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| ***Living a Life of Stewardship***  *“What return can I make to the Lord for all that He has done for me?” (Ps. 116:12)* | |
| **2020-2021 CONFIRMATION STEWARDSHIP-SERVICE REFLECTION** | |
| **What does it mean to live a life of Christian stewardship and service?** | ***Stewardship of TALENT*** |
| If we are truly **DISCIPLES** of Christ, our lives must be lives of **STEWARDSHIP**! As Disciples of Christ, we are challenged to realize that **ALL THAT WE ARE** and **ALL THAT WE HAVE** are **GIFTS FROM GOD** – our **TIME**, our **TALENT**, and our **TREASURE**. Perhaps our greatest gift from God is the very gift of life itself! What we do with our life is our gift to God.  **A good “STEWARD” realizes that:**   * All gifts come from God! * God created us with the need to give. He desires that we give in a spirit of **THANKSGIVING** and **JOY**! * We do not “own” the gifts we’ve been given, but are called to use our unique set of gifts to love and serve God and neighbor. * We must give ourselves to God first. Only then do we give to others - individuals, our parish family, our community, our world! * God desires that we **FREELY CHOOSE** to use our gifts of **TIME**, **TALENT**, and **TREASURE**. He desires that we are motivated to **GIVE** **OUT OF LOVE, GRATITUDE, JUSTICE, and JOY**, not out of duty, obligation, fear, or guilt. * Living a life of STEWARDHIP will lead us to a deeper awareness of CHRIST’s presence in our lives, into a more personal and profound relationship with Christ, and it will strengthen us to share the Gospel message with everyone we meet! | ***“Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.” (Proverbs 16:3)***  During your Confirmation preparation, you will be asked to use your TALENTS in service to God and others. You will be asked to complete one group service project, volunteer to assist at one church activity, and participate in one community service activity. In an effort to help you learn more about the faith community into which you will be fully initiated at Confirmation, the “church” activity must be completed at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. You need to complete a google form for each service experience. The links are below.  Group: <https://forms.gle/YZHmyX8fKAzZFqbu9>  Church: <https://forms.gle/EQWy8Eqz4jTHNG9j9>  Community: <https://forms.gle/km1K2igTBZy5we5x5>  ***“Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service.”***  **-Blessed Mother Teresa**  http://www.marypages.com/TeresaMother.jpg |

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| ***STEWARDSHIP OF TIME*** | ***STEWARDSHIP PRAYER*** |
| ***C:\Users\Julie\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\PHLUNZTV\MC900300900[1].wmf***If someone were to ask you *“To whom or to what do you give most of your time?”*, how would you respond? **Being a good steward of TIME means making time for the things that are the most important in our lives**. We tend to make time for the things we love the most.  Who or what should be most important in our lives? Shouldn’t it be God? Shouldn’t it be God that we love the most? Isn’t God the one who gave us TIME in the first place, by giving us the very gift of life?  When do I give my TIME to God alone? How much TIME do I make for God?  During your Confirmation preparation, you are asked to evaluate how you use the gift of your TIME, especially in regard to the time you dedicate to God in prayer (personal prayer, family prayer, and communal prayer). You are asked to make a commitment to giving more of your TIME to God. You are also asked to participate in different experiences of prayer offered at St. Francis Xavier or your sponsor’s parish, if possible, or prayer experiences offered at other local parishes or in your community.  Time: <https://forms.gle/2nUU38eFE3JtX7gh8> | ***Almighty God, we thank You for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have, and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, Your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way of eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and the giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our TIME, TALENT, and our TREASURE be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and by His death for us. Amen***  Where are your talents with Igor Azanov ~ Life and Analytics |