

STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT

We, the family of Spirit of Christ Catholic Community, believe stewardship is our grateful and obedient response to God's redeeming love. We recognize that all creation is placed in our trust by God. We acknowledge that our ability to respond faithfully to God's love is empowered by the Holy Spirit. Stewardship requires responsible return to God from our resources of time, talent and treasure. We further acknowledge that we are called to live out this response individually and in community.

Mission Statement, Funding Committee Social Concerns Ministry

We, the Funding Committee of Social Concerns Ministry, through prayerful discernment, believe our responsibility and accountability for the distribution of the parish tithe is based on furthering Catholic Christian value and empowering people to meet their most basic needs. Percentage distribution of the parish tithe is 14% of the Parish Offertory.

STEWARDSHIP POLICY

1. The parish tithe of treasure consists of 14% of the offertory. The Social Concerns Funding Committee is responsible for allocation of the tithe.
2. No second collections will be taken at any liturgy for Spirit of Christ Catholic Community. The Archbishop's Annual Catholic Appeal, Archdiocesan World Missions Appeal and the Seminary Appeal are the only exceptions. The list of 2nd Collections from the Archdiocese of Denver is given to the Funding Committee to allocate from the 14% tithe. These 2nd Collections will be disbursed in line with the months the Archdiocese has requested. As tragedies such as the Katrina Hurricane occur, we will make the exception and the people can contribute through their parish.
3. There will exist, on an on-going basis, methods of educating the community regarding stewardship. The Stewardship Committee will be accountable for directing this implementation.
4. All financial resources of Spirit of Christ Catholic Community will be allocated through the annual budget. The Finance Council is charged with review and approval of the annual budget.
 - a. Any fee charged by a ministry is to cover only costs incurred.
5. The Pastoral Leadership Council will make available a list of opportunities which cannot be accommodated by the annual budget, in order to permit people to steward, as they feel called.
 - a. The general offertory is the first priority.
 - b. We ask that each household consider this list as an additional method of giving.
 1. Reverse Collection
 2. Drive for Growing Home
 3. Annual Migrant Workers Drive
 4. Annual Prison Ministry Drive
 5. Monthly support for the Arvada Food Bank

There are some organizations that are budgeted annually from the 14% that offer hands-on opportunities for parishioners to support a cause by:

1. Buying Fair Trade Coffee (supporting the grower not the middle man) in third world countries
 2. Collecting items for the homeless and the families in transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency
 3. Collecting items for the backpacks to be distributed to persons just released from prison to help them get a hands up while beginning their new lives.
 4. Buying Share Colorado packages for themselves or donating the Share package. These Share certificates offer grocery items at a much reduced cost due to the capability of bulk purchasing.
- c. The Business Administrator will accept specific donations of services, objects, or monies on approval. The Business Administrator is responsible to report to the Finance Council, the Stewardship Committee and the Pastoral Leadership Council.
6. The Pastor is responsible for reporting to the parish on an annual basis the volunteer, ministry and financial status of the parish. The Pastor is accountable to the Stewardship Committee for this implementation.
7. The Finance Council will make available opportunities for stewarding outside of Spirit of Christ Catholic Community, which cannot be accommodated by the annual budget.
 - a. All appeals for written or verbal publicity for outside needs are to be submitted to the Bulletin Editor for discernment and action. However, no sales for outside activities will be permitted on the premises without the approval of the Stewardship Committee and the Pastoral Leadership Council.