

**Q: What are some of the benefits of a matching gift program?**

**A: *Become a Good Steward of the gifts trusted to you!* Stewardship** is not just a program or a method of fundraising as it is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. It is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure we have each received.

Stewardship is a way of life, a way that begins with acknowledging God as the creator and giver of all and responding with generosity and the responsible management of our resources. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we choose to be caretakers of all God has given to us. Gratitude for these gifts and blessings is expressed in prayer, worship, offering and sharing our gifts out of love for God and one another.

Stewardship is a path to holiness. It makes us more like Christ who came not to be served, but to serve. It is the humble awareness that all we have and all we are has been given to us freely from God. When we offer our lives back to God in love, He blesses that generosity a hundredfold.

The message of stewardship has been part of the salvation history of the Church. From the Old Testament, we learn that Adam and Eve were asked to tend and care for the gifts of creation. From the New Testament, Saint Andrew brings the little boy forward and his simple gifts of two fish and five barley loaves and places those gifts in the hands of Jesus resulting in a wonderful demonstration of God's abundance in the feeding of the 5,000.

Participation in a Matching Gift Program allows us as a community of believers to work together in caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

May God bless us  
all in our common  
discipleship to love  
God and serve one  
another.



**Multiply Your Giving**

Gift matching allows you to multiply your gifts with  
the help of your employer