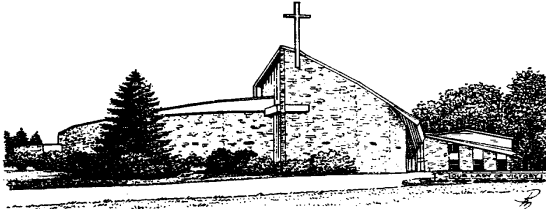


Our Lady of Victory Church

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Pastoral Council Chairman - Chris Kirkpatrick

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri., - 7:00AM & 9:00AM
Wednesday - 9:00am & 7:00pm
Saturday - 9:00AM

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 5:00PM (Vigil)
Sunday- 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, & 5:00PM

HOLY DAY MASSES

6:00PM Vigil 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 12:05PM & 6:00PM

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Fax	237-6709
School	238-1592
Preschool	238-6616
Religious Ed. (C.C.D.)	234-3315
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SVdP Thrift Store	867-3131

Secretaries' Office Hours

Mon.-Fri., 8:30 AM to Noon, 1:00 to 4:00PM

CONFESSIONS

4:00PM - 4:45PM Saturdays
4:00PM - 4:30PM eve of First Friday
7:00PM - 7:30PM all Thursdays
5:00PM - 5:30PM eve of Holy Days.
Offered anytime upon request.

BAPTISM

Sunday 1:30PM with arrangements having been made previously through the Rectory.

MARRIAGE

Diocesan Regulations require nine months prior notice to ensure availability of dates.

BULLETIN NOTICE

Material to be published in the following week's bulletin should be on the editor's desk no later than Tuesday at noon.

Church website : ourladyofvictory.com

Church e-mail : churchoffice@olv.us

School website : olvcs.org

Diocesan website: ajdiocese.org

October 22 & 23, 2005 - 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

MASS MEMORIALS

Monday, October 24, 2005

7:00am - † Gennaro Federico by Stan Miller Family
9:00am - † Patrick Sheridan by Claire & Michael Behe

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

7:00am - † Roberta Williams by Carol Brytczuk
9:00am - † Matthew Weakland by The Weakland Family

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

9:00am - † Marlene Milone by Greta Suhr
7:00pm - † Francis J. Urbanic by Jeffrey Weatherford

Thursday, October 27, 2005

7:00am - † Rose Prestia by Amelia Zakor & Family
9:00am - † Fred Lovisky by Chuck & Barb Lovisky

Friday, October 28, 2005

7:00am - † Richard Selfridge by Ramona Selfridge
9:00am - † Alfreda Slavinski by OLV School Faculty & Staff

Saturday, October 29, 2005

9:00am - † Dorothy E. Chase by John & Kathy Hershbine
5:00pm - † Gregory Costa, Jr. by Brothers & Sisters

Sunday, October 30, 2005

7:30am - † Mary & Joseph Grego by John & Cathy Mester
9:30am - For All People of the Parish
11:30am - † David A. Gardiner by The Kolarik Family
5:00pm - † Anita Avedesian by Mary Kay, Craig & Family

Week of October 23, 2005

Su.: Ex 22:20-26/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/
Mt 22:34-40
Mo.: Rom 8:12-17/ Lk 13:10-17
Tu.: Rom 8:18-25/ Lk 13:18-21
We.: Rom 8:26-30/ Lk 13:22-30
Th.: Rom 8:31b-39/ Lk 13:31-35
Fr.: Eph 2:19-22/ Lk 6:12-16
Sa.: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Su.: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/ 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Altar Server Schedule

At this time, we are not going to be scheduling servers for weekday Masses. If you would like to serve a weekday Mass, you are invited to show up for the Mass and volunteer to serve.

Saturday - October 29

5:00pm - Gus & Chris Sommer,
Kyle Surovec, Colleen Allen

Sunday - October 30

7:30am- Fiona, Thomas & Teresa
Donnellan, Morgan Sichler
9:30am - Josh & Emma Weakland,
Nicholas Lyon, Anna Farnsworth
11:30am Matthew & Darren Balkey,
Anna Gilpatrick, Tim Taylor
5:00pm - Sami Misja, Evan Daniels,
Ryan Bassett, Daniel Forziat

Reflection



Jesus is presented with the daunting task of choosing the most important law for Jews. The

dilemma is that there are so many laws, no matter which He picks, the Pharisees will argue that another law is a better choice. But His answer is impossible to dispute, because no law is more important than loving God and each other, since these are the principles on which Jewish laws are based.

