

July 5, 2026



A Testament

To

Stewardship

At

Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin

Mary

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Principles of
Stewardship

Ownership:

Acknowledging
that God is the
ultimate owner
of everything.

Responsibility:

Individuals are
responsible for
managing what
God has
entrusted to
them.

Service:

Stewardship is
an act of service,
reflecting one's
faith and
obedience to
God.

Dear Friends in Christ,

In Scripture, we read of the "Parable of the Talents" [Matthew 25:14-30], urging us to embrace the importance of using our gifts from God wisely.

Our church has that driving force through the stewardship of those who call our church their home of worship. We see it daily, evidenced by the ministers of the Word; delivering Holy Communion to those in attendance, or the homebound; Altar Servers that act as reverent escorts announcing the beginning and end of Mass; Sacristans preparing our altar for the consecration of the bread and wine that speaks of the reverence of the solemnness of that moment.

Yet there are so many 'behind-the-scenes' examples of stewardship...the Ministries that cater to our community in need, the individuals that provide a tender, loving meal to a bereaved family, fund-raising through church-sponsored activities to help us grow and become a model for others searching for that 'home of worship'.

And then there are those who quietly go about their day, performing their tasks to help maintain our church, and all the duties that are each day looking for a resolution and/or solution.

One such person is Pat Neal, our office secretary. Over the span of 20+ years, she has performed her responsibilities as an act of service, and which reflect her faith and obedience to God.

Whether it is helping a newly ordained priest get his bearings, wading through the myriad of priests assigned to the church, or the ever-increasing demands of her knowledge, time and talents, Pat has been the constant that people know they can rely on to give her very best.

Pat is now retiring from her position of Parish Secretary. We are blessed that she will still be here, being an active member of the Choir, the Altar Society, and a resource as we continue to try and maintain all that she accomplished during her tenure.

I am very grateful to have known her as the 'newly ordained priest', and the returning, 'somewhat wiser after 25 years of priesthood' priest of this parish. I will always reach out for advice and wisdom...two things she has an over abundance of for anyone who simply asks.

Let me introduce our staff of office volunteers who will continue her legacy as we search for her replacement.

Naomi

Naomi [insert last name] is a member of the Immaculate Conception with her family. She is working with us as a Summer Intern.

A recent high school graduate, Naomi is working in all facets of the office responsibilities. She has a strong work ethic, and is definitely earning a reputation for quickly adapting to any situation and able to handle issues quickly and efficiently.

Angie

Angie Gutierrez has been working in the office for some time, providing assistance on Fridays in the event that something occurs, requiring an immediate response.

In addition to her being our Safe Environment Coordinator, Angie will be involved in helping update our files and moving to a more online work environment.

Randy

Randy [insert last name] is our independent Accountant, handling the financial aspect of the church, monitoring the budget, providing reports to the Finance and Parish Councils on our financial status.

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Temple joined our parish in 2025. She is currently responsible for our bulletin, and will be responsible for handling many of Pat's duties.

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