



# *The Community of the Blessed Sacrament Stewardship Disciples Response*

## *We are One in the Spirit*

*Stewardship is using all of our gifts—our time, talent and treasure—to the best of our ability. We spend time with God in prayer; we use our talents in parish ministries and we give a portion of our treasure to the offertory. Through discipleship all three areas are equally important.*

## *Active disciples living the Gospel*

**Our goal is to become a “Discipleship Parish,” a community that is noticeably committed to a lifestyle of prayer, service, and generous financial support.**

**As you read through this booklet, prayerfully reflect on how you and your family will use your time, talent, and treasure at Blessed Sacrament over the next year. Let’s show the faith in our hearts through the work of our hands!**

**In Christ’s love,**

*Fr. Pat*

**Rev. Patrick Robinson, Pastor**



**Blessed Sacrament Church  
11300 N. 64th Street  
Scottsdale, AZ 85254**

## ***Our Parish Mission Statement***

*We are a Catholic Christian Community that gathers together to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ; grow in faith and love in His Church; share our lives and gifts; reach out to serve others.*

*We are Family-  
A Spirit-filled Community with a  
Giving Lifestyle*

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## Making prayer your priority

“Jesus took Peter, John & James with Him and went up to the mountain to pray” (Luke 9:28). We know from scripture that even when Jesus invited individual apostles to go aside and pray with Him, they had difficulty concentrating. Today it is still difficult to be a prayerful person, but Christ’s invitation is just as persistent.

As the Catechism puts it, “prayer and the Christian life are inseparable.” During our *Discipleship Renewal*, can you re-commit yourself to spend time with Christ in prayer?

St. Teresa of Avila taught that an essential part of the Christian life is setting aside time for daily prayer. We should recall the Lord’s presence throughout the day.



### Action Steps

- \* Make Mass your top priority on Sunday
- \* Spend time each day in personal prayer
- \* Pray daily as a family
- \* Celebrate weekday Mass
- \* Pray for vocations

## Finding a Role in our Parish

Every week, Blessed Sacrament is buzzing with activity. There are groups that pray together, groups that minister to other parishioners, and groups that reach out to the community. Part of being an active member of our parish is to find your niche—the ministry where your personal talents can best be put to use. This is what St. Peter meant when he wrote, “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10).

In scripture, we learn that every baptized person has a special role to play in the local Christian Community. There are over 80 ways to get involved at Blessed Sacrament.



### Action Steps

- \* Re-commit yourself to your current ministries
- \* Choose a new ministry
- \* Plan to attend parish-wide social events

## The Community of the Blessed Sacrament

**Gift Shop:** 480-948-1160

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 480-948-8370, X266

**Parish Kindergarten & Preschool:**

Blessed Sacrament: 480-998-9466

**Catholic School Community (K-8):**

Pope John XXIII: 480-905-0939

16235 N. 60th St., Scottsdale, AZ, 85254

**Catholic School Community High School:**

Notre Dame Prep High School: 480-634-8200

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## The Community of the Blessed Sacrament

### Mass Schedule *(Subject to change)*

|                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday Vigil:</b>        | 4:30 PM                          |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                | 7:00 AM, 8:30AM, 10:15AM, 5:00PM |
| <b>Weekdays:</b>              | 7:00 AM (Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri.) |
| <b>Saturday:</b>              | 8:00AM                           |
| <b>Holy Day Vigil:</b>        | Call Parish Office.              |
| <b>Holy Day:</b>              | Call Parish Office.              |
| <b>Mass of Anointing:</b>     | Call Parish Office.              |
| <b>Reconciliation:</b>        | Saturday after 8:00AM Mass       |
| <b>Eucharistic Adoration:</b> | 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30AM to 7PM |
| <b>Novena:</b>                | Tuesday, 7:00PM                  |