We are presented with this question almost daily. Which law for us is most important? Our answer is found in our actions. How well we treat others in traffic, how kind we are to those we work with, how loving we are to our family and friends, and how generous we can be to those less fortunate all answer the question. The opportunity to be the best witness for Christ comes along everyday. It's our choice how well we respond.

The Sunday 9:30am Mass is broadcast on ESPN Radio, 1450AM.

Weekly Schedule

M-F	6:40am	Morning Prayer, Ch
Su. 10/23	9:00am	Engaged Encounter, AC
	7:30pm	Bazaar Committee Mtg., AC Lib.
Mo. 10/24	6:00pm	Youth Group, AC Youth Room
	6:30pm	Baptism Prep. Class, Ch
	7:00pm	Ancient Order of Hibernians, AC MR #2
	7:00pm	Stewardship/Discipleship, AC SCR
Tu. 10/25	2:00pm	Floral Committee Work Session, Ch
	3:30pm	Children's Choir, AC MR
	4:15pm	Youth Choir, AC MR
	7:00pm	St. Dunstan Handbells, AC MR
	8:00pm	Westminster Handbell, AC MR
We. 10/26	9:30am	Resurrection Choir, AC MR
	6:30pm	Sight-reading, AC MR
	6:35pm	Rosary, Ch
	7:00pm	Daily Mass, Ch
	7:00pm	Opus Dei Women, UR
	7:30pm	Sanctuary Choir, AC
	7:30pm	RCIA, AC SAAR
Th 10/27	7:30am	24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00pm	Children's Liturgy of the Word Meeting, AC SAAR
Fr. 10/28	7:30am	Booster Club Breakfast Meeting, AC GSH
	9:00am	School Mass, Ch
	1:15pm	School Rosary, Ch
	6:30pm	PTG Halloween Party, AC GSH
Sa. 10/29	7:45am	Men's Prayer/Bible Study, AC SAAR
	10:00am	Knights & Squires, ACMR

Confessions are at 4:00pm on Saturdays and 7:00pm on Thursdays.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School Headlines - Eighth grade would like to thank those who bought items and donated money for the bake sale raising money for Katrina victims who go to Catholic schools. They raised over \$800! Wow! As a further service project, all middle schoolers participated in one of three good works originally planned for our rained out OLV Day. Sixth graders helped sort clothing at the St. Vincent de Paul's store, some seventh graders worked at the State College Food Bank, and other seventh graders and eighth graders cleaned local parks. It was a beautiful day!

A fire truck visited OLV school on Tuesday as a pep rally stunt put on by our cheerleaders in support of our girl's middle school basketball team.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School is seeking substitute teachers for grades K-8. If interested, e-mail the school at: principal@olvcs.org or call the school office at 238-1592.

OLV Prayer Network Ministry - Prayer requests may be offered through the Prayer Network by calling Margaret Morella (234-2218), Janine Surovec (466-7017), Lisa Wagner (234-0574) or Peg Roy (231-0224). Anyone interested in being added to the Prayer Network to receive prayers or pray for others can contact Peg Roy at Margaret_Roy@baxter.com.

Religious Education - Group Leaders are still needed for the 11th Grade Confirmation Class. If you can help out, please contact Deacon Lapinski at deacondcf@aol.com.



Last Week's Collection: Weekly Collection \$17,759.00 with 692 families using envelopes. THANK YOU FOR BEING GOOD STEWARDS.



Becoming A Catholic - If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic and looking for a church home, please invite him or her to attend RCIA sessions held on Wednesdays, 7:30pm in the Activities Center. For more information, call Mary Ann at 237-7832, ext. 239.

Homebound - If you have relatives or friends from the parish who are homebound, please notify the parish office at 237-7832 if they would like to receive Communion.

