

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS on STEWARDSHIP

	Yes	No	Did not answer
I understand what it means to give of my Time, Talent, and Treasure	94%	1%	5%
Do you make a Stewardship Pledge each year?	73%	22%	5%
Do you give a set percentage of your income to the weekly/monthly offertory?	66%	28%	6%
Do you give a set percentage of your time and talent to the parish each week or month?	52%	41%	7%
Would you be willing to give more to the offertory to improve or add to existing ministries?	37%	48%	15%

Note: All percentages are based on the 272 responses submitted. Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.

Question: What can we do to help you better understand your role as a steward?

There were only 2 responses to this question, and both were suggestions that the priests and lay people should talk about Stewardship.

Question: What do you feel is the parish's most urgent need regarding Stewardship?

There were 47 write-in comments for this question.

Positive Comments (2) – these comments were from people who indicated they would try to improve their stewardship.

Negative Comments (11) – these comments were primarily from people who cannot give more than they already give.

Suggestions (34) – Most people commenting here suggested that we need to get more people involved. Here are a few examples:

- Increase # of donors. I wish I knew how.
- Plan fairs like other parishes (October Fest) Festivals, etc.
- Maybe offer a focus year on each aspect of Stewardship: one year Time, one year Talent, one year Treasure?
- Somehow to get all the parishioners registered to Donate.
- Perhaps having a class parishioners could attend which would help them understand better where in the church their time and talents would best be used.
- Get the other 70% of the parishioners to participate.

Summary/Conclusions

While 94.1% of those who took the survey stated that they understand what it means when asked to give of their Time, Talent, and Treasure, 21.7% do not make an annual pledge. In addition, 41.5% do not give a set percentage of their income, and 48.2% do not give a percentage of their time and talent. This appears to be a disconnect, or perhaps they only think they know what Stewardship is.

Only a couple of the suggestions in the comments gave actual ideas about possible methods of increasing participation in Stewardship.

On the question of increasing giving in order to hire a full-time or part-time staff member, 48.2% said they would NOT be willing to give more while 37.1% would give more. (14.7 % did not answer the question.)