td>
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<td>Quarter Auction</td>
<td>October 11, 2018</td>
<td>Gym</td>
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<td>Chili Cook Off/ Gateway Science Academy Trunk R Treat (Combined Function)</td>
<td>October 20, 2018</td>
<td>Gym &amp; Parking Lot</td>
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<td>30th Annual EFF Trivia Night</td>
<td>November 3, 2018</td>
<td>Gymnasium</td>
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<td>November 9-10, 2018</td>
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*There are many other events that take place at Epiphany which are held by our associates, but are not listed on the above calendar. For more information on current events visit us @ www.epiphanystl.org.*

Please join us for Christmas Mass 2017 Christmas Mass Schedule:
Christmas Eve, 5 & 10:00 pm
Christmas Day, 8 & 10:00 am