Hospital/Rehab Stay - Call the Church Office at 237-7832 if you are or will be a patient at Mount Nittany Medical Center or Health South Rehab Center and wish the Eucharist brought to you. Neither facility notifies us.

The Marian Gift Shop is open from 4:30pm to 5:00pm and 6:00pm to 6:30pm on Saturdays, and 9:00am to 11:30am on Sundays, or by appointment. Please call Rose (238-6182) or Margaret (238-0784) to schedule.

Bookkeeper Needed - The Marian Gift Shop is in need of a bookkeeper beginning in January. If you can volunteer approximately two hours a week, please call Dave Snyder at 234-1577.

OLV Church Library, in the Activities Center, is open Sundays from 8:30am to 1:30pm and Wed., 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information, call Chuck & Maria Melchioris at 238-2164 or Pat Lutz at 466-6328.

Please Remember In Your Prayers Reinaldo Calvachi, father of Greta Ostroski and Thomas Gorski, father of Jim Gorski, who died recently.

It Is With Great Joy we welcome Brian William Capone, son of Dean & Cheryl, to the OLV Parish Family.

Adult Education Classes held on Sunday evenings have been cancelled.

Altar Flower Memorials - If you would like to donate live altar flowers to our Church in memory or in honor of a loved one or for a special occasion, call the OLV office during regular office hours (237-7832) to begin the process. An announcement of your donation will appear in the OLV bulletin, unless you direct us not to do so. A minimum donation of \$50.00 is requested.

Chrismon Ornaments - Liturgical Arts Committee invites those interested in purchasing Chrismon ornaments like those on the 2004 tree to please call Roberta Kenney at 238-3989 or to come to the Church office to order them. The cost is \$2.00 each and delivery will be after December 15.

Greeters - Families Urgently Needed. Volunteer to greet before Mass on Saturday vigil, Sunday Masses, holidays and special events. This is an easy way to teach your children to give back to their Catholic community by welcoming their fellow parishioners and visitors to OLV. It takes only a half-hour of your time a few days of the year. Please call Kathleen Taylor at 237-6369 or e-mail Kathleen_tay@msn.com to sign up.

Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is having \$5.00 Bag Sale on Monday, Oct. 24 through Sat., Oct. 29. Store hours are Mon. through Fri., 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sat., 10:00am to 1:00pm. Volunteers are always welcome.

Opus Dei Women's Group will meet on Wed., Nov. 2, 11:00am at the home of Kay and Heidi Tittmann, 2466 Sassafraas Ct. Call 238-2582 for directions.



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00am on October 30. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour.

Volunteers for Serving Daily Mass - We are seeking adult men and women to serve 7:00am; 9:00am and the 7:00pm Masses during the week. If you wish to take a turn serving, please notify the Church office as to what day and time you prefer. A schedule will be issued in a few weeks.

Quote for Thought - "Entering into silence is comparable to entering a warm home on a chilly day. As soon as you step through the door, the warmth surrounds you and immediately makes itself felt. But if you are chilled to the bone, it takes a while for the warmth to sink in. The same is true of silence. The moment you sit in meditation and become silent, the silence surrounds you and immediately makes itself felt. But the chatter of your wandering mind and the frayed edges of a hectic day have a real grip on you, it takes a while for silence to sink in."

- James Finley in Christian Meditation, Harper San Francisco, pp. 106-107

Quote for Thought Lite -

"If you wish to be happy,
Let me tell you the way:
Don't live tomorrow
'Til you lived today."



The Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy. It is the goal of the Gabriel Project to help such women with all their practical needs as well as offering them unconditional love in an apostolate of friendship throughout their pregnancy. For information on how you can help with the Gabriel Project or be helped by it, please call 237-8784.

Lectors Needed - We need more men and women to serve as Lectors (readers) at Sunday Masses. If you are a fully initiated Catholic in good standing and have a strong voice, please consider volunteering for this ministry. If you are interested, call Patrick Scholl at 867-6545, or notify the parish office.

Vocation Chalice - The Vocation Chalice continues to go to parishioners' homes. If you would like to pray for vocations in this special way, please contact the Rectory at 237-7832 or e-mail Mark Reid at mreid@shst.edu.

