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**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
 NOVEMBER 9/10, 2013**

Parish Resource Packet

A LIFE LIVED FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

The Apostle Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians states: “Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God” (1Cor 10:31). Some questions that arise out of this somewhat simple statement are: How will putting God at the forefront of our daily activities by offering praise and gratitude change our hearts and our habits? When giving glory to God is the motivation for all we do, how does it change our generosity in regard to our time in prayer, using our talents in service and offering our treasure in generous sharing? Actually, our ongoing conversion to Christ depends on it. (Go deeper)

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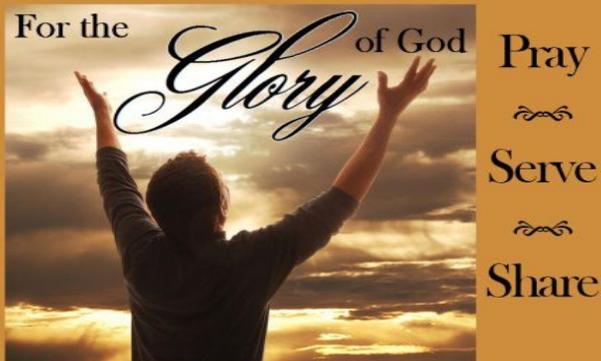
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THEME BACKGROUND

What does it mean to live *for the glory of God*? Perhaps the word *saturate* might be an appropriate place to begin. This verb helps us to imagine that all areas of our lives are filled with God. The reality is our thoughts and motives, hopes and dreams, passions and vocations, as well as the simple actions of day to day living are reactions to how we understand the meaning and purpose of our lives. As children of a Creator who loved us into being, redeemed us through Christ, and whose Spirit remains with us, it would make sense that all we are and all we do, is a loving response to God.

In the document, *Stewardship: a Disciple's Response* published by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, the authors remind us that "Do not be deceived, all good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:16-17), as well as "We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the things freely given us by God" (1 Cor 2:12). In light of this, you and I have the power to live as stewards trying to live as Paul asked, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31), (Page 39).

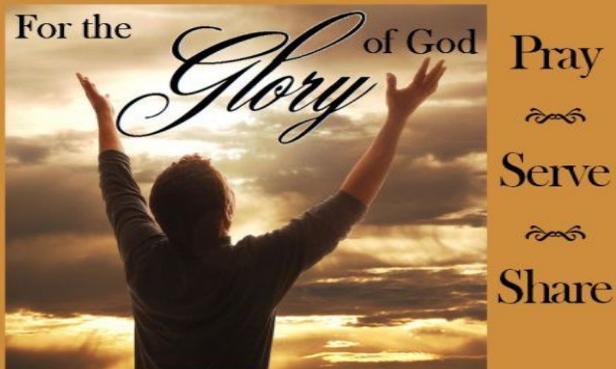
So how does this translate into becoming better stewards? We give glory when we receive God's gifts gratefully, nurture them responsibly, share them generously and return them to God in abundance. Stewards give glory in all areas, by returning to God, the first fruits of their time in prayer, their talents in service and their treasure in generous sharing. Stewards give glory to God every time they protect creation and human life.

Living our lives *for the glory of God* does not happen by chance. *It is all about intentionality*. Our minds need to understand the rationale for the change and our hearts need to commit to the work in order for all areas of our lives to be saturated with the message.

Does it sound exhausting? Actually, becoming a more authentic follower of Jesus through stewardship is the work of a lifetime but we have to be aware of what that truly implies. Growing in faith and wisdom means we are aware we are being constantly called into a deeper relationship with Christ through self-reflection regarding the priorities that dictate our lives. Though holding a mirror to our life might make us a bit uncomfortable, it is a sure way to uncover whether our actions are *for the glory of God*.

Each of us is on a different portion of our faith journey but we all need help in warding off stagnation. Imagine this? What if we were to attach *For the Glory of God* tags to the following items: televisions, computers, phones, calendars, clocks, checkbooks, debit cards, refrigerators, cars, etc.? Would it make us uneasy or would we find comfort in the constant reminder? No doubt, each area is different for each of us, but we could all take a step up in living our lives more authentically *for the glory of God*. After all, this God is our Creator, Redeemer and Inspiration through whom all joy and happiness comes.

This year as we celebrate Stewardship Weekend, let's focus on all areas of stewardship but especially how the time we spend in prayer, the talents we use in service, and the treasure we use for generous sharing, are *for the glory of God*. If we do, perhaps we will become more generous and happier disciples.



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Ideas and Resources for Celebrating Stewardship Sunday Background Info & Liturgy Ideas

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- ☐ *For the Glory of God*, Stewardship Theme Background Resource
- ** *The 2012 Letter of Proclamation from Bishop Ricken* which states the rationale for the Diocesan wide celebration of Stewardship Sunday
- ** Stewardship Basics: *Be Not Afraid*, Session 1 of Six Week Small Group Study on Stewardship
- ** Use "*Stewardship Moments with Bishop Ricken*" Four -one minute video clips of Bishop Ricken talking about the various components of stewardship

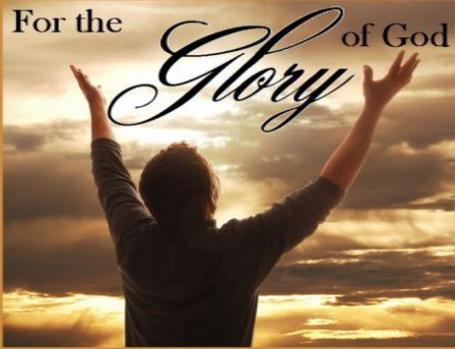
Select Appropriate Ideas For Your Parish

As you peruse ideas for celebrating Stewardship Sunday. Note that the simplest ideas are marked by a †.

