

Discovering the Gifts within You



Each of us is a special treasure from God, made up of a unique combination of gifts. There is not another one like us on earth! Our gifts include our talents and abilities, styles, interests, experiences, preferences, and passions for serving in the world.

Our individual gifts are a part of the abundant bounty of gifts in our parish. These gifts were given to us so that we might serve and minister to one another as we build the Kingdom of God at St. Joseph Parish. We must also remember that our gifts are meant for us to enjoy. When we live out and share our gifts, we discover the joys of an abundant life.

The attached "Gifts" survey will help you identify your own gifts so that you will be able to select ministries in which to use them within the parish or in the greater community.

Instructions

This form may be used by up to two family members. Please make additional copies of the form, print it from the parish website (www.stjosephparishhanover.org), or call the Administrative Center (637-5236) for copies for other family members. Place an identifying number (1 or 2) on words or phrases in each category that best describe each person named below. Return the completed form in the collection basket, drop it off, or mail it to the Parish Administrative Center no later than the weekend of September 18 and 19.

Refer to your responses to this form while reviewing the enclosed Parish Time and Talent Opportunities Directory to identify the ministry(ies) that best suit your "Gifts." In several weeks, you will be asked to complete a Time and Talent Intention Card to list the ministry(ies) you intend to serve over the next year.

Family Member #1 Name: _____

Family Member #2 Name: _____

Address: _____

TIME AND TALENT GIFTS INVENTORY

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life—My Gifts are . . . Please place the number “1” in the first column for person #1 or the number “2” in the second column for person #2 to indicate up to a dozen things (gifts) that you each do well. If there are other skills that you would be interested in learning or having an opportunity to try out, circle the skill.

First column: Family member #1

Second column: Family member #2

First column: Family member #1

Second column: Family member #2

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| ___ | ___ | <u>Accounting/Finances</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Budgeting |
| ___ | ___ | Investing |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Archiving</u> |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Artistry</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Artwork |
| ___ | ___ | Calligraphy |
| ___ | ___ | Crafts |
| ___ | ___ | Decorating |
| ___ | ___ | Graphic Design |
| ___ | ___ | Interior Design |
| ___ | ___ | Painting |
| ___ | ___ | Photography |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Athletics</u> |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Clerical Work</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Copying |
| ___ | ___ | Mailing Preparation |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Communications</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Audio/Sound Systems |
| ___ | ___ | Recording |
| ___ | ___ | Telephoning |
| ___ | ___ | Video-Taping |
| ___ | ___ | Writing |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Computer Usage</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Data Entry |
| ___ | ___ | Database Application |
| ___ | ___ | Desktop Publishing |
| ___ | ___ | Spreadsheet |
| ___ | ___ | Web Site Development |
| ___ | ___ | Word Processing |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Culinary Activities</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Baking |
| ___ | ___ | Cooking |
| ___ | ___ | Party/Event Planning |
| ___ | ___ | Serving |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Facilities/Grounds</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Carpentry/Building/Construction |
| ___ | ___ | Housekeeping/Cleaning |
| ___ | ___ | Maintaining Building/Grounds |
| ___ | ___ | Mechanical Work |
| ___ | ___ | Painting |
| ___ | ___ | Plumbing |
| ___ | ___ | Setting Up Rooms |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Faith/Spiritual</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Biblical Studies |
| ___ | ___ | Faith Sharing |
| ___ | ___ | Praying |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Foreign Language(s)</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Specify _____ |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Fund Raising</u> |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Hospitality</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Welcoming/Greeting |
| ___ | ___ | Ushering |

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| ___ | ___ | <u>Individual/Interpersonal Skills</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Counseling |
| ___ | ___ | Listening |
| ___ | ___ | Mentoring |
| ___ | ___ | Supporting (I'll be there) |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Legal Services</u> |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Library Work</u> |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Management</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Analyzing |
| ___ | ___ | Problem-Solving |
| ___ | ___ | Researching |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Medical/Nursing Care</u> |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Music</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Music: Instrumental |
| ___ | ___ | Music: Vocal |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Pastoral Care</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Bereavement |
| ___ | ___ | Caring and Compassion |
| ___ | ___ | Visiting Others |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Performing</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Acting/Drama |
| ___ | ___ | Clowning |
| ___ | ___ | Dancing |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Program Development</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Evaluating |
| ___ | ___ | Planning |
| ___ | ___ | Sharing Ideas/New Visions |
| ___ | ___ | Summarizing/Synthesizing |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Public Relations</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Marketing |
| ___ | ___ | Promoting Programs/Ideas |
| ___ | ___ | Recruiting Others |
| ___ | ___ | Coordination |
| ___ | ___ | Delegating |
| ___ | ___ | Facilitating |
| ___ | ___ | Leading |
| ___ | ___ | Organizing |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Sewing</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Knitting |
| ___ | ___ | Quilting |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Social Justice Work</u> |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Speaking Publicly</u> |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Spiritual Vocation</u> |
| ___ | ___ | Priesthood |
| ___ | ___ | Religious |
| ___ | ___ | Professional Lay Minister |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Teaching/Training</u> |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Team/Group Building</u> |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Transportation</u> |
| ___ | ___ | <u>Working with Children/Youth</u> |