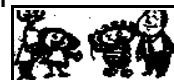
World Mission Sunday - Today, World Mission Sunday, along with Catholics around the world, we are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support. Through the Propagation of the Faith, we continue the mission of our Lord to help the poor and suffering experience the healing love and peace of Jesus. To learn more about the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and World Missions, visit www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org.

Protecting God's Children: How do we protect our children at parish/school events such as festivals and other fund-raising activities?

Children/youth volunteering at a school/parish event: Adults who are directly responsible for children who are volunteering at such activities need to be protectors of the children and therefore need to attend the Protecting God's Children training. It is also helpful and advisable that other adults who are involved in the activity attend a training and are therefore more alert to the potential for harm to children not only from abusers but other safety concerns.

Children/youth attend school/parish activities: For the most part, children who attend such events as participants with their parents and/or guardians are the responsibility of these individuals. The parish and school must do their part to maintain a safe environment, but they can never replace the attention of parents and guardians.

Children & Youth Protection and Advocacy Office, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Fall 2005. Please note our new name.



Parish Registration and Changes - New parishioners are always welcome. Please pick up a registration form at the Parish Office, Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4:00pm or on Sundays after the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses. Please advise the parish office of any change in address, telephone number or if you are moving from the parish. A reminder: if you plan to be a godparent for Baptism or Confirmation or have your baby baptized, you must be a registered parishioner at Our Lady of Victory.

Attention Boys in Grades 1-5. Want to go camping, build a car to race in the Pinewood Derby, help with community service projects and help to feed the hungry? OLV Cub Scout Pack 383 is off to a great start with a community service project completed and a Family Campout scheduled for this weekend. We are enrolling new Scouts in grades 1-5. Call 861-7797. Check out <http://pack383.blogspot.com>.

K C Bingo Monday, Oct. 24 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at the KC Club, 850 Stratford Drive, in State College. Doors open at 5:30pm. The Jackpot is \$1200 in 54 numbers and our *Magic Numbers* will pay \$100. Only \$3.50 to play the minimum (4 cards, 20 games) or \$8.25 for the minimum plus all special games (total of 37 games).

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program - Again the Knights will be awarding scholarships to children of Knights of Columbus members. The state program awards \$3000 to one winner in the diocese. Our local council also offers a \$500 scholarship to a child or grandchild of a member of the local council. To receive an application, or if you have questions about the scholarship program, please contact Mark Thorwart at 238-0266 or mthorwart@adelphia.net.

Knights of Columbus October General Meeting will start at 7:30pm Wed., October 26, in the meeting room at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Stratford Drive. All Knights in Father O'Hanlon Council 4678 are invited to attend and contribute to the meeting.

K of C Concession Booth Support - The Knights of Columbus need help in their concession stands at Beaver Stadium for the Purdue football game on Oct. 29. The concession booth revenues are the primary source of funds for council charities. High School Students can receive community service credit for work with the Knights. Kickoff for the game is 3:30pm workers should arrive by 1:30pm. If you have tickets for the game and would be willing to help at halftime, we could use your help then. Call Lionel Bassett (238-7003), Bill Klucher(238-3400), or Rich Szmolko (861-5376) if you can help.

St. Paul's Men's Group meets Saturdays, 7:30 to 9:00am in the OLV Activities Center. Discussions range from "just war" to "stem cell research" to "sexuality". The topics are all reviewed within the context of our Catholic Catechism, Catholic doctrine and teaching. Coffee and free donuts. Contact Andy Mazzara at 867-4481(H)/865-7098 (W), or afm126@psu.edu or just show up.

Concerned About An Alcoholic/Addict in Your Family? - Come and spend an evening with Sister Fran Stein, RSM, who has extensive experience helping people recover spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically from abuse of and addiction to chemicals. Sessions will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on Thurs., Oct. 27 and Nov.3, 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Cost is \$10 a session or \$20 for the series. To register, contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551.

Youth Ministry

-Youth Group will meet on Mon., Oct. 24 at 6:00pm in the Youth Room. Remember to dress for the weather, we will be passing out fliers.

- Trick-Or-Treating for Canned Goods - On October 30, we will be picking up the canned goods at 12:30pm in Halloween costumes.

