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Dear St. Therese Parishioners,

The great sculptor, Michelangelo, was at work on one his statues when a friend called on him, and said, "I can't see any difference in the statue since I stopped here a week ago. Have you not been doing any work all the week?" "Yes," said the sculptor, "I have retouched this part, softened this feature, strengthened this muscle, and put more life into that limb." "But those are only trifles," said the friend. "True," said Michelangelo, "but trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle." During the season of Lent we have the opportunity to bring a bit more perfection into our spiritual lives. Trifles count.

Lenten Focus on Stewardship of your Time & Talent

Lent is an excellent time for us to reassess how we are using the gifts God has entrusted to us and to resolve again to use our time, talent and resources in the service of his Kingdom. The life of a steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and often difficult, in many respects, yet great joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28). After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of God, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service. She responded generously to her call. Do we also wish to be authentic disciples of our Lord Jesus and stewards of our time and talent? Central to our human and Christian vocations is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God the Father has given us Jesus. Jesus has shown us the way home to heaven. Stewardship is part of that journey.

Please review the Stewardship Sign Up forms included with this mailing. You will find more detail on each ministry on our website at www.st-therese.ws or you can pick up a Stewardship Booklet in the gathering space.

On the following weekends, our three standing committees will take their turn in giving the assembly a "prep talk" about stewardship. The simple truth is we need you!

3rd Weekend of Lent	March 6 & 7	Faith Formation Ministries
4th Weekend of Lent	March 13 & 14	Social Outreach Fellowship Ministries
5th Weekend of Lent	March 20 & 21	Liturgical Ministries & Stewardship Commitment Weekend

Lastly, we are in the process of preparing for an extension of our present debt-reduction campaign, which will be winding down early 2011. A committee is being formed that will develop a program for this extension campaign. If you are interested in serving with this group, please call the parish office.

The office staff and I extend our best wishes for a fruitful Lent!

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