

# *“Gifted by God”*

*YOU ARE INVITED!*

*Annual Festival of Ministries*

*September 9 & 10*

after all weekend Masses

*“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD, Alleluia”*

As we look forward to another Stewardship event for our annual renewal and recruitment of volunteers, **hopefully you have taken the time to read and reflect on the information in each week’s bulletin.** See how we, as God’s stewards, are called to follow in Jesus’ footsteps. You are asked to pray and discern your skills and talents, so that you will be ready for the opportunity to volunteer by making a commitment to serve in one of our many ministries here at St. Mary Magdalene. We have a choice of over 90 parish ministries that serve our parish and our community!

Our parish is very special and we depend entirely on the generosity of our parishioners for the complete support of our parish. Our multitude of caring stewards has accomplished so much for the parish and community around us. For this we are most grateful.

Making a commitment to a ministry is more than signing your name on a paper; it is a covenant with God to serve him through the parish in a spirit of love and sharing. It is following through and being available when called to serve, it is making the time to call, to visit, to pray, to cook, to attend a meeting or whatever else may be needed in that ministry. This is how St. Mary Magdalene Parish has flourished for over 100 years, because our stewards honor their commitments to use their gifts to serve the Lord.

This year, on **September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**, if you are already a volunteer, you may want to recommit to your present ministry, seek an additional one or choose a different one. **If you are not presently volunteering, please make a commitment to serve in at least one ministry for a year.** Please visit the tables in the Family Life Center where you will have the opportunity to commit your gifts to an appropriate ministry or to try something new in other areas. Volunteering in ministry, you will experience firsthand, through your service, how wonderful life is at St. Mary Magdalene and at the same time be a beautiful example to your family as well as others.