-Quote for Thought for Teens - "Study is the application of one's mind upon verbal and nonverbal realities...we need to provide young people with the tools to study the scriptures and church teaching. If teens are to think Christian, and therefore, critically reflect on the culture around them, they must have a good understanding of God's revealed word."

- Frank Mercadante, Growing Teen Disciples, p. 204

Please check out the forum on our website youth.olv.info for the most up to date details on these events or contact Katie Murry at 404-8580 or e-mail katie@olv.info for more information.

OLVCS Booster Club Meeting will be held at 7:30am on Friday, Oct. 28 at the OLV Activities Center. We hope to see you all there. Any questions, email olvbooster@yahoo.com. Don't forget about our First Annual Casino Night on Friday, Nov. 11. Individual tickets go on sale soon.

PIAA 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball:

Oct. 10 - OLV: 25 / St. Francis of Clearfield: 19 - The Our Lady of Victory Lady Crusaders avenged an early season loss to the St. Francis Fillies at home.

Oct. 13 - OLV: 27/ Dubois CC: 22 - Our Lady of Victory displayed great depth in the win.

Oct. 14 - OLV: 31/ Park Forest: 30 (Overtime) - The Lady Crusaders closed out a long week of play with a thrilling overtime victory against Park Forest.

APL Girls Basketball:

4th/5th Grade Blue Lady Crusaders won their game against St. John's with a score of 10-4. All the girls played awesome defense to secure this victory.

4th/5th Grade White had a bye.

6th Grade Lady Crusaders - Overpowering. That's the word that best describes OLV's 32-13 win over St. John's.

SCC Knights Football: The State College Catholic Knights football team defeated Watkins Christian Academy on their home turf in Youngstown, Ohio last weekend, by a score of 26-20. The Knights remain undefeated this season, and play again this weekend vs. the Kennedy Catholic Firebirds in Sharon, PA.

The State College Catholic Crusaders Football Team won a tough game on Wednesday, defeating the State College Lions by a score 8 to 6. The Lions led most of the game, when the Crusaders scored in the last five minutes on a run, with strong blocking on the left side of the line. The Crusaders then proceeded to take the lead with a two point conversion. They play the Kane Tomados next in Kane, PA.

Our Lady of Victory Parish BAZAAR

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday November 19, 2005

****TAKE A LOOK AT THIS TO SEE WHERE YOU CAN STEP IN AND HAVE FUN AT THE BAZAAR****

The annual OLV Bazaar and Tailgate Party is a fun filled event for the Parish and the community. The success is reflected in the fun that people have and in the contributions that we are able to make to the parish and the school. The Bazaar provides an important funding boost to our Catholic school and also helps with parish expenses. A quality Catholic education is a blessing that we need to support along with our parish.

Committee Meeting: The next Bazaar Committee meeting will be on Sunday, October 23 at 7:30pm in the Activities Center Library. We have an exciting event planned, and there are many areas that provide opportunities to step in and serve the School and the Parish. The philosophy of the committee is that no person should be over burdened with work. The only way this can happen is with people volunteering their time and talent. There are many exciting things happening regarding the Bazaar, so please plan to attend this meeting!

Crafts: The craft committee is working to create many beautiful items and there are lots of people in the parish with talents who could help in this area. The Bazaar always has many quality crafts including holiday items, crocheted and hand-sewn items, woodcrafts, ceramics and much, much more. The Craft Committee is looking for people interested in crocheting towels. These are popular items. Please watch for announcements in the bulletin or displays in the Gathering space for how you can contribute. To donate items or pick up materials, contact Joy Stauffer (for non-sewing projects) at 234-4804 or Pat Lutz (for sewing projects) at 466-6328.

