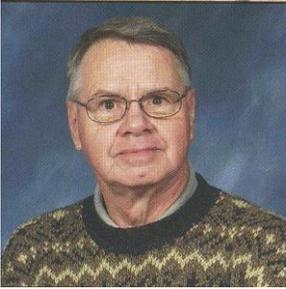


Stories of Stewardship

Interviews by St. Patrick Catholic School Grades 5 and 4 Students



At school we are doing a project on stewardship. Everyone in our class got paired up with an adult in our parish. I got Mr. Herb Wood.

Mr. Wood sets up the tables and sweeps the floor at our school. He also repairs things at our school and church. He does these five days a week and is a Eucharistic minister on the weekends. He said that his stewardship takes about three hours a day.

What motivates him to give of his time, talent, and treasure is that he has been retired for four years and needed something to do for God.

I would say that Mr. Wood does a lot for our school and church.
- by Michael Aylward



I interviewed Mr. Jim Bollig about stewardship for Religion class at school.

He said being the Lord's follower and being a good Christian is what being a Catholic means to him.

He helps the HSA with different things like recycling and selling cans, serving drinks at the auction, and raising money. He does these because it makes him feel good that he can help other children and help get supplies for the school.

A message he would like to give to the students at Saint Patrick School is to study hard, get as much knowledge as they can, and be a good Christian.

I appreciate Mr. Jim Bollig for doing all the things he does for us.
- by Mikayla Kwek



I interviewed Mr. Kirk Fickel for a project I am doing for school. I asked him questions about what he does as a steward for our school. He is the president of the HSA, he is a member of the Knights of

Columbus, and he helps around the school and church. Also, he helps raise money for the church and school.

He said he wants all students to love their school, and he wants all parents to feel good about St. Patrick School.

Mr. Kirk Fickel is very nice, and I think he is very important to our church and school. He also sacrifices lots of his time to support our school and church.
- by Paul Bollig



For religion class I needed to interview a steward that does something for our school. I interviewed Mr. Herman Colvin.

He said he donates money to the school.

He is a Eucharistic Minister once a month. He is part of the Stewardship Committee, which meets once a month. He is in the Right to Life group. He is a pro-life chairman and as chairman, has to help with baby showers, Life Chain Sunday, the Day of the Unborn, and the box supper. Mr. Colvin is the leadership chairman for vocations, which meets monthly, and being chairman, he helps raise funds for vocations and the vocation endowment. Also, he works at the St. Pat's Bargain Store every week for three hours. He helps the Youth Team monthly. He is a fourth degree Knight and also a Deputy Grand Knight of Council 1046.

If he would talk to the whole school, he would talk to us about vocations, prayer, and family.

Mr. Colvin gives his time, talent, and treasure to our school because it is a responsibility of a Catholic Christian to give back what we've been given.

He says he is strong in his faith because he does all those things.

I think Mr. Colvin is a very nice guy. Mr. Colvin does a lot of things for our school and I bet it takes a lot of his time to do all of those things. Everyday he does an act of kindness and stewardship. I look up to Mr. Colvin for all the things he does.

- by Angelo Andoyo

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For my religion class at school, I did an interview with **Mrs. Vicki Fleming**.

Mrs. Fleming had been on the school board, taught Spanish classes, and helped with the school carnival while her

daughters attended St. Patrick.

For the church, she is a greeter, a gift bearer, a lector, a C.Y.O., a teacher for P.S.R, does youth information, altar society, and mission trips.

She teaches P.S.R two times a week and helps clean the church. Mrs. Fleming told me it takes *a lot* time, but she enjoys it very much so the time doesn't matter.

She told me that it was a lot of fun to meet and get to know people better and grow in the faith with your friends.

Mrs. Fleming said, "It is nice to be with your friends. It is good to not be selfish and in everything you do, you should show God how much you love Him."

I have learned it takes *a lot* of time and *a lot* of work to be a steward and it sounds like a lot of fun. Mrs. Fleming is a great person!

- by Emily Larkin



I talked to **Mr. Darren Larkin** because we are doing a project about stewardship. Mr. Larkin is so nice. He does repairs for the school, helps HSA and

the church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Larkin helps our school because his daughter Emily and son Mitchell goes to St. Patrick School and he likes our school.

