

At the last Stewardship Committee meeting we decide to take August off. Hope you are all having a great summer and are spending some time doing things that you enjoy with people that you enjoy. Julie and I want to thank you for all of the work that you are doing to help with the kiosk and other Stewardship projects. We feel we have a great committee and that we are moving in the right direction to bring Stewardship as a Way of Life to St. Ann's Parish.

Father Parlette attended our last meeting and we spent some time introducing ourselves. In attendance was: Kurt and Maggie, Ken, Glenn, & Julie and Bill. Father also shared his background and the fact that he gave a talk on Stewardship. He shared that at his last parish they focused on one T of the three Ts for a period of time. I think he said a full year. The committee found this interesting and are anxious to learn more from Father about this approach to Stewardship. Father also shared that he is not afraid to ask for tithing of 10%. (5-3-2) - 5 for the Parish, 3 for charitable organizations and 2 for the Diocese Annual Appeal. He also told us that we need to have a person from our committee attending the Pastoral Council meetings and one attending the Finance Committee meetings. ( I am suppose to attend the Council meetings but has missed the last two)

In addition to our personal information that we shared with Father we also explained the history of our Stewardship Committee. The process of learning through studies and experiences that brought us too; what Stewardship is all about. We shared our vision and mission statements as well as the books and other resources we used to bring us to our understanding of Stewardship as a Way of Life. Father listened carefully and made only a few comments. When we were done sharing he told us that he needed time to absorb the information we had shared and asked if he could come to our next meeting to share his thoughts and direction for the Stewardship Committee at St. Ann's of Long Grove.

It was a great meeting with everyone adding their views and/or message of how Stewardship has affected their life.

The next meeting is on the 19th of September at 7PM in Rm 23.

I hope you can attend and share with Father Parlette as well as hear his approach to Stewardship.