

 **ST. PATRICK**
CATHOLIC PARISH-PASCO

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St. Patrick Pastor's Reflection on Stewardship

"We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you... May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit." (Eucharistic Prayer II)

"I believe stewardship is thanksgiving, standing at the presence of God and serving God....it flows from our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ and is the way the Holy Spirit draws the parish together by building up the community with the gifts God has given to each one..." (Rev. Robert Turner)

Stewardship a Way of Life

Stewardship is part of discipleship. But Christian discipleship begins with vocation, the call to follow Jesus and imitate his way of life. Who is a Christian steward? One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord. (*U.S. Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*)

This brochure contains a list of community, parish, and personal family opportunities that might be helpful in planning a steward's response. *If you are called to give back some of your time in any of the following ministries, please simply contact the person in each ministry or you may call the office at (509) 547-8841 or email info@stpatspasco.org.*

A Steward's Guide to Time and Talent, and Treasure

In responding to the Lord's call to be good stewards we are invited to reflect and to pray about our response in these three areas:

Time: Each week, God gives us 168 hours. "What portion of those 168 hours am I going to give back to God for all He has given to me?" Do I spend time in daily prayer? Do I pray with my family? Do I attend Sunday mass? Where else do you believe it is important for you and your family to spend time with God.

Talent: God has given to each of us skills, qualities or talents. Yes, your talent could enrich the life of this parish and the community. No talent is less worthy than others. All talents are a blessing and a symbol of God presence in our lives.

Treasure: From the blessing of treasure God asks us to dedicate a portion of it to serve those in need and to strengthen our own faith community. We invite you to pray to God about what you can give back to Him. A Biblical invitation is to give back to God 10% of what he has given us. The church invites us to give back this way: 5% to charities and 5% to the church.

Altar Society

Contact: Maria Tamez | (509) 380-0562

The Women of St. Patrick's Altar Society have committed to providing parish services such as Funeral receptions; Serving coffee and donuts on the third Sunday of the month to promote fellowship in our parish; Washing and dry cleaning vestments and altar linens; Decorating the church for Christmas and Easter; Serving the Parish as we are able at the pastor's request in areas of hospitality; Creating ways to raise funds to help our parish through activities that bring our community together.

Cursillo de Cristiandad

Contact: Estela Lopez | (509) 302-0128

The term "Cursillo" means "short course," and people (candidates) attend a Cursillo or retreat over a 3-day weekend. Topics are presented by both trained laity and clergy. Following the introductory weekend, "graduates" or Cursillistas, as they are now called, are encouraged to join small groups of other Cursillistas and meet ones a week throughout their lives, these meetings are call ultreyas. These small groups provide encouragement and accountability for each individual as they try to live out their Christian calling as laity. Anyone who is interested in living their curcillo is welcome to attend our weekly meeting (ultreya).

Evangelization Commission

Contact: Maria Elena Ramos | (509) 547-5590

The purpose of the Evangelization committee is that God is sending us to build a culture of life which, promotes and protects the lives and dignity of all persons from conception until natural death; and improves the lives of local families through education. If you are interested in joining our committee we meet every fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Guadalupanas

Contact: Maria Tamez | (509) 380-0562

The purpose of the Guadalupanas Group is to help build a better family and thus create a more united Christian community proclaiming the Kingdom of God among us, putting ourselves at the service of the community.

Community Life Committee

Contact: Mary Bravard | (509) 547-1157 | dmbrava@gmail.com

The Human Formation Commission is part of the Pastoral Council whose mission is to bring people together as a faith family. Our job is to plan and carry out social events throughout the year. We work to have representatives from all of the Parish groups and other interested parishioners to work together on events. We can then support each other more fully. We put on the Parish Soup Nights, welcoming and farewell get-togethers, and other celebration events. Our Parish is large and get-togethers help to energize us as a family.