Mr. Larkin wants to redo the gym floor. Our gym floor has lumps on it. It is very old. We don't know how much it is going to cost. We can help Mr. Larkin by giving money for the project.

I think that stewardship takes lots of time and effort. Mr. Larkin is nice and friendly. Mr. Larkin is a good steward because he works hard to *be* a good steward.

- by Melanie Hallacy



I talked with **Mrs. Sandy Alonzo** and asked her what she did for volunteer work for our church. She answered with: She is a part of the prayer chain; she is a Eucharistic minister, and she helps Jackie VanGotten with the decorations in the church. Mrs. Alonzo is a daily mass attendee, and part of the Stewardship Team. Sandy is also an RCIA sponsor and a meal-fixer. In addition she also runs the parish newsletter, and has an adoration hour.

When I asked how long it took her each day to do her stewardship acts, and she replied with an hour each day.

What helps her to give of her time, talent, and treasure is her love for the church and the Eucharist. Mrs. Alonzo's advice is to stay close to your family and the church, adore the Eucharist, and always pray for your priest.

The only thing that she would rather be doing, besides what she's already doing because she loves her current job, would be to volunteer for everything she could. Mrs. Alonzo is a good person to look up to because of her love for the church. I feel that she does a lot for our church and school!

- by Hunttyr Schwegman



I interviewed **Mrs. Kathy Watts** for a class project on stewardship.

Mrs. Watts volunteers in the classrooms and helps at lunch. She donates money in the collection, is a cantor and sings in the choir at St. Patrick Church.

She often does her volunteer work several times a week. She shares her knowledge, her experience, and her love for the students at St Patrick School.

Mrs. Watts is motivated by her love for God. She says we are called to help the church. It also makes her feel good to help others.

I look up to Mrs. Watts because she is a volunteer and a para-teacher at St. Patrick School.

- by Hayden Matlock

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I interviewed **Mrs. Karen Lair** as a project on stewardship. I asked her some questions and got a lot of good answers.

She said she does funeral dinners, makes food for special events for the parish, and helps with Soupline. She helped organize the first Annual St. Patrick fundraiser. She substitutes at St. Patrick's School and she and her husband teach sixth grade PSR every Wednesday night.

Mrs. Lair says it takes time to do all of these, but it's fun because she's working with people in the parish for Jesus.

She said when you give of your time, talent, and treasure, you're serving the Lord. She said she likes to be around people and children, and that helps.

She says when you're being a good steward it makes your heart happy. Mrs. Lair also loves to see all the students at St. Pat's happy.

She says that we're so lucky to have this school where we get a good education and learn and grow in our faith.

She says she does what she does because she was raised in a Catholic family with wonderful parents who sacrificed to make sure her brothers and she went to the Catholic school. Mrs. Lair said she has very fond memories of her school years and she wants that Catholic education available for all the kids in Chanute. Above all, she does it for God who has blessed her with so much!

I think we're so lucky to have someone who works really hard to accomplish something for our school.

- by Taylor Thompson



We were doing a stewardship interview for writing. I interviewed **Mr. John Reichert**.

I asked Mr. Reichert Some questions like, what kind of work he did for our school. He works on state paperwork for the school. He does that once a month. I also asked him what makes him get up in the morning and he said, "I want to help people." He likes to do what he does for the school. All three of his children went to St. Patrick School and he did all that he could to help the school.

I now understand that Mr. Reichert does all that he can to help the school. I am thankful that people come together to help St. Patrick School.

- by Paul Falkenstien



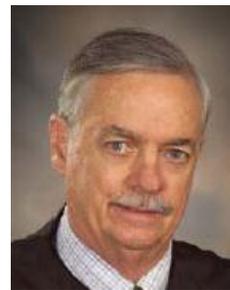
I interviewed **Sister Agnes Lero** to learn more about her stewardship at our school. Sister volunteers her time and talent by substitute teaching, repairing computers, washing linens for the altar, visiting the

shut-ins, and doing anything else she is asked to do! These activities add three to four extra hours to her daily work time. This made me wonder when she has time for sleeping!

