

September 1, 2010

Dear Redeemer parishioners,

My name is Brian Weinewuth, and for the first time in many years this letter is not brought to you by David Haffner. As the new Stewardship of Treasure Chair, I will do everything I can to continue the great achievements that David has been able to accomplish for our parish community. I have been able to work closely with David in the Stewardship ministry the last few years and I know that we both have a passion and desire to incorporate stewardship as a way of living into our daily lives.

Every few months we are reenergized with a new focus in giving back to God. As we conclude a very successful Stewardship of Time and Talents campaign, I am excited as we head into the fall with a clear sense of who we are as a parish, where we want to go, and how we will get there. We will do this by continuing to invite and welcome all, inspire growth in faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to reach out with love and support to those in need.

But how do we grow in faith? It starts by giving back to God. We must trust God by knowing that He will do for us as we have done for Him. It is with our spiritual, financial, and physical resources that we can do God's will, giving back to Him the blessings He has provided for us. It is only when we truly "give of ourselves" that we understand the sacrifices Jesus made in order to save us.

As we kick off our Stewardship of Treasure campaign on September 12, each Redeemer family will be encouraged to prayerfully respond to God's blessings by returning a pledge card (coming soon to a mailbox near you) which represents your financial gift back to Christ. For me, as with presents on Christmas morning, it is the giving that makes me feel good, knowing that as my faith in Christ deepens He will replenish me and my family with blessings of abundance. Thank you and God bless.

Faithfully yours,

Brian Weinewuth
Stewardship Committee Chair 2010