



Summertime Stewardship...

THE SUMMER STEWARDSHIP "DOLDRUMS" HAVE ARRIVED EARLY!

Usually, starting in June and extending through the summer months, our Stewardship donations take a nose dive. This annual cycle is consistent, and totally understandable. When the weather warms up, Montanans begin to get out and enjoy our beautiful state. Fishing season begins in earnest. Family weekend visits to historic sites are planned and taken. Our summer retreats are opened and readied for our weekend visits. School years are over, and families want to get away and have some fun! Do it, and enjoy!

However, the impact every year, when so many members of our Parish family depart in all directions, is that our Stewardship contributions decrease and the Parish must scramble to get our bills paid. This year the decrease in our Stewardship donations has begun early. It pains the Finance Council to have to harp about needing more funds to pay our bills, but we must. You have been so faithful by increasing your Stewardship commitments this past year and by sharing more of your treasure with us. We thank all of you for your support, understanding and generosity. If everyone continued to donate at the pace that they did during the earlier part of the year, we would not have a financial problem late in the year as we are now experiencing.

WE CAN SUGGEST A FEW WAYS AND ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO CONTINUE TO MEET YOUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES WHILE YOU ARE HAVING YOUR SUMMER FUN. First, take your envelopes and checkbooks with you and, with reminders, mail in donations from wherever you are. Or, if you can afford it, make out one check and send in your pledged amount for the number of Sundays you wish to cover. Secondly, and possibly a better way for you, is to open an Auto-Debit or an Auto-Pay account with Blessed Trinity and Spirit of Christ.

Auto-Debit accounts are used only for Stewardship donations, and can be cancelled easily and quickly if the member so chooses. However, the envelopes provided each month for special appeals will have to be sent in, or placed in the basket, each week, during Mass.

Auto-Pay accounts are a more simple process. They are an agreement between the individual members and their banks. Each month, on the day, or days selected, the member's bank will send to Blessed Trinity, or the Spirit of Christ Mission, the Stewardship funds that the member has authorized.

We presently have 28 families that have opened Auto-Debit or Auto-Pay accounts. Some Families have relayed to us that the process of meeting their Stewardship pledges had eased, and, after a while, they did not miss these funds in their daily living. At Blessed Trinity and Spirit of Christ, a steady source of funding makes the paying of our monthly bills more manageable. If opening one of these accounts is of interest to you, contact our Financial Administrator, Jim McDonald, in the Parish office. Your Finance Councils truly appreciate the sacrifices you make in sharing your personal treasure with us. Have a great and fun-filled summer!

THANK YOU. ENJOY "GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME," AND GOD BLESS!