Sister's love for God and wanting to be of service to people is what motivates her. Sister wants the students of St. Patrick School to lend their hearts to the service of God and others. Receiving God's love and giving love back to God is what being Catholic means to Sister Agnes.

Having stewards like Sister is what makes our school so awesome. I hope all the students hear her message and follow her example of lending their hearts to God and others.

- by Hannah Hugo



I interviewed **Mr. Tim Brazil** for my stewardship project. He is a judge that helps people. During the interview I asked Mr. Brazil questions about how often he prays and what he does to help our school and our church.

Mr. Brazil is a devoted Catholic. He goes to mass three or four times a week and on Sundays. Mr. Brazil prays four or five hours a day. Judge Brazil prays the rosary before Mass every time he goes. Mr. Brazil went to St. Pats as a student and later served on the school board for 23 years. He gives money to the offering every time he goes to Mass. Mr. Brazil always gives and prays daily.

Interviewing Mr. Brazil made me feel like I should pray the rosary more often. I would also like to serve on the school board when I get older. I am glad there are people like him who care for our school and church.

- by Xavier Bauer

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I interviewed Mrs. Karen Jarred on Stewardship to see what she does for the parish. Mrs. Jarred helps with our computers at St. Patrick School. She used to teach typing, but now she fixes the laptops, and works on the server.

She does the work she does because people usually aren't able to do the work, and to pay for it to be done is very expensive. Another reason is because it is her talent and she feels God gave her the talents she has to help the community.

It makes her feel really good to know she is honoring God by her talents, by helping people with their computers and by keeping the computers she fixes up to date.

When Mrs. Jarred donates her time, it can take a wide variety of time to fix computers. It can take anywhere from days to hours at the school because there are so many laptops and computers. And when the server had to be fixed, it took almost a week to get the server going and put on all the computers.

Mrs. Jarred also said God gives us our talents for a reason. We can't just take, we also have to give, and she does that by helping with the computers. She also said you can donate in other ways than giving money. I learned that Mrs. Jarred is a very kind and inspirational person who does not mind spending time for others. I hope that others will be inspired as much as I was when they read this story.

– by Kristin Umbarger



I interviewed Mrs. Anna Methvin for a stewardship project at school. I asked her what kind of volunteer work she does for the church and she said she teaches P.S.R and 8th and 9th grade confirmation classes. She

also serves on the school council.

She said it takes about three hours a week to do P.S.R every Wednesday and school council once a month. I also asked what motivates her to do all this work and she said as a child she went to a

Catholic school. So, she wants to help to make the school better for the next generation. Then I asked what she would like to say to the kids of St. Patrick School. She said that we should keep God first and work hard to know our entire Catholic family.

I think Mrs. Anna Methvin is a very hard worker and devotes lots of time, talent, and treasure to our school. She has continued to do much for our school even though her daughter has left our school. I hope people like Mrs. Anna Methvin know we appreciate her.

– by Lupita Ayala



I did a stewardship interview for school. It was on Mr. Mike Aylward. He works on all the technology at the church and school. He does it in the summer. It takes a few minutes or sometimes a few hours or even days. He likes this job because he likes all the people and Sister. He says it's a good way to give back to the school and church. He thinks it's important to the kids. I think it's good to do things for the school and church like Mike Aylward does.

- by Lane Harvey

Come Home to the Catholic School

by Mrs. Fey Barles

Our story goes all the way back to the Old Testament where God called specific persons so that through them all the other people may be blessed.

We remember the stories of Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and King David. In the New Testament, God's own Son, our Lord Jesus Christ founded the Church so that through her the whole world may be blessed. I believe that in Chanute, Kansas, God is calling St. Patrick Catholic School to be a vessel of His blessings to the community. The Catholic School is the nursery of the Catholic Church – the Bride of Christ. We are in the Catholic School because of our faith in God and because we are responding to God's love. Every student is called everyday to know, love and serve God. The Catholic School helps every child in the journey to Eternal Life through a Tradition of Excellence. Every student is challenged to do their best and to put their faith in God who will do the rest.