



# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA

## Stewardship—Newsletter

MAKING DISCIPLES—BRINGING CHRIST TO THE WORLD

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### Stewardship Prayer

We give thanks Lord, for You are a generous and gracious God. Mindful of all Your blessings, we ask You to give us the grace to share Your love and the many gifts You have given us. We pray for all Your creation, that through our stewardship, all may be aware of Your loving care. We ask for Your peace and protection. Blessed Be God Forever. Amen.



### Scripture Corner

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone."

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

### Ideas for Your Bulletin—Getting Ready for Lent

**Prayer**—Dedicate yourself to an extra 10-15 minutes of daily Scripture reading. Participate in an extra community prayer activity, perhaps daily Mass or the Stations of the Cross.

**Fasting**—Fast from negative thoughts of others. Be conscious of mean or petty mental messages. Set some limits and sacrifice some internet browsing, television watching, or texting and do something constructive with the time saved. When refraining from food or drink, make sure you're doing it for the right sacrificial reasons and perhaps donate the money saved to a charity. Fast from the need to always be right. Spend more time listening to or reading the opinions and ideas of those with whom you may not think you agree.

**Almsgiving**—How much should I give? Maybe stretch your charitable giving this Lent. Sacrifice a need or want to give more money to the offertory collection at Mass. Set aside a few hours of Lent to be with the poor. Try to enter your area of discomfort. Check out your closet and do not add to it during Lent. Maybe sacrifice something in it.