**Clergy:** 480-948-8370\*  
Rev. Patrick Robinson, Pastor

**Deacons:** 480-948-8370  
Deacon Clemens Czapinski X217  
Deacon Jack Ehrlich X203  
Deacon Bernie Rekiere X212

### Parish Office:

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Fax: 480-951-3844  
Parish Manager: 480-948-8370, X223  
Liturgy Office: 480-948-8370, X204  
Music Office: 480-948-8370, X202  
Catechetical Ministry: 480-998-1665  
Youth Ministry: 480-998-8088  
(Life Teen and EDGE Programs)  
Bulletin Editor: 480-948-8370, X627  
Parish Event Calendar: 480-948-8370, X226  
Facility Rentals: 480-948-8370, X226  
Parish Finance Manager: 480-948-8370, X248  
AZ Certified Counselor: 480-948-8370, X233  
Carl W. Mangold, LCSW, LISAC

*\*Sick, hospitalized, and/or terminally ill—call Parish Office; instructions will be provided at this number.*

## Giving without counting the cost

When Jesus observed the poor widow giving a small gift to the temple, He said to His apostles, “*This poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.*” Our gifts should be proportionate: If your income is low, your gift will be small; for those who have more, more is expected. Christ honors our spirit-filled giving; He cherishes the sacrifice we make when we give from our substance rather than from our surplus.



### Action Steps

Simply give according to your means. In scripture, the Israelites were asked to give a tithe (10%) and this has become a tradition for most Christians— i.e.: 5% to the parish; 5% to our Catholic schools and other charities.

- \* Strive to give 5% of “first fruits” to your parish
- \* Commit to a specific gift and use your offertory envelopes

## Will you re-commit?

In the end, Stewardship is about following Jesus, not just with our hearts and minds, but with concrete actions. Yet it’s difficult to give God any percentage of our time, talent or treasure if we do not first give God 100 percent of our hearts. For this reason, our *Discipleship Renewal* is a time for conversion above all else. It is a time to make God our top priority, and then express this conversion through written commitments. This is an important part of being a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament.

This past year (October 2004—October 2005) we are reminded of the profound Eucharistic element of stewardship — as Christ gave Himself up for us, so we are called to give ourselves to others. There is no simpler explanation of what it means to be a Christian steward.

**Please bring your  
Commitment Form  
on  
Commitment Weekend  
or mail/drop it off  
at the parish office**

## *We are One in the Spirit*

### **Gifts of Time**

...Be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)



### **Gifts of Talent**

...He gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry for the building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

### **Gifts of Treasure**

...Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more. (Luke 12:48)

### **Total Discipleship**

...Praise the Lord, all you nations! Give Glory, all you peoples! The Lord's love for us is strong; the Lord is Faithful forever. Hallelujah! (Psalm 117)

## **Discipleship Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ,

we have come together in your Name  
to work for the good of this parish.

Stay with us with Your invisible presence  
and pour Your Spirit upon us.

Make us use Your gifts in a spirit of trust & love,  
and, a spirit of prudence & understanding,  
so that we may experience an abundance  
of light, compassion and peace.

Let harmony reign ever among us  
And let us keep our eyes ever fixed upon You.

Amen

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** – Assists the Pastor in defining needs, establishing priorities, and developing a vision for the future direction of the Parish Community.

**FINANCE COUNCIL** – Assists the Pastor in the financial operation of the parish as mandated by Canon Law.

**FACILITIES MINISTRY** – The Facilities Committee provides assistance and advice to the Pastor and the Parish Administration in matters concerning the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

**ENDOWMENT BOARD** – A governing Board to oversee and administer earnings from the Parish's Endowment Fund.

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY** – Assists the Pastor to develop, foster, and sustain the spirituality, understanding, and practice of stewardship "as a way of life" within our Parish, with aim to encourage involvement of every parish member in some aspect of: parish life, sharing time, spiritual gifts (talents) and support (treasure) of the Parish ministries, budget, and resources.

**STEWARDSHIP EVENTS** – Assists the Pastor in developing and holding Parish-wide events that build relationships, enhance the ownership of our Parish's mission, develop teamwork among parishioners, and raise funds for our Parish's perpetual and/or unbudgeted needs, i.e., Golf Tournament, Fundraising Events...

**STEWARDSHIP SOCIAL EVENTS MINISTRY** – Assists the Parish Manager in developing and holding social, family-oriented, parish-wide events and/or activities, i.e., picnics, festivals, sports challenges, etc.