IDEAS FOR LITURGY

- Greeters, Ushers, Liturgical Minister's nametags say: *I greet for the glory of God!* or *I usher for the glory of God!*, etc.
- Project *the glory of God* logo on a screen in the worship space (if applicable).
- Create a simple PowerPoint slide show with quotations from children, youth and adults that answer the question: *What do you do in prayer, service or sharing for the glory of God?* Put music with it if possible. Show prior to Mass or after the Prayer of Thanksgiving (if applicable).
- Use *Stewardship Moments with Bishop Ricken* prior to Mass
- †• Select songs from the Music Suggestion List with *for the glory of God* emphasis.
- Welcome: Parishioners greet each other and tell each other one simple thing they do each day to *for the glory of God*.
- †• Focus your Homily (helps) on *the glory of God* theme.
- Ask members to write on card one new thing they will do in prayer, service or sharing *for the glory of God* this week and place it in the offertory basket.
- Consider additional Prayers of the Faithful
- Include Lay Witness Talks
- †• Pray the *Diocesan Stewardship Prayer*.





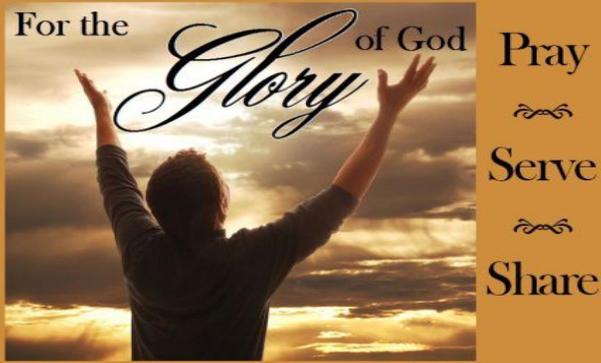
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SONGS OF GLORY

SONGS OF GLORY	COMPOSER
A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing	(Hymn tune) Lasst Uns Erfreuen
All Creatures of our God and King	(Hymn tune) Lasst Uns Erfreuen
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	E. Perronet
All People that on Earth do Dwell	W. Kethe
All the Earth, Proclaim God's Glory	M. Friedman, B. Fisher
All the Ends of the Earth	Bob Dufford, SJ
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus	W. Dix
Canticle of Mary	J. Gelineau
Canticle of the Sun	Marty Haugen
Come, Now Almighty King	(Hymn tune) Italian Hymn
Crown Him with Many Crowns	M. Bridges
Dwelling Place	John Foley, S.J
For Your Glory Reign	Gael Berberick and Barney Walker
Glorious in Majesty	J. Cothran
Glory and Praise to Our God	Dan Schutte
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	(Hymn tune) Grosser Gott
Holy, Holy, Holy	R. Heber
How Great Thou Art	Stuart K. Hine
I Will Sing, I Will Sing	M. Dyer
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	Hymm to Joy
Lord of Glory	Tim Manion
Not to Us, Lord	Christopher Walker and Paule Freeburg, DC
O God, Almighty Father	(Hymn tune) Gott Vater Sei Gepriesen
Praise to the Lord	Lobe Den Herron
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	H. Lyte
River of Glory	Dan Schutte
Sing a New Song	Dan Schutte
Sing to the Mountains	Bob Dufford, SJ
Taste and See	James Moore Jr.
Taste and See	Steve Angrisano
The King of Glory	W. Jabusch
The Stars Declare His Glory	T. Dudley-Smith
Though the Mountains May Fall	Dan Schutte
We Are Sent Into the World	Ricky Manalo, CSP
We are the Light of the World	Greg Hayakawa
We Gather Together	T. Baker
When the Lord in Glory Comes	T. Dudley
When, in Our Music, God is Glorified	F. Pratt Green





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Homily Helps

Stewardship Sunday Homily Ideas

November 10, 2013

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2MC 7:1-2, 9-14, 2THES 2:16-3:5, LK 20:27-38

(Download readings at usccb.org/bible/readings/111013.cfm)

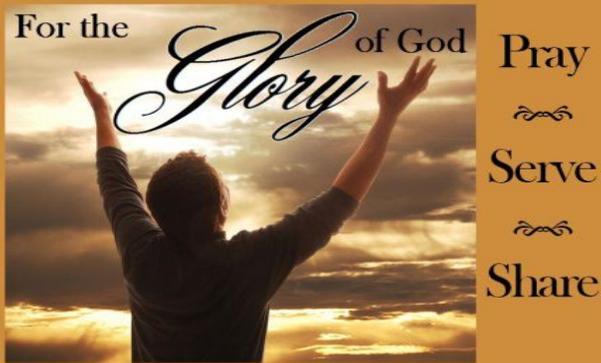
Note: If your parish is doing an annual renewal this weekend, please tailor the questions to fit which components (prayer, service, sharing) you will be highlighting in the renewal.

This weekend, all of the readings, in one way or another, highlight the resurrection of the body. When considering our theme, *For the Glory of God*, the bottom line is that because of what God has accomplished for us in Jesus, we can place our hope in spending eternity with our Creator. The choice to live for Jesus, for God's glory, is intentional. How do we do that? Does it mean that we let go of the things like unhealthy behaviors, biases, as well as increasing our generosity of time in prayer, talents in service and treasure in sharing? According to what Jesus taught us, the answer is "yes." May the Word of God continue to challenge us to a deeper understanding and relationship with Jesus so that our lives can be lived *for the Glory of God!*

In the reading from Maccabees, we find Antiochus IV outlawing temple worship, observance of the Sabbath holy days and the keeping of the laws of the Torah. It was in this context that seven brothers and their mothers find themselves in a life and death predicament. As faithful Hebrews, maintaining their covenant with God and the laws put before them, they chose to honor their promise and give their lives for the glory of God. As the sons were being tortured and killed one by one, it was the mother's voice they heard encouraging them to remain faithful while reminding them that they would be together in the afterlife. The mother's rationale and courage glorified God in the midst of her own great pain and suffering. She reminds her sons that in the end, the king will be the only one to lose control.

The mother and her seven sons; what passion, what faith! You and I will most likely never be tortured and killed for practicing our Catholic Faith. So the questions that arise for us are:

- How does *our* life reflect the love, commitment and passion for Christ?
- Do our commitments match our convictions? If others were watching our life play out, would they be able to give examples of how we live our lives for the glory of God?
- Could they point out our passion for faith-filled prayer, compassionate service and generous sharing?
- Like the mother of the seven sons, who is that encouraging voice for us to be strong and move forward as better disciples?
- Has it even been our goal to live each day for the glory of God?



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Homily Helps (cont.)

In the second reading, Paul ends this passage in his letter to the Thessalonians, with “may the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.” In other words, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to believe in God, to know the truth and love the truth so that their hearts and deeds might reflect the truth. With “everlasting encouragement” he reminds them of God’s love and to anticipate of the resurrection of the body. He also asks the people to pray that the “glory” of the Good News will spread. Knowing that there are temptations and evil in the world, Paul reassures the Thessalonians that God will guard and strengthen them on their journey.

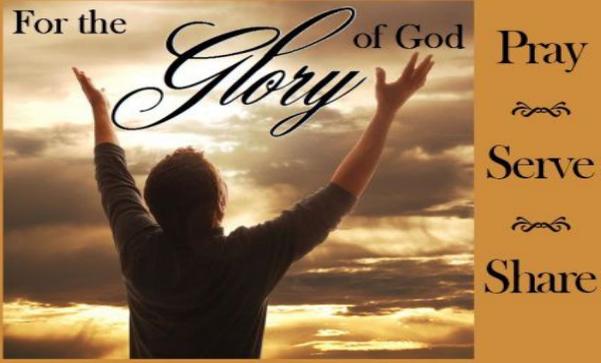
All in all, these inspired words are an important message of encouragement to the global Church in 2013. Living for the glory of God today finds its foundation in God’s love through Christ. We are his disciples and if we are living authentically, the actions of our daily lives should reflect the truth of who he is and what he has accomplished for us. Some questions that are foundational to our journey as stewards of faith-filled prayer, compassionate service and generous sharing are:

- How do we live boldly for the glory of God?
- Are we bold in our loving for the glory of God?
- Are we bold in serving the eternal over the temporal for the glory of God?
- Can we relinquish personal comfort as our highest held value for the glory of God?
- Do we trust that God will be there to protect us and encourage us?
- How do we encourage the “glory of the Good News” to spread with our lives?

The Gospel from Luke this weekend brings us to the conversation between Jesus and the Sadducees in regard to marriage. Though the real question being discussed is the resurrection of the body in which the Sadducees do not believe, they use the example of a woman married one by one to seven brothers. They were testing Jesus, no doubt. Women were considered property in Jesus time so the question became “who would she belong to in heaven? Jesus was very clear (using no parable or example to explain) that what the Sadducees/people lived in this life would not be what they experienced in the next. Kings would not be kings and slaves would not be slaves. Indeed, there is a new world coming! So the questions for us this stewardship weekend are:

- In living for the glory of God, how do we keep one foot in this world while keeping our minds and hearts on the next?
- What is it in my life that keeps me from preparing for the new world where none of the earthly trappings (money, prestige, physical appearance, etc.) will matter?
- What are the habits of my life that hinder my progress?
- For the glory of God what am I willing to challenge and change in my life so I can prepare for the new world?

AMEN!



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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Sample

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For all of us and our brothers and sisters around the diocese, that the celebration of Stewardship Sunday will be a reminder that every decision or action of our daily lives can honor and give glory to our loving God.

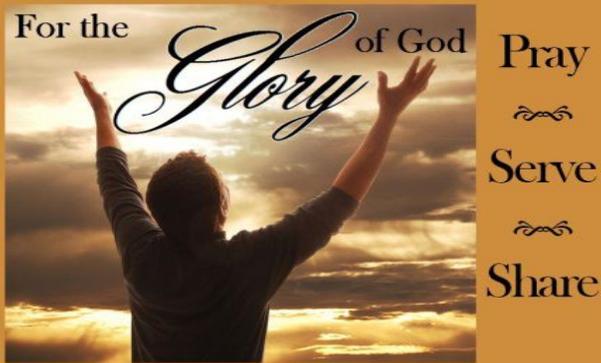
We pray

For each of us, that we will always be reminded that our hope in the resurrection is the loving gift of Jesus our Savior who deserves all glory.

We pray.

For the Body of Christ at (parish name) that we are able to shed those attitudes and habits which prevent us from being lavish stewards of faith-filled prayer, compassionate service and generous sharing for the glory of God.

We pray.



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Lay Witness Talks

Presented after the Prayer of Thanksgiving Length: Two Minutes

A parishioner speaking to parishioners is one of the most effective ways to share the stewardship message. A person's or couples' faith story can be an incredible testimony to connect in unique ways with parish members.

This year, the topic for the lay witness speaker(s) is living a life *for the glory of God*. Your speakers should approach the topic from one component of stewardship: faith-filled prayer, compassionate service, or generous sharing. The stewardship committee might want to select the focus.

Sample Outline for Your Consideration

Introduce yourself.

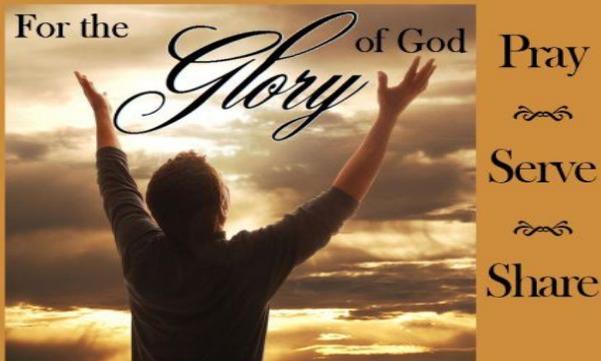
1. Perhaps define stewardship: *Stewardship, for all who profess to believe in Jesus Christ, is a way of life, where giftedness is acknowledged with gratitude, nurtured through faith-filled prayer, and expressed through compassionate service and generous sharing in the Church, the local community and the world.*
2. State which component you will be speaking about (prayer, service, sharing).
3. Discuss what it is like to pray, serve or share, not out of obligation to God, *but for the glory of God.*
4. How does changing the rationale (above) offer the possibility of approaching our decisions and actions in a new way?
5. Perhaps refer to the second reading (2Thes 2:16-3:5) if it fits your message. Our glory belongs to Christ because of *his love and everlasting encouragement* and in the promise of our resurrection.
6. Encourage others to try living a life *for the glory of God.*

Make it Personal:

Consider using stories, favorite quotations, a favorite saint, etc. Include all areas of life.

Considerations for Selecting Lay Witness Speakers:

- If possible, select different speakers for each Mass selecting someone who fits the demographic of that Mass (young family, retired, etc.).
- Choose someone visible to the community (greeter, choir member, lector, etc.).
- Person does not have to be a well-known public speaker but should feel comfortable reading their talk.
- Be sure to have your lay witness speaker(s) give a "written copy" of their presentation to the Pastor/Parish Director or staff person a week before.
- Allow your speakers to practice in church.
- The celebrant should publically express his gratitude for lay witness speaker(s).



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Ideas and Resources for Celebrating Stewardship Sunday

ENGAGE STAFF, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES

- Make Stewardship Sunday an agenda item from August through November.
- Use Committee Prayers focused on the *For the Glory of God* theme.
- ** Place the *For the Glory of God* logo and Scripture 1Cor 10:31 on agendas and communications.
- ** Place the stewardship definition on agenda.
- ** Use *Be Not Afraid* Session 1 (Background Information) for reflection and discussion.

ENGAGE YOUR PARISHIONERS

- ** Use the logo on your communications.
- Use the *For the Glory of God* bulletin blurbs* on all communications.
- Offer (Stewardship) *Little Burgundy Books* <http://littlebooks.us/> to households.
- Offer Bishop Morneau's *Embracing a Generous Life* www.23rdpublications.com.
- Use letters and postcards of invitation.

ENGAGE CHILDREN, YOUTH FAMILIES

- Consider using Engaging Schools, Religious Education and Family ideas.
- Consider the Diocesan *For the Glory of God: Pray, Serve, Share* Excellent Essay Opportunity.

IDEAS FOR CELEBRATION AND FELLOWSHIP

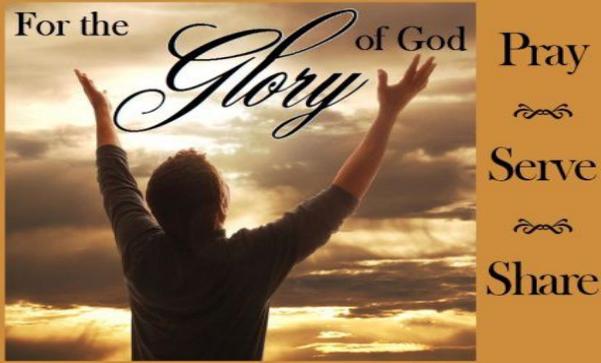
- Encourage your parish bakers to make their best item *For the Glory of God* fellowship following Masses.
- Offer each family a helium balloon to tie to their mail box in celebration of Stewardship Weekend <http://www.promotionchoice.com> or search for other vendors.
- Create *For the Glory of God: Pray, Serve, Share* bookmarks to distribute.

ANNUAL RENEWAL

- If your parish is using Stewardship Weekend as a time to ask parishioners to recommit to any or all of the components of stewardship (prayer, service, sharing) please contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@gbdioc.org for more resources.

For assistance in any area of stewardship, please contact Mary Ann Otto at 1-877-500-3580 ex. 8301 or at motto@gbdioc.org





Committee Meeting Prayer August 2013 TRUE GLORY

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31)

Introduction-Leader: If someone came up to any one of us and asked us what we do *for the glory of God* on an average day in our week, would we be able to respond confidently and quickly? Would we be able to discuss as parish leadership serving on a committee, how our parish mission statement and the work we do are not just words and tasks? How does our parish exist *for the glory of God*? As we prepare to celebrate Stewardship Sunday in November, let us hold these questions in our hearts as we begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Opening-All: Good and Gracious Creator, we stand in awe at the incredible love and many blessings that you have showered upon us. When we consider the ultimate gift of redemption through our brother and Savior, Jesus, how can we not fall to our knees in amazement glorifying you? How can your ongoing presence in our lives and the lives of those in our parish community not affect our generosity? Lord, we are your children; we want to honor you with our lives. Please help us to be your stewards as we strive to receive your gifts gratefully, nurture them responsibly, share them generously and return them abundantly. Open our ears, our minds and our hearts as we listen to your Word. Amen.

Word of God: (Jer 9:22-23) Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, nor the strong man glory in his strength, nor the rich man in his riches; But rather, let him who glories, glory in this, that in his prudence he knows me, Knows that I bring kindness, justice and uprightness on the earth; For which I am pleased, says the Lord." The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Questions for reflection: Are there any phrases from the scripture passage that speak to you? How does knowing and living in the presence of God, make becoming a generous steward of our time in prayer, our talents in service and our treasure in sharing an easier journey?

Prayers of Petition: Let us ask our God for help in our journey.
Please respond: **May we do everything for your glory, Lord.**

May our personal lives reflect an ongoing, mature conversion to you, we pray.

Response: May we do everything for your glory, Lord.

May we offer liberal amounts of faith-filled prayer, compassionate service and generous sharing both personally and as a parish, for your glory, we pray.

Response: May we do everything for your glory, Lord.

May our committee's endeavors reflect your presence in our midst, we pray.

Response: May we do everything for your glory, Lord.

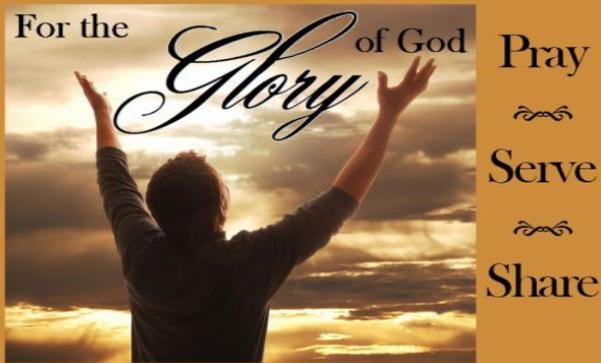
Please add any special intentions at this time.

Response: May we do everything for your glory, Lord.

Closing-All:

Lord, may your Spirit be with us during your meeting as we strive to do your will for your glory. We ask this in the name of our brother and Savior. Amen





Committee Meeting Prayer September 2013 Glory to God in the Highest!

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31)

Introduction-Leader: Have you ever considered how many times in your life you have sung or recited the *Gloria* at Mass? Did you ever or do you still sing or say the words with the sense of wonder and desire for God? Sometimes we take the beautiful parts of the Mass for granted when they can continually infuse us with energy and passion. As we prepare to celebrate Stewardship Sunday in November, let us hold these thoughts in our hearts as we begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Opening-All: Lord, we offer you our praise and appreciation for your incredible love and ongoing generosity. As leaders in our parish, we place ourselves in your service in hope of helping others to grow deeper in their relationship with you through stewardship. Lord, we ask that you continually infuse us with your Spirit so that we can first be models of Christian stewardship. We want not only to be good stewards but passionate stewards of prayer, service and sharing. Lord, God, it is only with your help that we can move forward on our journey. Open our ears, minds and hearts as we share the *Gloria*.

Glory to God in the Highest: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Questions for reflection: Are there any phrases from the *Gloria* that speak to you? How does intentionally and passionately singing or speaking the words of the *Gloria* translate into living for the glory of God for you? How does living as a steward bring more passion to the song?

Prayers of Petition: Let us ask our God for help in our journey.
Please respond: **Glory to God in the highest!**

May we translate the prayer of the *Gloria* from words to action, we pray.
Response: Glory to God in the highest!

May we be models of faith-filled prayer, compassionate service and generous sharing, we pray.
Response: Glory to God in the highest!

May the work of our committee reflect the passion of the *Gloria*, we pray.
Response: Glory to God in the highest!

Please add any special intentions at this time.
Response: Glory to God in the highest!

Closing-All: Lord, "whether we are eating or drinking or whatever we are doing, may we do it for your glory." We ask this in the name of our brother and Savior. Amen



Committee Meeting Prayer October 2013 EVERYTHING FOR GOD!

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31)

Introduction-Leader: It is October and we are certainly able to see God's glory all around us. What a blessing! Though the time of harvest is upon us and nature is preparing for winter, there is something new and energizing about anticipating a change in seasons. We may also experience a little anxiety because we don't always know what to expect. Entering more deeply into the life of a Christian steward can also elicit the same response from us. Letting go of some of life's non-essentials and stepping more authentically into a life of prayer, service and sharing can make us uneasy. Pope Francis addressed this very issue in the homily he gave at his Mass on Pentecost. Let us prayerfully read a passage together in light of our own lives and the work of our committee:

All: "Newness always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we have everything under control, if we are the ones who build, program and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our own preferences. This is also the case when it comes to God. Often we follow him, we accept him, but only up to a certain point. It is hard to abandon ourselves to him with complete trust, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the soul and guide of our lives in our every decision. We fear that God may force us to strike out on new paths and leave behind our all too narrow, closed and selfish horizons in order to become open to his own. Yet throughout the history of salvation, whenever God reveals himself, he brings newness - God always brings newness, and demands our complete trust."

Questions for reflection:

- Are there any phrase(s) from the quotation that spoke to you?
- How difficult is it for you to open yourself up to something new?
- What does this message have to do in regard to personally becoming better stewards for the glory of God?
- How does Pope Francis message speak to us as we work to make stewardship a way of life in our parish?

Let Us Pray (All): Glorious God, your disciple Paul directed us to "do everything for your glory." Through Christian stewardship we are able to receive God's gifts gratefully, nurture them responsibly, share them generously and return them to you in abundance. Please give us the courage and strength to challenge ourselves to stewardship in new areas of our lives. Help us to be models for our brothers and sisters in our parish. Assist us in finding ways to wholeheartedly affirm and challenge our parish to a life of faith-filled prayer, compassionate service and generous sharing. For your glory, help us to put our trust in you.

We ask this in the name of our brother and Savior. Amen



Committee Meeting Prayer November 2013 Around Your Throne Giving Glory

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31)"

Introduction-Leader: It is November. As Catholics, we take time to remember the witnesses who gave glory to God with their lives on earth, and now continue to honor the Lord in heaven. Our celebration of the feast of All Saints, exemplifies the unique gifts, circumstances and journeys of those who came before us. The Communion of Saints represents ordained, religious, as well as laity from all walks of life. Some came from wealth and others from poverty. The saints were old and young; some educated, others lacked formal schooling. All had one thing in common. Once they acknowledged and allowed the light of our loving God to enter their hearts, their lives changed. They stand before the throne of God not because of their formal degrees, appearances, wealth, or place in society. They were not able to take those things which are temporal into eternity. The saints rest in the presence of the Almighty because they were the vessels of love for God and for others. Each worked in their time in history, to live for the glory of God as stewards. Their lives of prayer, service and sharing become models of encouragement for us. Let us hold our "holy" ancestors in our hearts as we pray together the *Preface for the feast of All Saints* beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:

Prayer-All: "Around your throne, the saints, our brothers and sisters, sing your praise forever. Their glory fills us with joy, and their communion with us in your church gives us inspiration and strength as we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith, eager to meet them. With their great company and all the angels we praise your glory as we cry out in one voice: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." Amen

Questions for reflection: Are there any phrase(s) from the prayer that spoke to you? Do you have a favorite saint who you believe lived their life as a Christian steward for the glory of God? Can you think of a "saint in the making" who is a steward of prayer, service and sharing?

Prayers of Gratitude: Let's offer our thanks to God:

Please respond: **Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!**

For our Savior Jesus, who is our most perfect model of stewardship, thank you.

Response: **Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!**

For our models of faith-filled prayer: Therese, Dorothy Day, Ignatius, thank you. **R.**

Response: **Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!**

For our models of compassionate service: Francis, Mother Teresa, Vincent, Clare, thank you. **R.**

Response: **Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!**

For our models of generous sharing: Katherine, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Margaret, thank you. **R.**

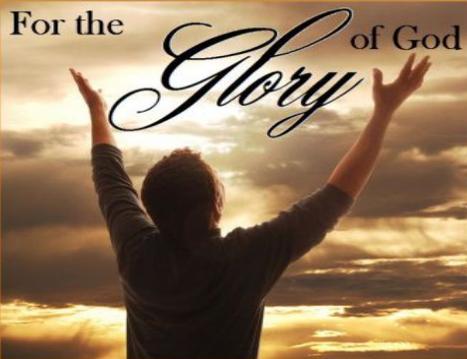
Response: **Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!**

For all modern day saints who live as stewards for your glory, thank you. **R.**

Response: **Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!**

Closing-All: Lord, remain in our hearts during our meeting so that we may do all for your glory. We ask this in the name of our brother and Savior. Amen





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BULLETIN INSERTS

If you hold back your foot on the Sabbath from following your own pursuits on my holy day; If you call the Sabbath a delight, and the Lord's holy day honorable; If you honor it by not following your ways, seeking your own interests, or speaking with malice, then you delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will nourish you with the heritage of Jacob, your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Isaiah 58: 13-14

In what ways do your actions state that you delight in the Sabbath (Sunday)? How might you be a better steward make the Lord's holy day even more meaningful?

Thus says the Lord:

Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, nor the strong man glory in his strength, nor the rich man glory in his riches; But rather, let him who glories, glory in this, that in his prudence he knows me, Knows that I, the Lord, bring kindness, justice and uprightness on the earth; For with such I am pleased, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 9: 22-23

How do you come to know God more intimately each week? What unique gifts have you been given that you give glory to God for on a regular basis?

Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others. Colossians 3:23

How does making the glory of God the basis for the way you live your life change your level of generosity of time in prayer, using your talents in service, and offering your treasure in sharing?

"Everything is lawful," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is lawful," but not everything builds up. I Corinthians 10:23

How do you give glory to God and "build up Christ's Church" by sharing your time in prayer, your talents in service and your treasures in sharing?

"There is always the danger that we may just do the work for the sake of the work. This is where the respect and the devotion come in-that we do it to God, to Christ, and that is why we try to do it as beautifully as possible." Mother Teresa

What in the areas of prayer, service or sharing do you do seem to do without purpose? What could happen in those areas if you did them to/ for Christ or for the glory of God?

"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1Cor 10:31)
"When you are faithful to the Word of God, you get to see the power of God at work in your life."

Fr. Michael White "Rebuilt"

How could being true to this scripture passage deepen your relationship with Christ? How might it affect your way of living out your discipleship?

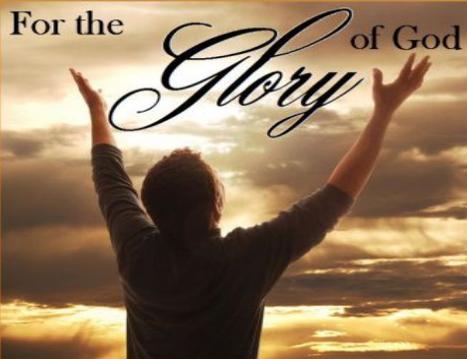
Worthy are you, Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things; because of your will they came to be and were created." Rev 4:11

How does knowing that everything comes from God and belongs to God call you to be a good steward (caretaker) of all you have been given? How do you honor God with your gifts?

St. Ignatius of Loyola when he heard the clock strike would say "Now I have another hour to answer for." John Piper

If you were to keep track of twelve waking hours in one day of your life, which of your activities would give glory to God? How are you a good steward of your time?





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But who am I, and who are my people that we should have the means to contribute so freely? For everything is from you and we only give what we have received from you. For we stand before you as aliens: we are only your guests like all our fathers. Our life on earth is like a shadow that does not abide. O Lord, our God, all this wealth that we have brought together to build you a house in honor of your holy name comes from you and is entirely yours.

1Chronicles 29:14-16

In what ways does this passage help you to understand more clearly that we should do everything for the glory of God? Consider your wealth in terms of time for prayer, talents for service and treasure for sharing.

Newness always makes us a bit fearful because we feel more secure if we have everything under control, if we are the ones who build, program and plan our live in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our preferences. This is also the case when it comes to God. Often we follow him, we accept him only up to a certain point. It is hard to abandon ourselves to him with complete trust, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the soul and guide of our lives in our every decision.

Pope Francis May 19, 2013

How comfortable are you in placing your complete trust in God and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide your decisions when it comes to generosity with your time in prayer, using your talents in service and sharing from your treasure? What would it take to abandon yourself to/for the glory of God and move forward in the life of Christian stewardship?

“The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it.” Mother Teresa

Consider the ways that you serve in our parish, our community and beyond. Are you happy to be a steward of your talents in service? What might give your service more meaning?

“I see God in the works of his hand and the marks of his love in every visible thing, and it sometimes happens that I am seized by a supreme joy which is above all other joys.” (Blessed Titus Brandsma, Priest and Martyr)

When have you been over-whelmed by the glory of God that it caused you to respond in action? What did you do?

“In paying homage to Christ I would rather go too far than not far enough to give him the praise that is due him.”

(John Duns Scotus, Theologian)

On a scale of one to ten, and in light of your way of living, how would you rate your life in praising and giving glory to God?

“My only ambition is to one day paint Christ so movingly that those who see Him will be converted.” (Georges Rouault, Artist)

What unique talent do you use with such passion that might help others to know Christ in a new way?

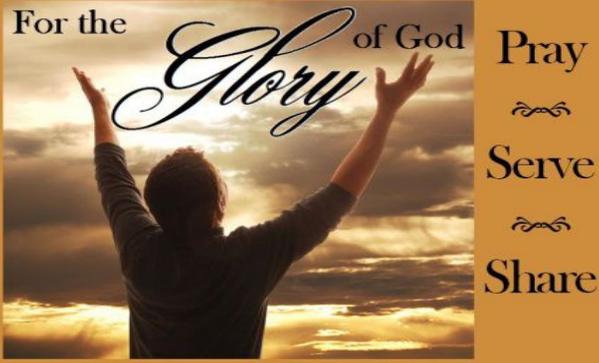
I will praise you with all my heart, glorify your name forever, Lord my God. Psalm 86:12

What has the Lord done for you today to be able to offer these words in prayer?

“We must give God what we have, gladly and with joy.” (St. Elizabeth of Hungary Franciscan Queen)

Do you agree with St. Elizabeth? If so, how do you live it out in your life?





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**Pastor/Pastoral Leader
Letter of Invitation**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever been overwhelmed by the greatness and loving generosity of God? Perhaps you experience this in the beautiful fall colors or in the smiles and support of friends or family members. Every Sunday we recall the wondrous Savior who gave his life for us on the Cross and celebrate his rising from the dead. Breathtaking and mind boggling if we truly think about it!

So what might our response be to such an awesome God who gives everything, including the hope of eternal life? According to Paul it is, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1Cor 10:31) It seems like a tall order, doesn't it? Could you imagine doing a check list of your daily activities to see how each gives glory to God in some way?

Our parish, in conjunction with all parishes in the Diocese of Green Bay, is going to have the opportunity to reflect upon these questions as we celebrate the second annual Diocesan Stewardship Weekend on November 9/10, 2013. Our theme will be *For the Glory of God: Pray, Serve, Share*. We will recall and celebrate how each of us are stewards of faith-filled prayer, compassionate service and generous sharing. We will have the opportunity for the glory of God to challenge ourselves to continue growing in these areas as we journey to become a mature disciple.

I ask that each of you join in this wonderful celebration of Stewardship Weekend. Our parish staff, pastoral council and stewardship committee members have recommended that we celebrate *For the Glory of God: Pray, Serve, Share* in the following manner:

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Please join us for all the activities as we celebrate God's unending love for us. If you would like to help in any way with these wonderful activities, please call _____

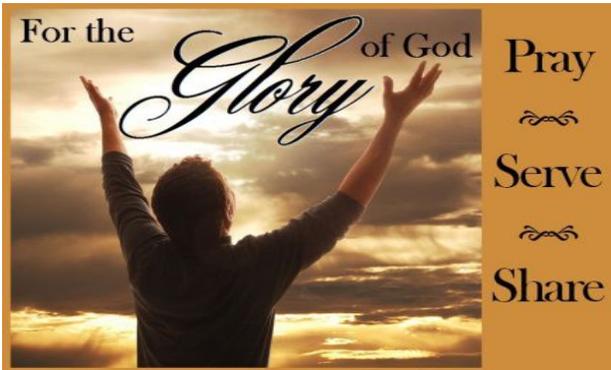
Thank you for all you are and for all you already do for the *glory of God*.

In Christ's Service for His Glory,



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POSTCARD SAMPLE



**COME JOIN THE
CELEBRATION!**

“Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it for the Glory of God.”
(1Cor 10:31)

Dear Friends in Christ,
We are inviting all members of _____ parish to join in the Diocesan Celebration of Stewardship Weekend November 9/10th. It is our hope that through this celebration we will be willing to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. Our parish has scheduled the following activities:

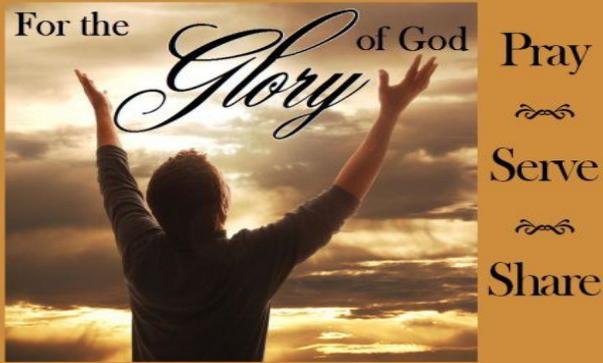
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Please mark your calendars!

Blessings,

Pastor/Pastoral Leader
Pastoral Council
Stewardship Committee





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Engaging Schools, Religious Education and Families

- All resources are available at www.gbdioc.org/stewardshipweekend.
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Catechist Preparation:

Make stewardship weekend an agenda item at a staff/team meeting using some of the prior items for resources:

- ☐ *For the Glory of God*, Stewardship Theme Background Resource
- ** *The 2012 Letter of Proclamation from Bishop Ricken* which states the rationale for the Diocesan wide celebration of Stewardship Sunday
- ** Stewardship Basics: *Be Not Afraid*, Session 1 of Six Week Small Group Study on Stewardship
- ** "Stewardship Moments with Bishop Ricken" Four -one minute video clips of Bishop Ricken
- ☐ Committee Prayers: August-November

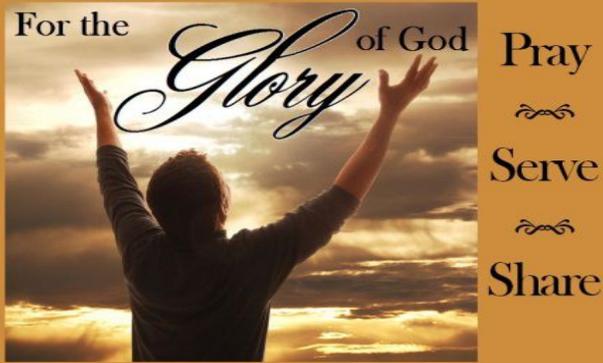
Preparing Children-Youth

- Be sure children have an age-appropriate understanding of stewardship and the theme for this year's celebration of Stewardship Weekend.
- Display the theme: *For the Glory of God: Pray, Serve Share* and the scripture (1Cor 10:31) *Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it for the glory of God*, in a visible place.
- Begin each class or session by saying the verse out loud and offer up your time together *for the glory of God*.
- Create a parish/school bulletin board.
- ☐ Check out the Diocesan Excellent Essay Opportunity for children, youth and families.

Note: The following are suggestions that can be adapted in any way or any grade level.

Kindergarten –Grade 5

- *For the Glory of God* Activity Calendar: Using input from the children, have each grade level create a monthly calendar of activities for their class. Each month, choose a way they will give glory to God through an activity of prayer, service or sharing. Be sure to talk about their experiences or perhaps have them draw or write about their experiences.



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Grades 6-8

- **Grade 6:** *For the Glory of God Prayer Service:* Youth create and lead a prayer service for others. Be creative using music and technology, if possible.
- **Grade 7:** *For the Glory of God Service Project:* Youth create and invite younger children to participate in a local service project.
- **Grade 8:** *For the Glory of God Sharing Project:* Ask youth to create and lead others in an opportunity to share with those in need. Explore opportunities and create announcements and promotions.

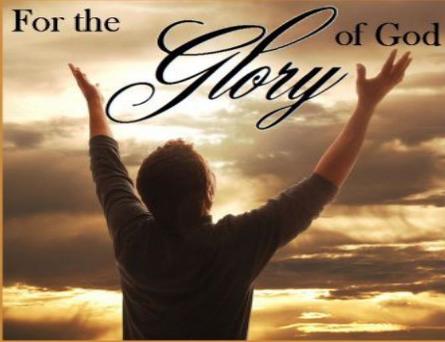
High School-Youth

- Collect quotations from parishioners or youth exclusively asking them what they do daily to honor or for the glory of God. Put the quotations on a PowerPoint that can be played prior to Mass in the worship or narthex, on your webpage, newsletter or insert in the bulletin.
- *For the Glory of God Resumes:* Ask youth to work in small groups to write a resume that describes someone who lives *for the glory of God*.
- Ask youth to be creative in putting together a list of ten ways youth can “step up” their time in prayer, the use of their talents in service, and the generous sharing of their treasure. Print list on website, in newsletter and bulletin.

Families

- Families create small reminder banners with the theme and scripture passage to place around their home.
- Families at mealtime or before bedtime talk about what they have done *for the glory of God* that day.
- Families make a plan to “step up” their prayer, service or sharing in some way.

For assistance in any area of stewardship, please contact Mary Ann Otto at (920) 272-8301 or 1-877-500-3580 ext. 8301 or at motto@gbdioc.org



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Excellent Essay Opportunity

WHAT: The Department of Stewardship and Pastoral Services is sponsoring an *Excellent Essay Opportunity* for children, youth and families across the Diocese of Green Bay in celebration of Stewardship Sunday November 9/10, 2013.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Participants whose entries are selected will have their essay printed in a special edition of the Compass to be distributed with the November 1, 2013 edition. There will be three children, three youth and three family essays selected.

HOW: Have each participant fill out the brief application found below and staple their entry to it. This will help us identify the parish and also make sure we have parental permission to print the essay if it is selected. If Parishes/Schools have multiple entries, the DRE /Principal should select the top three entries from their group to send to the diocese. All entries need to be received at the diocese by October 15, 2013 for consideration.

ESSAY QUESTIONS for Participants

Note: Please consider using examples of prayer, service and/or sharing in your response.

Grades 4-6 (100-200 words) (choose one)

- Every day I try to give *glory to God* by....?
- It is important to give *glory to God* by my actions because....?
- Going to Mass is an important way to give *glory to God* because...?

Grades 7-12 (250 words) (choose one)

- To me, living my life in ways that give *glory to God* is important because...?
- Someone I see living their life *for the glory of God* is...?
- If someone were to observe me living my life *for the glory of God*, they would see...?

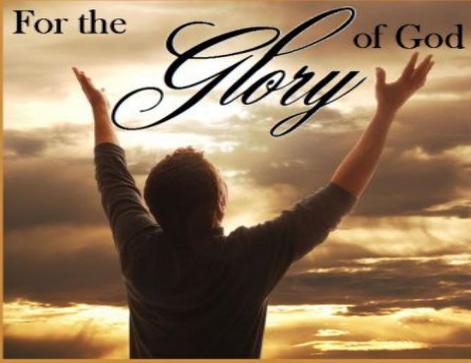
Family Essay (250 words) (choose one)

- Our family gives *glory to God* on a weekly basis by...?
- Our family gives *glory to God* through service to others by ...?
- Going to Mass reminds us to give *glory to God* because....?

DEADLINE: All entries must be received at the diocese no later than October 15, 2013 to be considered.

SEND: Please send to Mary Ann Otto, Stewardship and Special Project Director, Diocese of Green Bay, PO Box 23825, Green Bay, WI 54305-3825

Questions: Please contact Mary Ann Otto at (920) 272-8301 or 1-877-500-3580 ext. 8301 or motto@gbdioc.org



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Essay Submission Form

Attach to Entry

(Please enter info for all family members if writing a family essay)

Name (child or youth or family members)

Parish _____

School _____

Grade _____

Family Phone _____

Email _____

The question being responded to is:

If selected, I give permission for this entry to be printed in the Compass on November 1st, 2013 with the name and parish/school of my child/family.

Parent or Guardian Signature

