

# 25 Random Acts of Stewardship You Can Do At Home!!!

- *Take your watch off when entering church for Mass — symbolize this is God's time, the Mass a doorway to eternity.*
- Set a prayer to come up on your computer screen when you start work in the morning and again at 3 PM.
- **Create a Refrigerator magnet: "What can I do to help people who don't have a well-stocked refrigerator?"**
- Purchase a less-expensive car than you can afford — share the difference with your parish.
- Read the Minute Meditation each day: ([www.AmericanCatholic.org/Features/Minute/default.asp](http://www.AmericanCatholic.org/Features/Minute/default.asp))
- Put a crucifix in your house — in a place where it is visible to guests.
- Pray while standing in line at the supermarket, for all those in the store, for all those who grow and process the food, and for those who are hungry.
- *Pray while waiting for the next piece of equipment at the fitness center — pray in thanks for your own health, and pray for everyone in the center.*
- Commit to doing one good act each week that will benefit someone without his/her knowing it. At the end of the week, share what you did with your family.
- Put a piece of straw in your wallet before Christmas shopping, to remind yourself of the greatest gift, Jesus in the manger.
- **Put a stewardship sticker on your credit card, to remind you that spending is not everything.**
- Take an inventory of your clothes. Decide which items you don't need, and donate them to a charity that will put them to use.
- Think carefully about alternative uses of the money before purchasing luxury items.
- After saying grace at the family meal, ask each family member to relate something he/she is thankful for that day or some way that he/she has shared his/her gifts that day.
- *Each month distribute a blank calendar showing each day. Ask people (children especially) to enter each day the time they gave to God. Collect each filled calendar at the beginning of the next month and take to the altar for blessing.*
- Parish proclaims a "Random Acts of Kindness Day." Parishioners then try to do as many acts of kindness as possible, especially for people they don't know or wouldn't normally be involved with (such as a homebound neighbor).
- Establish a "prayer corner" in the home; decorate with a crucifix, holy cards, pictures of deceased relatives, etc.
- **Celebrate with your spouse your "month-iversary" — the day of the month on which you were married — every month.**
- Encourage people to set goals not only for stewardship of treasure but also for time (especially as prayer) and talent.
- *Build a habit of thanking people whose work usually goes unnoticed — those who clean our business office, those who serve the food in fast-food restaurants, cashiers, etc.*
- Send hand-written notes to senior members of the parish, thanking them for all they have done in their lives for the church community.
- Rake leaves, shovel snow, etc., for elderly neighbors/parishioners.
- **Invite a person who is not able to get out of the house easily to go grocery shopping with your family.**
- Make arrangements to pick up a homebound person for Mass each week.
- Take a can of food or another non-perishable item to the parish food bank each week.