Jail Ministry

Contact: Deacon Antonio Rodriguez | (509) 547-8841 x112

"I was in prison and you came to visit me..." -Matthew 25:36, "Be Not Afraid!" Jesus was incarcerated during his life, and he can still be found in the jail. Come and see for yourself. Join this ministry team! Consider assisting with this ministry for both women and men. A group of parish volunteers visits the jail every week. To be part of the ministry, the volunteers would have to fill out an application with the Department of Justice and have a background check in order to be approved.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Director: Martin Pena | (509) 547-8841 x121

The Rite of Christian Initiation is like a journey but in this journey the participants receive the faith of the Catholic Church, they reflect on it, learn to pray about it and once they have reached a maturity of the faith they have/ will receive and are ready to accepted, they are welcome into the church and the sacraments are conferred on them. This program is for all adults (18 years and older) who: Are unbaptized and would like to be received fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Communion; Have been baptized in another Christian community and seek full communion into the Catholic Church; Have been baptized Catholic as infants but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Classes are on Sunday morning from 9:00 am to 10:30 am in the conference room of the parish office.

Marriage Encounter

Contact: Agustin and Blanca Zaragoza | (509) 380-3464

The Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive and personal experience that offers couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. It is an opportunity to look deeply into their relationship as a couple and their relationship with God. It is a time to share their feelings, hopes, and dreams with each other. The emphasis of the Marriage Encounter Weekend is the communication between husband and wife, to focus only on each other. If you are looking for your relationship to grow, be more deep and rich, then you would like the difference the Marriage Encounter Weekend can make in your life.

Pre-Marriage Ministry

Director: Martin Pena | (509) 547-8841 x121

The Pre-Marriage ministry of St. Patrick offers retreats to couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. The team who coordinates the retreat is made of couples who have been married in the church for a considerable time, who gladly share their experience with couples preparing to receive the sacrament of matrimony. The retreat is designed so that participating couple reflect on different family themes and the teachings of the church regarding matrimony and family. This ministry gathers on the last Tuesday of the month from 6 pm to 8 pm in the basement of the parish office. The goal of the meeting is to foster community, formation regarding the sacrament of matrimony or family life, and preparing for the future retreats.

Lector Ministry

Contact: Steve Taber | (509) 222-9687

When the two sacred scriptures are read at Mass, selected lectors are reading and explaining the word of God. God himself is actually speaking to the parishioners. Therefore, lectors take much pride in sharing the importance of the message.

Lectors must be carefully prepared and comfortable speaking to a large group of people. They must speak slowly and in a loud and clear voice. Appropriate dress is required. Lectors are expected to practice the readings before Mass and arrive early for proper preparation. Lectors' typically have a partner to share the readings but need to be prepared to handle both readings if needed. Lectors have a special responsibility in being a part of the Mass celebration and a commitment is required.

Music Ministry

Contact: Santiago Reyes | (509) 547-8841 x111

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At Saint Patrick's we truly recognize the commitment of sharing our love for God and for the music through the music ministry. We invite you to join our choirs and to follow the divine commandment by serving God and our Catholic community through this wonderful ministry. We have *Contemporary Choir, Adult Choir, Choir of St. Patrick, and the Hispanic Choir*

Religious Education (3rd–6th)

Director: Raquel Aguilera | (509) 547-8841 x114

The Children faith formation program of St. Patrick Catholic Parish provides opportunities for children to grow in their knowledge of God and the Catholic Faith in order to prepare them to celebrate the sacraments of initiation. Our program starts preparing students in their Third to Sixth school grade and runs as a two-year program, the first is geared toward religious education and the second towards sacramental preparation. The program also provides an opportunity for volunteers to share the faith and help increase the kingdom of God.

Youth Formation (7th–12th)

Director: Natali Mendoza | (509) 547-8841 x113

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Youth Group is open to those wanting to prepare for Sacraments, young ladies preparing for their Quinceañera Celebration and those coming to enrich their knowledge about their faith. Our goal is to help young people live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. We hope to empower young people to live out their faith, to foster their spiritual and personal growth and to integrate them into the life, mission, and work of our Catholic community. The program also provides an opportunity for volunteers to come and share the faith and spend some time with our youth. We have lots of activities going on! Come check us out!