**GIFT SHOP** – The Gift Shop offers a wide selection of religious books and items. Winter and Summer hours vary. Please call 480-998-1160 for more information.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS** – Assist the office staff with everyday office procedures, filing, answering phones, stuffing bulletins, bulk mailings, money counting, etc. Computer knowledge is helpful, but not necessary.

**MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL** – Assist as needed in the parish facility with clean up and /or general maintenance.

**CARING PLACE** – The *Caring Place* is a faith-based partnership offering physical, social, emotional and spiritual support in a caring and healing environment to all seniors, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers throughout the Northeast Valley. Its services are designed to promote well-being in a spirit-filled community, support independence and affirm the dignity of the individual.

**MINISTRY FOR SOCIAL ACTION** – A ministry of 8-10 people made up of a cross-section of the parish. Its purpose is to integrate social ministry into all aspects of parish life. The five functions they work on are: Education (i.e. the social teachings of the Church), Outreach and Charity (assess needs and offer suggestions), Advocacy (protecting human life and dignity), Organizing (addressing issues of Catholic Campaign for Human Development and other local community projects), and Solidarity (provide concrete opportunities to work for global solidarity).

### SERVICE/SOCIAL

**WOMEN’S CLUB** – All women in the parish are invited to gather for friendship, prayer, and ministry to those in need. This is an active, service-oriented organization that supports the parish and the community. Projects include the Chrysalis Shelter, Pueblo Norte Nursing Home, Confirmation scholarships, and the annual Church Mouse Boutique.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – International organization of men dedicated to assisting the clergy in carrying out the mission of the Catholic Church. This group stresses family life and service to others, as well as social and spiritual activities. They supervise Sunday morning coffee.

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB** – This club attempts to meet the unique and spiritual needs of older parishioners. Weekly meetings foster friendships and provide learning experiences through presentations on current needs and interests. A copy of the monthly newsletter is available in the Parish Office.

**FUNERAL RECEPTION** – Brunches are offered to families who have funeral Liturgies at Blessed Sacrament. This ministry is provided at no cost to the family. Food is provided on an as-needed basis by members of the parish.

**SUNDAY NURSERY CARE** – This is care for small children in our Childcare room during the 8:30 and 10:15 Masses.

## The Community of the Blessed Sacrament Ministries

This booklet describes opportunities to be stewards of God’s gifts—ways to make our parish a true community of faith and vibrant source of service to the larger community. Stewardship is planned giving and does not leave giving to chance. It challenges us to plan. It asks us to appraise, deliberately, what we are doing with our prayers, our time, our talents and our resources.

How about planning to be a steward of your time and talent? How about giving back what God has given you by sharing your God-given gifts with others? This booklet contains some ideas to do just that. Let us respond to our call, our vocation to build the Body of Christ, to build the Kingdom of God on earth.

*We encourage, as part of your stewardship disciples response, to be actively involved in the parish’s ministries. Anyone aspiring to serve may investigate, journey with a mentor, and when prepared, accept the rite of commissioning. Those signing up for specific ministries will be contacted directly by the chairperson(s) of the specified ministry.*



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## *Giftedness Table*

Look for those ministries in which you feel most fulfilled, most effective, or in which others affirm your abilities. The Lord will lead you to an identification of your gifts.

