

# Summer and weekends at the lake!

Summer is here again, and everyone is excited thinking about warm, sunny days at the cabin on the lake, or camping at a resort. Many of you will be away most of the weekends of summer.

We believe everyone's intention is to keep their weekly offerings current; however, when you are gone for several weeks it's sometimes a financial burden to catch up.

How about trying Electronic Offering this year?

Before you leave for all those weekends away, fill in the form below and return it to the parish office. Your offering can be deducted once a month and you will not fall behind; you will remain a faithful steward throughout the summer.



God wants us to enjoy his wonderful creation and to have precious time with family. Doesn't it seem only right to make sure we don't forget our parish's needs while we are away?



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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES! I'd like to sign up for <i>Electronic Offering!</i></b>		
<b>Envelope Number #</b>		<b>Effective Date:</b>
Offering Amount:		
Name on Account (Please print):		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Please accept my ongoing offering from my: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check) <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (attach a savings deposit slip)		
Routing # (between these symbols <b>     </b> )		Account #:
I authorize <b>Church of Saint Joseph</b> to process debit entries to my account. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization.		
Authorization signature on my account _____		Date _____
● <b>Attach voided check or savings deposit slip</b> ●		

*Celebrating Christ through Prayer and Service*



## Growing Stewards - Build Gratitude

From the US Bishops' Pastoral Letter, *Stewardship, A Disciples Response*:

“All temporal and spiritual goods are created by and come from God. That is true of everything human beings have: spiritual gifts like faith, hope, and love, talents of body and brain, cherished relationships with family and friends, material goods; the achievements of human genius and skill; the world itself.”

### For Parents

It is very easy for us to live most of our lives without being consciously grateful for so many things. We easily remember the big things (a new job or a new baby, for instance), but all too often we overlook all the daily things we also need to be grateful for. Those too are gifts from God. And gratitude for all our gifts, large or small, is the foundation of lasting stewardship.

### Living Stewardship Together

Try thanking God **out loud** for the many “little blessings” that we receive, but often take for granted, each day – arriving at a destination safely, seeing a beautiful sunset, enjoying a great meal....

### For Children

One good way to express our gratitude to God (and to increase our awareness of things we need to be grateful for) is to take a few moments during grace before/after meals or during prayer with the children at night to thank God for something specific that happened during the day – going to the park, play time with friends, a birthday party, etc...

