

I am willing to share my gifts with my parish family by volunteering to help with ...

# Sharing God's Gifts at St. John Neumann

## Christian Life

1. Christ Renews His Parish Retreat Program
2. Coffee and Donut Social Hosts
3. Marriage Encounter Circle
4. Older People Up to Something (OPUS)

## Faith Formation -- Adult

5. Between the Masses Setup Volunteer
6. Just Faith
7. RCIA Team

## Faith Formation -- Youth

8. Catechist
9. Children's Special Event Volunteer
10. EDGE Leader
11. Faith Circle for High School Students
12. Family Religious Education
13. Godly Play Team
14. Life Teen Leader
15. RCIC Team

## Liturgy and Sacred Arts

16. 9 a.m. Mass Choir
17. 11:30 a.m. Mass Choir
18. Altar / Sacristy Ministry
19. Altar Server (4th - 12th grades)
20. Cantor
21. Children's Choir (2nd - 5th grades)
22. Divine Mercy Prayer Group
23. Eucharistic Adoration
24. Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
25. Flower Guild
26. Reader
27. Sacristan
28. Sewing Ministry
29. Usher
30. Youth Ensemble

## Social Outreach

31. Alpha Prison Ministry
32. Communion to the Sick
33. Culture of Life Committee
34. Mary and Martha Guild
35. Summit Communion Service Team

## Stewardship

36. Engaged Sponsor Couple
37. Hearts and Hands Respite Ministry
38. Parish Library Volunteer
39. Special Event Volunteer
40. Welcoming Ministry

## Children and Youth

41. EDGE (middle school students)
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## Partner Ministries of SJN

42. Afghanistan School Project
43. Boy Scout Troop 990 (5th - 12th grades)
44. Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men
45. Challenge
46. Christian Medical Missions
47. Cub Scout Pack 990 (1st - 5th grades)
48. Gabriel Project
49. Habitat for Humanity
50. Kids for Jesus (K4J) (1st - 4th grades)
51. Knights of Columbus
52. Lay Missionaries of Charity
53. The Miracle Foundation
54. Mobile Loaves and Fishes
55. Schoenstatt Movement
56. Serra International
57. Southwest Austin Caregivers
58. St. Vincent de Paul Society
59. Touching Hearts, Bridging Hope
60. Venture Crew 2100

**Note to SJN youth:** We hear of your great service through your schools, and we are proud of you! You are also most welcome to participate in parish service opportunities. If you would like to be involved in a particular ministry, please indicate this on your family's Stewardship Card.

**\*\*ALL PREVIOUS MINISTRY FILES WILL BE PURGED.\*\***

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR STEWARDSHIP  
COMMITMENT EVERY YEAR.**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**We're interested in joining the parish.  
Please send us registration information!**

### *Stewardship of Time and Talent*

List first name of family member who is signing up for a ministry.

I want to share my gifts in the following:

**Example -- John**

**19, 33, 50**

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| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |

### *Stewardship of Treasure*

**Weekly Commitment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic Offering: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please charge my credit card each month.  
CC #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ 1st or \_\_\_\_ 15th

Direct Debit. Please send me the forms.

Check or cash. Please send me envelopes.

I would like more information on Planned Giving opportunities, such as bequests, stocks, life insurance, charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*St. John Neumann  
Parish Community*

# *Building God's Kingdom*

*Stewardship Commitment*

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## **Stewardship: Building God's Kingdom**

### **Q. What is stewardship?**

A. Stewardship is an expression of our gratitude for all of God's gifts. Stewardship embodies our commitment to follow the Lord as active participants in our Catholic community. To become stewards in the Church, each of us should strive to share three valuable gifts with others. These gifts are time, talent and treasure.

### **Q. Why is stewardship important?**

A. Stewardship is a daily expression of our discipleship. By giving of ourselves, we strengthen our faith, parish and community. With stewardship as a way of life, striving to emulate Jesus, we "love our neighbor" and grow closer to the Lord. We can bring a new "balance" in our lives -- lives of peace and joy centered in God.

### **Q. How do I get started in our stewardship program?**

A. Giving of our time, talent and treasure is not always easy. Stewardship may require us to establish new priorities for our daily lives. Embracing stewardship can be a gradual growth process. Just as an individual who wants to run a marathon must train for months or years to achieve his goal, successful stewardship begins with a personal commitment to improve our spiritual lives.

### **Q. How can I contribute my time and talent?**

A. There are dozens of opportunities within our St. John Neumann community to give of your time and talent. From serving as a reader at Mass to serving the homeless, you can find a place to give of yourself. Identify an outlet that allows you to express your enthusiasm. Find an area where you can have fun while serving those around you. Ask yourself: What do YOU need? Where do you find meaning? What makes you thankful? What gives you peace and joy? For further help discerning your talents, refer to the Gifts and Talents Survey online and at the back of the worship space.

### **Q. That leaves treasure; how much do I need to contribute to be a successful steward?**

A. The Bible speaks of tithing 10 percent, which is divided by the Church as 5 percent to your parish (St. John Neumann), 1 percent to the Catholic Services Annual Appeal and 4 percent to other charities of your choosing. At St. John Neumann Church, we gratefully acknowledge that many parishioners are choosing to contribute their additional 4 percent to the "Building of Cornerstone of Christ Campaign." Many people find it difficult to consider the possibility of giving a percentage of their income to God through charitable giving, but Matthew 6:21 tells us that "where your heart is, so will be your treasure." We suggest that if you can't bring your-

self to take on the full program, consider starting with some percentage, even 1 percent, and see what happens. It is not a mathematical issue but rather a gospel issue. St. Peter says, "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) It becomes a leap of faith, and St. John Neumann Church invites you to take that leap of faith with us.

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*1 Peter 4:10*

### **Procedure for Stewardship Commitment Cards**

Prayerfully reflect on how to respond as a grateful steward of God's gifts to you. Determine the particular ministry(ies) through which you would like to serve. Please refer to the number(s) on the back of this sheet.

Show your support of SJN's mission with the gift of your treasure. Give consistently and generously of your "first fruits."

Please fill out all portions of the Stewardship Card. Print clearly and completely your name(s), address and contact information so we can better serve you.

**Return the completed cards through the collection plate or through the church office (via mail or in person). Thank you!**