

The Call to Stewardship

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Among Jesus final instructions to his disciples before his Ascension were these words, “God therefore, and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Mt 28:19-20). Here at Sacred Heart parish there are several ministries that carry on this instruction, teaching everyone who wishes to learn and grow in our faith, leading them to a deeper understanding and commitment to the Stewardship that we are called to by Christ. Three of these ministries are the Family Ministry & Marriage Preparation, the Knights of Columbus, and the Adult Bible Study.

The Family Ministry and Marriage preparation Ministry seeks to support the development and spiritual growth of adult Catholics seeking or already committed to the Sacrament of Matrimony, helping them understand and deal with the “for better or worse” that it entails. They are ready to assist couples looking to get married, receive the Sacred Sacrament of Matrimony, through the careful marriage preparation process. They offer encouragement to participate in the Engaged Encounter retreat before marriage, and for those already married who seek to strengthen their relationship the Marriage Encounter retreat. We are grateful to Deacon Charles Mapa who has taken on this important ministry. Contact him at 808-897-8713 for information.

Additionally, Deacon Charles is working to promote the growth of the Knights of Columbus in our parish to give men the opportunity to live out their Christian vocation and to build up family life in our parish.

The Adult Bible Study Group helps us grow in understanding both of the Bible and the Mass. It meets each Thursday at 8:40, right after the 8:00 a.m. Mass to study the next Sunday’s Gospel and prepare hearts and minds spiritually to get full meaning from the coming Sunday Mass. We are thankful to Jim Manion for leading this valuable ministry. Contact him at 760-805-2251 if you wish to join this uplifting study group.