| Gift                            | Liturgy | Administra-<br>tion | Faith<br>Formation | Communi-<br>ty<br>Outreach | Service/<br>Social |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Advising                        |         |                     | X                  | X                          | X                  |
| Artist                          | X       | X                   | X                  |                            |                    |
| Caring/Pastoral                 | X       |                     | X                  | X                          | X                  |
| Business Manager/<br>Accountant |         | X                   |                    | X                          |                    |
| Communicator                    | X       | X                   | X                  | X                          | X                  |
| Congenial                       | X       | X                   | X                  | X                          | X                  |
| Counselor/Advisor               |         |                     | X                  | X                          |                    |
| Craftsmanship                   | X       | X                   |                    | X                          |                    |
| Discernment                     | X       | X                   |                    |                            |                    |
| Evangelism                      |         |                     | X                  | X                          | X                  |
| Giving                          | X       | X                   | X                  | X                          | X                  |
| Good Judgment                   | X       | X                   | X                  | X                          | X                  |
| Helping/Healing                 | X       |                     | X                  | X                          | X                  |
| Hospitality                     | X       | X                   |                    | X                          | X                  |
| Imagination                     | X       |                     | X                  |                            |                    |
| Kindness/Mercy                  |         |                     | X                  | X                          | X                  |
| Leadership                      | X       | X                   | X                  | X                          | X                  |
| Music                           | X       |                     | X                  |                            |                    |
| Office Skills/Clerical          |         | X                   | X                  |                            |                    |
| Prayer Leader                   | X       |                     | X                  | X                          |                    |
| Praying                         | X       |                     | X                  |                            |                    |
| Resourceful                     |         | X                   |                    | X                          | X                  |
| Service-oriented                |         |                     |                    | X                          | X                  |
| Small-Group Lead                | X       |                     | X                  |                            |                    |
| Speaking                        | X       | X                   | X                  |                            |                    |
| Stewardship                     |         | X                   |                    |                            |                    |
| Teaching                        | X       |                     | X                  |                            |                    |
| Visionary                       | X       | X                   |                    | X                          |                    |
| Wisdom                          |         |                     | X                  | X                          | X                  |
| Youth Fellowship                | X       |                     | X                  | X                          | X                  |

**PARISH KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL**—We have half-day classes for 3, 4, and 5 year old children. Classes are in session from August through May. The children learn listening, fine motor, gross motor, and social skills, while building their self-esteem

**MIGHTY ANGELS** — People with special needs gather together twice a month in prayer, and support, and formation.

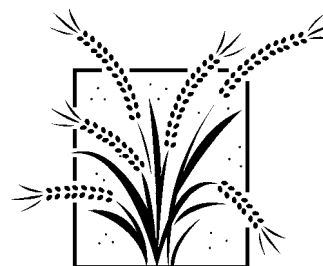
## *COMMUNITY OUTREACH*

**MARY'S KNIGHTS** – Ladies’ Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, and an outreach ministry to the community. They are involved in multiple hands-on projects, fundraisers, and fellowship.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** – These men and women seek to provide material and financial assistance for those in need. They meet regularly to share concerns and ideas, as well as to pray for strength and guidance in their ministry.

**WELCOME MINISTRY** – This ministry is a direct outreach to new parishioners. Through “Community Donut Sunday” and quarterly potlucks, new parishioners are welcomed into the parish. This group coordinates the effort, encouraging all parishioners to welcome new people.

**RAINBOWS**—An international organization providing a bridge to emotional healing for children, adolescents, and adults confronting death, divorce, or other painful family transitions. The program begins in January and takes place every Thursday evening for a 12-week period, including two Saturday retreat “Celebrate Me” days.



- Fall 2006 — Grade 6 and older and their family members who have not been Confirmed and have celebrated First Eucharist.
- Spring 2007 — Those celebrating First Eucharist and their family members who have not been Confirmed and have celebrated First Eucharist.
- Fall 2007 — Grade 4 and older and their family members who have not been confirmed and have celebrated First Eucharist.

**LIFE TEEN** – LIFE TEEN, Inc. is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church, and leads all teens closer to Christ, by providing resources and training that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith.

**EDGE** – This innovative and stimulating process of faith-sharing for our sixth, seventh, and eighth graders meets in a weekly format. Gathering sessions, retreats, outreach-service, and social components are an all-round holistic experience. Catechists are needed to lead gatherings.

**ELEMENTARY** – We offer ongoing formation for grades 1-5. Class sessions meet weekly. Catechists are needed to lead classes.

**CHILDREN’S CELEBRATION OF THE WORD** – Is for preschool through elementary-aged children, and is offered at our Sunday morning Masses. Catechists are needed to lead sessions.

**ADULTS** – Concurrent with our Elementary Formation, are Adult Formation opportunities. Catechesis is inclusive of the entire family.

