

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



## STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Church of the Ascension is a vibrant Catholic community that embraces Stewardship as a **Way of Life**. A life of **Stewardship** is rooted in Scripture and is the response of each individual's call to discipleship whereby one responds to the mission and ministry of the local and universal Church in sharing the Gospel. Stewardship recognizes that we, as individuals, are not the owners of our lives, our time, our talent, nor our treasure, but stewards or managers of these God-given gifts. Stewardship is our **Time, Talent and Treasure** given to God in **thanksgiving** for all that He has given us.

Registered parishioners/families are expected to be in good standing with respect to **Stewardship: A Way of Life** by:

- + Practicing the Catholic faith and living Catholic values
- + Sharing in the prayer life of the parish
- + Regularly volunteering at the parish to support its mission to serve in the spirit of Christ
- + Practicing financial stewardship through sacrificial and biblical levels of tithing

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”  
(1Peter 4:10)

## THE GIFT OF *TIME & TALENT*

Church of the Ascension parishioners/families are encouraged to become active in at least one program or ministry within the following areas:



### CHRIST THE PRIEST: *SPIRITUALITY & LITURGY*

- ◆ Liturgical Ministries
- ◆ Perpetual Adoration
- ◆ Sacramental Celebrations
- ◆ Vocation Promotion

### CHRIST THE SHEPHERD: *PARISH LIFE*

- ◆ Stewardship
- ◆ Volunteers
- ◆ Mardi Gras Dinner Auction
- ◆ Various Parish Organizations



### CHRIST THE TEACHER: *FORMATION & EDUCATION*

- ◆ Adult Faith Formation
- ◆ Family Life
- ◆ Youth Faith Formation
- ◆ Parish School

### CHRIST THE SERVANT: *MINISTRY OF CARE*

- ◆ Corporal Works of Mercy
- ◆ Support Ministries
- ◆ Social Concerns
- ◆ Parish Outreach



## THE GIFT OF *TREASURE*

Church of the Ascension parishioners/families are encouraged to make and honor a sacrificial pledge to God of at least 10% of their household income in gratitude for the blessings they have received via the following guidelines:

5% To our parish as general parish support

1% To the Archbishop's Call to Share

4% To our parish or other charitable causes\*

*\*Note: School families are encouraged to give this additional 4% to our parish in light of benefits received related to the school.*



A full listing of all the ministries at Church of the Ascension can be found in the *Parish Ministry Guide*.

# MY 2017 COMMITMENT OF *TIME, TALENT & TREASURE*



Family/Parishioner Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( H / O / C ): \_\_\_\_\_

*We/I have read this Stewardship Commitment Form of Time, Talent and Treasure and am/are committed to be in good standing with respect to **Stewardship: A Way of Life** at Church of the Ascension.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## We/I Commit to:

- Practice** our/my Catholic faith by joyfully proclaiming, celebrating, witnessing, and serving Jesus Christ in our/my daily life (home, school, work, recreation).
- Share** in the prayer life of the parish through weekly participation in the Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Support** the life and mission of the parish through acts of service by becoming active in at least one program or ministry of the parish.
- Practice** financial stewardship to the best of our/my ability as an expression of gratitude to God.

## MY COMMITMENT OF *TIME & TALENT* IS:

We/I have reviewed the parish ministries listed in the *Parish Ministry Guide* and we are/I am interested in volunteering Time & Talent to the following Ministries/Services below:

Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry (  New /  Existing )

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Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry (  New /  Existing )

I would like to receive information about:

- Matching Gifts:** Many companies will generously match their employees contributions to non-profit educational institutions
- Planned Giving:** Planned Giving provides future support to Church of the Ascension and offers one the opportunity to extend one's legacy of faith beyond their lifetime (examples: will, estate bequest, life insurance beneficiary, charitable gift annuity or beneficiary designation of 401 (k) or IRA)
- We/I have Church of the Ascension or the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas as a beneficiary in my Planned Giving.**

Additional Notes/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## MY COMMITMENT OF *TREASURE* IS:

We/I would like to make the following commitment of Treasure to Church of the Ascension:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly  Monthly  Yearly

Through:  Envelope  Auto Debit\*  Other

### **\*Monthly Auto Debit**

*If choosing to give through auto debit, please complete all of the following information*

Continue To Use Current Bank Information

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing #: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Monthly Amount \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Debit My Account On: The 5th: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ The 20th: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby authorize Church of the Ascension to debit my account as detailed above until written notification.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK**