

More Than Enough
St. Francis' Church Fall Stewardship Campaign

Ah, September. The bridge between the last remnants of summer and the early inklings of fall. Our vacations are in the rearview mirror as our normal routines of activities, school, and work resume. Life at St. Francis also changes with the season. New energy and vibrancy come to our communal life as the choir returns and Sunday School begins anew. An outdoor service – Mass on the Grass – on September 11th officially kicks off this new season of activity at St. Francis.

Another autumnal tradition at St. Francis also will be beginning soon: our Fall Stewardship Campaign. The theme of this year's campaign is *More Than Enough*. Throughout this year we've been including reflections on this topic in Communiques and service bulletins. The loaves and fishes icon has been shared with you as well and you will see it more often in the weeks ahead.



But why loaves and fishes? And what do we have more than enough of? We all know the story of Jesus' miracle of feeding the thousands of his followers. How he took 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, blessed them, and fed the multitudes. Everyone ate their fill and still there were 12 baskets of food left over. Jesus provided *more than enough* to feed his followers. Just *seeing* loaves and fishes instantly connects us to this story – a story we've known since our days in Sunday School, a story of wonder and amazement. But now we can view the story in different lights, including recognizing that **God works with scarcity to create abundance**. God multiplies "things" in our lives (whether they are material, like money; spiritual, like faith; human, like love) more and more and more. God grows, spreads, and stretches what started as meager into *more than enough*.

Good stewardship of our resources (Wealth, Wisdom, and Works) helps get us on our way to recognizing *the abundance already in our lives*. So when you see loaves and fishes, think for a moment about what is abundant in your life, give God thanks and praise, and ask yourself, what might good stewardship of this abundance be?

SAVE THE DATES!

- October 16th Kick-off of *More than Enough* Campaign with a personal testimonial
- October 23rd Diocesan Stewardship Sunday with sermon by Bishop Stokes
- October 30th Chancel Drama by Fr. Frank and the St. Francis Players
- November 13th Commitment Sunday (previously Consecration Sunday) with boxed luncheon