



Every year we ask all of you, our dear parishioners of Gesu, to make a monetary commitment to help support our ministries. We take this “ask” very seriously because we know that all of you have financial obligations. Yet we “ask” because we know that what we are asking of you is worthy of your prayerful consideration.

Stewardship is a collaborative relationship that challenges each of us to show our love for one another through acts of service. I have been at Gesu for a little over one year and my soul is uplifted by the dedication and “zeal” of each staff member. I feel privileged to work with people who love what they do! You can see their love animating their ministerial areas.

This love can be seen from the simple act of greeting someone who comes to the Parish Center, to taking time to give a “drop-in” a tour of our church, to making sure our buildings are clean and safe, to listening as someone shares their story of a beloved family member while they plan the funeral, to preparing a couple for the Sacrament of Marriage, to journeying with someone as they embrace the Catholic faith, to enhancing your children’s understanding of the beauty of our faith, to giving the opportunity to those who share their time and talent the joy of seeing the face of Christ in the people they serve, to celebrating Mass and offering reconciliation to those who walk through our doors!

This is what you are helping to grow when you pledge your hard-earned dollars to Gesu. You are connecting your treasure with the ministries at Gesu. You are growing as a disciple of Christ!

Our theme for this year’s Annual Pledge Drive is **“Being and Growing as Disciples.”**

We are all disciples of Christ. We acknowledge this beautiful, life-giving relationship when we become active participants. Most of us are familiar with the definition of Stewardship – giving of our time, talent and treasure as a tangible sign of our gratitude to God for all that God has given to us. It is when we give – time/talent/treasure - that we grow in our relationship. The fruit of growing as a disciple of Christ is a mind that begins to understand what really is important in life, a heart that increases in compassion, and a soul that experiences peace.

This is why we do what we do. This is why we, the staff of Gesu, work in our ministerial areas. We want to share these amazing gifts of God with you. We want you to grow as a disciple of Christ. We want you to share God’s love with your family, your co-workers, your friends, the strangers you meet.

And....when you connect with Church, through your gifts of time/talent/treasure, you are expressing your gratitude to God and you are embracing a Stewardship way of life. We cannot do what we do without you!

Gratefully in our Savior Jesus Christ,

*Fr. John Schlegel, S.J.*

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*Please cut on the dotted line and return this coupon with your contribution. For your convenience, you can either bring this to church or drop it in the mail.  
Bless you for your generous heart!*

*Summary of your Stewardship of Treasure from January 1<sup>st</sup> through November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

2014 Amount Pledged: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total gifts received as of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014: \_\_\_\_\_

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