

First Fruits



Time, talent and treasure are key parts of the Stewardship Way of Life.
And that means they are key parts of life here at Blessed Trinity parish.
But what about first fruits?

What is considered to be first fruits and how does it differ from treasure?

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it. (Psalm 24:1)

Stewardship acknowledges God as owner of all material goods and the giver of time and talent to every person.



A Christian Steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes them in a responsible manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord. (Stewardship: A Disciples Response).



For we brought nothing into the world, just as we shall not be able to take anything out of it. (1 Timothy 6:7)

We are stewards, managers for a little while, of things that belong ultimately to God.

The “first fruits” offering is expression of thanksgiving to God for all the gifts He has given us, for making us who we are. It recognizes that all things come from God and belong to God.

Stewardship asks us to assess our gifts and make a decision on what parts will be the “first fruits” we return to God.

Honor God with everything you own; give Him the first and best.
(Proverbs 3:9)

“First fruits” giving means that we give to God first rather than giving God the leftovers after our own needs are met. When we give our first fruits, no matter what the gift (time, talent, treasure or other), we acknowledge that God is first in our lives and we give proper thanks for giving us all that we have and making us who we are.



Give and gifts will be given to you. (Luke 6:38)