Marketing/Program: We will again be publishing the Bazaar Program that is distributed to all parishioners and OLV school families. Business owners reach 1500 loyal families by donating items for our popular Silent Auction or buying an advertisement. Contact Maria Hughes @231-8200 ext 345 or Maria.Hughes@adelphia.net or Greg Woodman at 237-0481 ext 131 or Greg@affinityconnection.com and if you want to help contact some businesses that you know, it is real easy and fun to do, contact Maria or Greg. **Get your ad in soon, the printing deadline is Oct. 31!**

Silent Auction: We anticipate that, again this year, the Silent Auction will be filled with donations from local businesses, gift certificates, antiques and artwork. If you can donate an item for the Silent Auction or if you work at or know of a business that can donate an item or gift certificate, let us know. Contributors will be recognized with an ad in the Bazaar Program based on the value of the item donated. For more information, contact Maria Hughes 234-1104 or Anna McGrail at 466-6105.

Theme Baskets: The Theme Basket Raffles are immensely popular and we hope to have many great baskets again this year! We thank all of you who have contributed to this success in the past. We've had a great variety including: children's theme baskets, dinner baskets, baking baskets and dozens of others. Some baskets donated early will be displayed after weekend Masses at the Bazaar Table in the Gathering Space. For more information, contact Margaret Kowalski (238-4198).

Games: The kids' and adult games are a fun attraction with something for everyone. Watch for the volunteer sign up list in the Gathering Space to reserve your time slot to have fun. Clean, stuffed animals for prizes can be left in the Gathering Space. If you'd like to help, call Mark and Karen Griffin (867-5546).

Entertainment: Talented individuals or groups are needed for entertainment at the Bazaar. We've had jugglers, magicians, bands, singers, dancers, yo-yo tricks and instrumentalists. To volunteer, call Steve and Roberta Milillo (238-3920).

Baked Goods: There will be contribution sign up sheets in the Gathering Space for you to let us know what you can provide in the sweet tooth specialty booth, or to help satisfy someone else's. We always need help for this tasty area. If you can help, please call Anne Peno (238-9421) or Becky Clark (238-2832).

Raffle Tickets: The raffle tickets are on their way. This year's Grand Prize is \$2000! Please return your donation so you can have a chance at one of the many cash prizes to be awarded. Questions, contact Jason and Annie Foytack at 861-5286.

Bazaar Food: The dinner menu for the Bazaar is always a highlight of the event. A lot of preparation goes into making meals of the quality that we've had, so if you would like to help, please contact John Kikta at 861-5147.

Volunteers: If you can volunteer to work at the Bazaar, help out with any of the preliminary work or can make a baked good, there are sign up sheets at the Bazaar table in the Gathering Space. If you would be willing to help make phone calls or if you just have questions, please contact Chris Rogan 235-1907.

Remember it's the people of the Parish who make the events of the Parish fun and successful!!

Stewardship of Our Treasure

T rue stewardship is taking care of and sharing all that we have and all that we are – our time, talents, and treasure. Why is it so important to share our treasure?

Money and all of the things that we possess (our treasure) are gifts from God that we are asked to care for and generously share for our own benefit and the good of others. It is important for us to share our money and all material possessions for two reasons: first, because all good things that God has made (including money) are meant to be shared, and, second, because each of us has a *need to give*.

Why do we need to give? We need to give our money to individuals and families in need, to the Church, and to other worthwhile charitable organizations because giving money is good for the soul and because we need to return thanks to a loving God for all of the many blessings each of us has received.

One of the most frequently asked questions in any stewardship educational program is **“How much do I have to give?”** The answer (from a stewardship perspective) is *nothing*. We don’t have to give anything. “How much do we *want* to give?” is the question that a steward asks. Stewardship is not minimum giving. It is maximum giving.

That means giving as much as we can, from the heart as a faith response because we are generous stewards who want to share our time, talent, and treasure with others.

Frequently, in discussions of stewardship (or “sacrificial giving”), reference will be made to “the biblical tithe” (giving 10 percent of one’s income) and other norms that could provide helpful guidelines for generous giving.

As disciples of Jesus, each of us has a responsibility to support the Church and to contribute generously to the building up of the Body of Christ.

The emphasis in the bishops’ pastoral, *Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*, is not on “tithing” (giving a fixed percent of income), but on giving according to our means. In many ways, this is a far more challenging norm. It challenges us to be good stewards not only in how much we give away, but in what we do with all our resources.

[*Stewardship and Development in Catholic Dioceses and Parishes: Resource Manual*; US Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2002]

