

St. Edward Stewardship

the language of our faith, spoken through our actions!

Lent Stewardship - 2010

The International Catholic Stewardship Council shared this special message in its March 2009 newsletter:

"Lent is a special season for the Christian steward to center attention on conversion, one of the first principles of Christian stewardship. It is a time when conversion finds practical expression in prayer, fasting and developing habits of greater generosity. In the current financial crisis, with rising unemployment, and a deepening global recession, the Lenten season invites stewards to focus more intensely on their relationship with the Lord and cultivate a greater awareness of those in need. It is because we live in such an increasingly interconnected world, that the poor and vulnerable suffer the worst during these times.

In his annual Lenten message, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, made clear that fasting from food and detaching oneself from material goods during Lent helps us open our hearts to God and our hands to the poor. 'Fasting is an aid to open our eyes to the situation in which so many of our brothers and sisters live.'

Lent is also a time to practice almsgiving; to renounce those conveniences and material comforts that keep us from hearing the cries of a fragile world and find creative ways to respond to the poor. Almsgiving brings together love for God and love for neighbor."

As we approach the Lenten season, let us make a concrete commitment to prayer, fasting and acts of generosity. Let us pray for the wisdom and strength to let go of things that get in the way of our relationship with God; for a strengthening of faith; and for the grace to see that the poor of the world are not strangers, but are our sisters and brothers.



Welcome Table Spotlight

For this issue, the spotlight is on the Men’s Faith Sharing Group. The group is led by Steve Blubaugh and Ivan Hall and meets each Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 in the Lounge. The focus of the group is on Scripture and the Catholic Catechism and includes discussions on various topics, such as the Holy Spirit and integrity. Please stop by the Welcome Table in March where members of the group will be available to provide more information and answer your questions.

WELCOME TABLE CALENDAR

March	Men’s Faith Sharing Group
April	Funeral Lunches
May	Adult Bible Study
June	Hospitality/Ushers
July	Women of St. Edward
August	Religious Education Office

Stewardship Website

Did you know that the Stewardship Ministry now has a website? You can find us at www.saintedwardstewardship.org. The website was created to help disseminate information about the many (currently over 60) stewardship opportunities in our parish. You can read about the ministries available and active at St. Edward's, sign up online for new ministries at St. Edward's, and/or submit questions about our Stewardship program. In addition, the website contains an archive of past Stewardship articles from The Confessor, a Current News section, and links to other St. Edward and Catholic websites. We hope you find our website helpful!

Stewardship Ministry – All Are Welcome

The Stewardship Ministry is always looking for people to help us in our efforts. If you are interested in joining us, you may contact us through the parish office, on the Web at www.saintedwardstewardship.org, or through any member of the Stewardship Ministry: Amy Amspauagh, Dave Conway, Ivan Hall, Ruby Hall, Nancy Hughes, Bev Knoderer, Suz Shook, Julie Waggoner, Ted Waggoner, Merilee Wagner, and Whitney Wermter.