Others would describe me as . . . (Please check ✓ up to five)

1st	2nd		1st	2nd		1st	2nd	
___	___	authentic	___	___	flexible	___	___	patient
___	___	compassionate	___	___	friendly	___	___	persistent
___	___	cooperative	___	___	happy	___	___	reliable
___	___	creative	___	___	helpful	___	___	resourceful
___	___	diplomatic	___	___	humorous	___	___	team-player
___	___	easy-going	___	___	inclusive	___	___	tolerant
___	___	detail-oriented	___	___	industrious	___	___	understanding
___	___	efficient	___	___	inquisitive	___	___	wise
___	___	energetic	___	___	inspirational	___	___	other: _____
___	___	enthusiastic	___	___	open-minded	___	___	other: _____
___	___	fair	___	___	optimistic	___	___	other: _____

The skills I would most like to further develop, the knowledge I would most like to gain, or the growth I would most like to experience by exploring my gifts include . . .

I have an interest in working in the following areas . . .

1st	2nd		1st	2nd		1st	2nd	
___	___	abuse	___	___	families & parenting	___	___	poverty & economic disparity
___	___	addiction	___	___	finance	___	___	prisons & rehabilitation
___	___	aging	___	___	government & political reform	___	___	property & management
___	___	arts	___	___	grief ministry	___	___	sacramental preparation
___	___	child development	___	___	healthcare/illness	___	___	sacrificial giving
___	___	church at large	___	___	homelessness	___	___	self-esteem: children/adults
___	___	community outreach	___	___	human rights	___	___	singles ministry
___	___	discrimination	___	___	immigration	___	___	spiritual growth
___	___	economic development	___	___	literacy	___	___	violence
___	___	ecumenism	___	___	mental health	___	___	volunteerism
___	___	education: children	___	___	missions	___	___	worship/liturgy
___	___	education: teens	___	___	music	___	___	young adult ministry
___	___	education: adults	___	___	new member welcoming	___	___	other _____
___	___	employment	___	___	pastoral care	___	___	other _____
___	___	environment	___	___	personal/human resources	___	___	other _____

I prefer to minister in the following contexts . . .

1st	2nd		1st	2nd		1st	2nd	
___	___	with a large group	___	___	with infants or toddlers	___	___	with the ill
___	___	with a small group	___	___	with children	___	___	with the dying
___	___	with one or two others	___	___	with teens	___	___	with the grieving
___	___	alone	___	___	with young adults	___	___	with the lonely
___	___	with ideas & data	___	___	with adults	___	___	with the poor
___	___	with things	___	___	with senior adults	___	___	with the hungry
___	___	with people	___	___	with singles	___	___	with the homeless
___	___	within our parish	___	___	with engaged couples	___	___	with the unemployed
___	___	within the larger church	___	___	with married couples	___	___	with those in career transition
___	___	within the larger community	___	___	with the divorced	___	___	with those in crisis
___	___	in a mission setting	___	___	with the widowed	___	___	with the addicted
___	___	with single parents	___	___	with the abused	___	___	with married parents
___	___	with the imprisoned	___	___	other: _____	___	___	other: _____
___	___	other: _____	___	___	other: _____	___	___	other: _____

List below a few ministries of interest to you, then return this completed form to the Parish Administrative Center. Before returning it, make a copy of this page, if possible, or write down the ministries in which you are interested. You will need this information when you are asked to complete the Time and Talent Intention Card.

Family member #1:

I have an interest in the following parish ministries/organizations:

_____	_____
_____	_____

Family member #2:

I have an interest in the following parish ministries/organizations:

_____	_____
_____	_____