

Stewardship in Action at St. Bernard



CELEBRATING LOVE

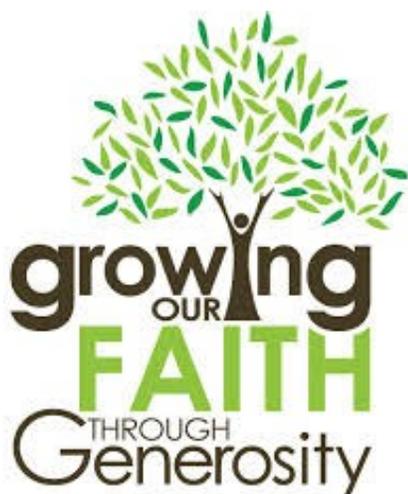
We love to celebrate love! We begin the calendar year with St. Valentine's Day in February when we celebrate romantic love. At Easter, we glory in the love Christ demonstrated by His death on the cross for our sins and His resurrection from the grave to herald victory over sin and death. During May we celebrate the love shown us by our mothers and remember our fathers during June. In July we set off firecrackers and celebrate our love of country and the freedoms we enjoy. Right on through the year until we arrive at Christmas when again we celebrate the amazing love God has for us evidenced by the fact he would send His only begotten Son to be our Savior.

During February, this month of love, celebrate the love you feel and the love you have been given. Send a special greeting to that special someone in your life. Send more greetings to the other friends, family members, co-workers and parishioners who bring joy to your life.

But most important, be sure to reflect God's love to each person you encounter. Let them feel the love of God reflected not only in your message, but also in your actions. There is no better way to celebrate our stewardship than through our gifts and expressions of love throughout the year.



RETURNING SOON -THE STEWARDSHIP TREE!



You may remember the “**Stewardship Tree.**” Our parish ministries often have a need for some short-term assistance on specific projects, but find it difficult to find people to help. The **Stewardship Tree** is a great way to take a “test drive” with a ministry. If you wondered what a particular ministry is like, but did not feel you could commit for a significant length of time, the **Stewardship Tree** lets you dip your toe into the water of community service.

The *Stewardship Council* is pleased to announce that the **Stewardship Tree** will return again for the Lenten season. It will contain a variety of brief, specific service opportunities to enhance your spiritual preparations for Christmas. Each “leaf” on the tree contains a brief description of the volunteer opportunity and a contact name/number for information. Please take this opportunity to choose the volunteer opportunity you wish to accomplish. Your generosity this Lenten season makes a difference!

23RD PSALM FOR BUSY PEOPLE

The Lord is my pacesetter, I shall not rush.

He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.

He provides me with images of stillness, which restores
my serenity.

He leads me in ways of efficiency, through calmness of
mind, and His guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish
this day, I will not fret, for His timelessness and His
presence is here.

His all-importance will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing
my mind with the oils of tranquility.

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours, for I shall
walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in His house forever

Interested in learning more about the Stewardship Council?

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