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Office of Parish Stewardship

We are pleased to present our December issue of **ONE FAMILY IN MISSION** newsletter. We invite you - as part of that **FAMILY** - to share articles, best practices and any other items that you believe would benefit our community of Stewards. Please send them to tzalud@drc.org.

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Prepare Your Heart this Advent Season through the Pillar of Prayer

Advent is here, along with the hustle and bustle of making ready our homes for the Blessed Christmas Season. Now is the time to stay focused on the true meaning of Christmas and prepare our hearts, as well. May we dedicate prayer time to reading over scriptures that highlight our most significant gift—the love of God. Let us take this opportunity to deepen our connection with the spiritual side of the season, adding more meaning to our celebrations.

Here are 10 bible verses to reflect on this holiday season.

Psalms 107:1 "Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures forever!"

Philippians 4:6 "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

Psalms 1:3 "I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; I will declare all your wondrous deeds. I will delight and rejoice in you; I will sing hymns to your name, Most High."

Colossians 3:15 "And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful."

Ephesians 5:20 "Giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father."

Psalms 103:1-2 "Bless the LORD, my soul; all my being, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts."

Psalms 28:7 "The LORD is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusts. I am helped, so my heart rejoices; with my song I praise him."

Lamentations 3:25 "The LORD is good to those who trust in him, to the one that seeks him."

Isaiah 12:5 "Sing praise to the LORD for he has done glorious things; let this be known throughout all the earth."

Chronicles 16:23-25 "Sing to the LORD, all the earth, announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; to be feared above all gods."

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Give a Special Gift to Someone Through the Pillar of Service

*"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters and to the desire for a new world."
-- Pope Francis*

Sometimes the best gifts to give are the gifts of our time and presence, which makes them such precious commodities. This Advent and Christmas Season, think about how you can be of service and present to a neighbor. Is there someone who needs a ride to a prayer service or to Mass; is there someone who is lonely or will be celebrating the holiday alone? Perhaps you can set a time aside and visit this person or invite him/her to your family celebration. Your gift of service and of presence of yourself are more valuable than any gift you can buy.

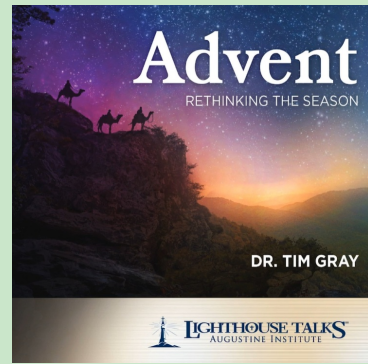
*God bless you and your loved ones!
Our Prayers and Good Wishes for a Blessed
Advent and Merry Christmas!*

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, April 27 Celebration of our Retired
Priests, Mass and Brunch**

Formed Stewardship Content of the Month

Each month, our office suggests Stewardship content from Formed.org that will help you grow in the faith! If you are not signed up with Formed.org, check with your parish to see if they have a subscription. This month, we recommend "Advent Rethinking the Season".



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