Frassati

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We are a group of Young adults who are impulse by our Catholic faith. We desire to live our vocation in sainthood and to lead other young adults to actively respond to the message of the gospel. To promote this we offer different activities throughout the year, for example, social gatherings, movie nights, plays, Holy hours and our annual retreat. With these activities, we foment our faith and build friendship with one another. In a community, we support each other to follow our faith and to find our vocation. We meet on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the South Rooms.

St. Patrick Catholic School

Principal: Kris Peugh | (509) 547-7261 | principal@stpatpasco.org

St. Patrick Catholic School is a ministry of the parish. The school offers an education rooted in our Catholic faith, providing an engaging, nurturing, and diverse environment in which students have the opportunity to develop their spiritual, intellectual, and physical abilities. Teachers, administrators, support staff and parents work in collaboration to foster in students a dedication to learning, a capacity to lead and work with others, and the understanding to use their God-given gifts in service to their community.

Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

Contact: Deacon Antonio Rodriguez | (509) 547-8841 x112

"...when I was sick, you visited me" — Matthew 25:36

Members of this Ministry bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who cannot make it to church due to sickness or infirmity. To be part of this Ministry you must be at least 18 years old and approved for training as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, must take the Virtus Training which entails having a background check, and must be committed to bring communion to those in need at least once a week or weekend to the hospitals, care centers, nursing homes, apartments or private homes.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Jesse Garza | (509) 545-0215

In 1882, Fr Michael J McGivney and a small group of men established the Knights of Columbus. They conceived the idea of an organization of Catholic men who would band together to aid one another in times of sickness or death, to strengthen themselves and each other in the Faith, to strengthen families and family life, too be a strong pillar of support for their priests and bishops. And to be of service to the Church and the community by coming to the aid of those most in need in society *they called themselves Knights of Columbus.*

Perpetual Adoration

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Perpetual Adoration is the Eucharistic devotion whereby parishioners commit to at least one hour of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament, both during the day and throughout the night during the week.

The adorers have the responsibility to be faithful to the hour they are scheduled. The suggested norm for having Jesus exposed in the monstrance is that there should be at least two adorers present, and He must never be left alone. Could not these words of our Lord be applied today? *"Indeed, this is the will of my heavenly Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son, and believes in Him, shall have eternal life. I will raise him up on the last day."*

Catholic Daughters

Regent: Jackie Shegrud | (509) 547-2594

The purposes of the organization are to participate in the religious, charitable and educational Apostolates of the Church. Catholic Daughters of Americas engage in creative and spiritual programs, which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways that positively influence the welfare of the Church and all people throughout the world. Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

Senior Companions

Contact: Anne Meyer | (509) 946-4645 | www.catholiccharities.org
The Senior Companion Program is a no-fee service through which people age 55 and older provide assistance and friendship to elderly and adult individuals who are homebound with special needs, and generally living alone. The program serves Benton, Franklin, Yakima and Walla Walla counties. By taking care of simple chores, providing transportation, and offering contact to the outside world. Senior Companions often are essential in assisting the individuals to live independently. Senior Companions usually serve 6 to 8 “friends” through 15-20 hours of service per week.

Prayer Group Rayos de Paz

Contact: Isaias Martinez | (509) 460-9725
This group is made of people who have lived a renewal in their faith through an encounter with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. This group is commonly known as Charismatic (Charism, meaning, gift). This ministry offers a weekend retreat once a year known as Seminary of Life. This retreat is for people who are looking to encounter Jesus and renew their faith. This group has their prayer assembly on Fridays at 7 pm in the church. Everyone is invited from the youngest to the oldest. If you feel in your heart the desire to praise God, to encounter the risen Lord, and to build community you are invited to attend.

