



### Stewardship at St. Walter Parish

The overall response to Stewardship at St. Walter Parish has been fantastic. About 700 families and 200 youth and teens have completed commitment forms. Nearly 100 parishioners have expressed interest in new ways of serving and participating in parish life. Thank You!

Part of fidelity in stewardship is having an individual plan or commitment and then living according to the plan. Returning a commitment form is an important part of the process. As Psalm 116 tells, "I will make my vows to the Lord in the presence of God's people." Our commitment to God is not just a Me-and-God private thing. The Church or parish community plays a vital role in being a place where gifts are pooled and shared and where together the work of Christ is accomplished.

**"I shovel [money] out, and God shovels it back ... but God has a bigger shovel!"**

**R.G. LeTourneau**  
(1888-1969),  
American inventor

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### Worship: The First Response of Stewardship

Psalm 116 answers the question, "What return shall I make



*to the Lord for all the good God has done for me?" with, "I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will make my promises to God in the sight of all God's people." As we receive blessings from the Lord, our first movement is to recognize who God is and who we are before God in the act of*

receiving God's grace. Then we are lead to some response, some sharing, or some promise that we make before others. All the elements of stewardship, however, flow from that initial response of giving praise and thanks to God in worship.

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### Learning from One Another

A blind leper asked to learn Braille One of his dreams was to read the Bible. But the leper made a tragic discovery. His disease had made his fingers too insensitive to feel the raised letters of Braille. It was a crushing blow. He was on the verge of total depression. Then the leper realized that there was one part of his body that was still sensitive enough to be able to feel the letters. It was his tongue. That's how he reads the Bible today. It is with that fervor and passion and love that Christ calls us to approach God with our entire lives.