



Teaching Stewardship to Our Youth

Why?

- ✧ The message of stewardship has been lost in our society.
- ✧ Kids can teach their parents – inspire the entire parish community.
- ✧ Kids need to hear this message!
- ✧ We form our attitudes about giving sometime between the ages of 6 and 10. We will either decide *“The World Owes Me”* or *“I Owe the World.”*
- ✧ Stewardship is a gift we give to our children – makes them happier, more fulfilled.

Our Philosophy

- ✧ This is not a program, a class, a project, a curriculum or a test. **This is a way of life.** Become a “Stewardship School” full of little stewards.
- ✧ Involve the families with the kids and the kids with the community.
- ✧ Give the kids a voice – ownership of the activities and funds.
- ✧ Kids have the ability to give time, talent **and treasure!** Much disposable income.

Basic Goals

1. Help children see that God has given them many blessings.
2. Teach children to be grateful to God for the blessings He has given us.
3. Show children how stewardship has built our Church.
4. Help children to recognize that stewardship is something we do all the time. Every decision we make is a stewardship decision.
5. Help children recognize the joy that comes from stewardship.

Real Examples

- ✧ Tithing Friday – once a month at All-School Mass
- ✧ School kids recognized as major donors to our Annual Catholic Appeal
The “Peas and Coke” Challenge
- ✧ Stewardship pledge cards and ministry catalogs for kids
- ✧ Thank-you cards from school kids to parish donors during Catholic Schools Week
- ✧ Stewardship on the walls