Secular Franciscans

Contact: Pat Franz | (509) 627-0208 | www.tcfran.org
The Secular Franciscan Order is an official Order of the Roman Catholic Church, founded by Saint Francis of Assisi to allow Catholic lay men and women to commit themselves to follow the Gospel according to the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order. Our vocation to the Gospel Life is to follow Jesus Christ after the manner inspired by St Francis, living our Rule in fraternity as sisters and brothers. We meet at St. Patrick Parish, but members of all area parishes who feel called to follow the way of St. Francis are welcome.

Lourdes Auxiliary

Contact: Sherry Stringer | (509) 546-2310
Lourdes Health (Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital) has been inspired by the vision, courage, and spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet who come to Pasco in 1916 to open the first hospital in the region. With few resources, but with deep faith and a great desire to care for the sick of the community after the example of Jesus, dedicated physicians and concerned community members helped make the dream a reality. Lourdes is a faith-based organization, serving all persons without distinction, especially the poor and most vulnerable. Lourdes welcomes volunteers and is thankful to all men and women who help in the different areas of this ministry according to our mission:

“Lourdes mission is an extension of the healing ministry of Jesus. We are called to serve our patients, their loved ones, and our co-workers with respect, compassion, and care. We respond to the health care needs of our community in a Christian spirit. We strive for excellence in all we do.”

The volunteers provide different support services but no patient care. These services include; information desk, gift shop, administrative support in different departments, Lourdes foundation and commercialism, and pastoral care. We appreciate your interest and questions.

St. Vincent de Paul

Contact: Marie Schultz | (509) 302-9025
St. Vincent de Paul Society is a lay organization made up of men and women in our parish whose goal is to join together in a bond of friendship, and to grow spiritually by offering service to those who are needy and suffering, in the tradition of our founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. Our vision is to help heal the hurt of hunger and despair and be an “Open Door to Hope” to our neighbors in need. Our mission is to provide emergency services to our community’s desperate families and individuals while helping them to make positive changes in their lives.

Serra Club

Contact: Mike Barnett | (509) 586-0274 | www.serra.us.org
Serra Club of the Tri Cities is an organization of lay men and women whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life in the USA and through this vocation ministry, further our members' common Catholic faith. Our vision is to have all people respond to God's call to their vocation in life. The Serra Club of the Tri Cities is unique because it supports vocations of both diocese Spokane and Yakima by adopting seminarian and priest, giving spiritual and financial support to the Quo Vadis and Vocare program. Promoting and celebrating priesthood Sunday and other celebrations regarding priest hood and religious life.
On the first Saturday, we have Mass for Vocations at alternating churches at 8:00 or 8:30 am, followed by a breakfast meeting. On the third Tuesday, we have a dinner meeting at various locations (parish hall, restaurant or one of the members' backyards). To know more about the Serra Club, here are other contacts Bill Davis (509)946-5782, Louise St Hilaire (509)547-4879, Liz Johnston (509)308-1861, Juanita Heinen (509)531-3476.

PREPARES

Contact: Syndee Saucedo | (509) 946-4645 syndee@preparesforlife.org

PREPARES sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of Washington State and open to all people, provides services to pregnant mothers, fathers, and their families from pregnancy to the child's fifth birthday. PREPARES is now in 113 parishes state-wide and has trained 760 volunteers to support families. Our hope is to develop this life and justice ministry at St. Patrick's by focusing on recruiting volunteers to help us fill the following elements:

- We are seeking Family Companions willing to be matched with a mother or father who is seeking emotional support. PREPARES staff provide training and technical assistance to parishes and volunteers.
- Parish-based lead volunteers whom can help coordinate and sustain the progress of PREPARES at St. Pat's and identify additional ways the parish and parishioners can support families in the Pasco community.

At this time we are desperately seeking Bilingual folks willing to make a commitment to this ministry!