**BAPTISM** – Prior to the Baptism of a child, parents participate in a class that familiarizes them with the Sacrament and its meaning. These classes are held at 7:00 pm on the first and second Tuesdays of each month. Call the office at 480-948-8370 to register.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** – Children in grade 2 and up, and parents, are prepared to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This preparation process is separate from, and in addition to, the regular formation classes.

**FIRST EUCHARIST** – Children in Grade 3 and up, who have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will prepare for Confirmation and First Eucharist (to be celebrated at the same Mass). Parents, too, will prepare along with their children. Sacrament preparation is in addition to an ongoing formation religion class.

## **PARISH LITURGY/PRAYER**

**MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY** – Is owned by all baptized Christians. They strive to make each person be welcomed. They assist in greeting, seating, offering general and facility information, and taking up the collection at all weekend Masses.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**– These confirmed ministers assist in the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass. Some share the Eucharist as they celebrate with the sick and homebound. Training leading to certification is required and provided.

**ALTAR SERVERS** – Boys and girls, who have made their First Eucharist, assist the priest and Deacons at all weekend liturgies. Training is required and provided.

**SACRISTANS** – Devote much time and energy to the preparation of our worship space and maintain our Sacristy. Training is required and provided.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** – Lectors tell our story by proclaiming Scripture. Through their proclaiming, they make Christ present to us in the Word. Training leading to certification is required and provided.



## FAITH FORMATION

**MINISTRY OF ART & ENVIRONMENT** – Members of our community, blending their talents and efforts, to bring the symbols of the liturgical seasons to life. Volunteers are most needed the weeks before Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** – Music serves the community by helping it express the gift of faith within us, and by guiding the community toward full, active participation in every worship gathering. The goal of every music minister is to assist in joining the assembly with Christ, who is always at the center of our musical prayer. Parishioners who are gifted vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome to become ministers of music.

**MINISTERS OF CARE** – These men and women bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and homebound in local nursing homes and private homes on Sundays and Tuesdays.

**ALTAR LINENS** – Members of our community who wash and iron the linens used for Liturgy.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER** – This prayer group meets on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the chapel.

**LEGION OF MARY** – An association of Catholic men and women that meets weekly for personal sanctification, prayer, and to do apostolic works and evangelization.

**PRAYER LINE** — These members continue to pray from their own homes for the numerous prayer requests that are received daily.

**PUEBLO NORTE COMMUNION SERVICE** – Communion Services are led by trained Eucharistic Ministers/Ministers of Care at Pueblo Norte Nursing Home each Sunday morning. Communion is also brought to the people who are bedridden, or too ill to attend the services.



**HOMECOMING FOR RETURNING CATHOLICS** – Homecoming is for Catholics who have been inactive for any reason, for any period of time. Weekly sessions are designed to help search for answers to faith questions; study church teaching from an adult perspective; get to know God’s mercy, love, and forgiveness; and explore a return to active participation in the Church.

**RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS** – Adults seeking full initiation into the Catholic Faith enter into this process of Faith Formation. This ministry runs year-round, and inquirers may join at any time.

**RCIC - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN** — “Older” children seeking initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. The celebration of these sacraments is at the Easter Vigil. The “Mighty Angels” are a special group who sponsor the children on their journey

**SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES** – Through prayer, learning, sharing, mission, and mutual support, these small communities can be the leaven to the broader church. They are also a means of being church that brings the Gospel to everyday life, whether at home, or in the workplace.

**PICTURE OF LOVE — WEEKENDS FOR THE ENGAGED** – A new program for engaged couples preparing for marriage. It involves attending an all-day session on Saturday. Some of the topics included in the program are: Sacrament of Matrimony, Communication, Conflict Resolution, Finances, and Married Intimacy.

**CONFIRMATION** — Blessed Sacrament, along with the entire Phoenix Diocese, is restoring the order of the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist. In completing the sacraments of initiation, a person grows more fully in their Baptismal call. For the next few years, people who have not been Confirmed are encouraged to complete their initiation by being part of one of the following groups.

- Fall 2005 — Grade 9 and older and their family members who have not been Confirmed and have celebrated First Eucharist.
- Spring 2006 — Those celebrating First Eucharist and their family members who have not been Confirmed and have celebrated First Eucharist.