

JULY 12, 2026

A Steward Possesses God's Gifts

When people consider the gifts of stewardship, they often think of time, talent, and treasure. But these gifts must never become de-spiritualized. Natural gifts are good, but they are elevated and perfected by grace. Spiritual gifts, or charisms, are given for service and ministry. As white light contains all colors, so too charisms are a kaleidoscopic expression of the one Gift: the Holy Spirit Himself. Thus, when stewardship speaks of "God's gifts," it reaches its deepest meaning in the Spirit, who dwells within us as in a temple. From this indwelling flows communion, and from communion flows solidarity: the sharing of time, talent, and treasure for the building up of the Body of Christ.

--Diocesan Bulletin Bits

The July birthday party for those parishioners celebrating this month will be held this Sunday, July 12, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. English Mass. This is a potluck affair, although even if you have nothing to bring, you are most welcome to attend.

The next **yummy Vietnamese food sale** will be July 25 and July 26. Mark the date on your calendar now!

Midwest Catholic Family Conference- July 31-August 2, 2026 at Century II, Wichita. This conference will include

opportunities for Mass, confession, adoration of the Eucharist, an outdoor Eucharistic procession, and the Children's program. This year's speakers include Gianna Emauella Molla, Jason Evert, Kirstan Hawkins, Fr. Hris Alar, Haley Steward & more. For more information and to register: <https://www.catholicfamilyconference.org/>.

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IMPORTANT!

**Effective this weekend,
Confessions will now be heard
one-half hour before the weekend
Masses.**

This past Wednesday evening Fr. Hien met separately with both the English community members and the Vietnamese community members. He spoke encouraging words: "Every day is a gift from God." He related some of his personal history, such as being born and raised as a Catholic in Viet Nam under Communist rule, and then escaping to America when he was 12.

Fr. Hien was ordained in 2000. The Diocese had been in need of a priest who spoke Vietnamese, as there are over 3,000 living in this area. He had been pastor in Marion (where Fr. Ben will now be serving), and then at All Saints. Fr. Hien sees his priestly mission as "serving God and His people." He noted that while at Marion he learned about hunting as a sport and now enjoys hunting.

Fr. Hien specifically apologized for his original intent to change the traditional 9:30 English Mass to a Vietnamese Mass without consulting our congregation. (Bishop Kemme negated that change due to parishioner letters.)

There is a big challenge being pastor of St. Anthony Parish, as now All Saints no longer has a Vietnamese Mass, and "no matter what church (Parish) they go to, they need the Vietnamese language." The 11:00 Vietnamese Mass here last Sunday literally had people spilling out the back doors of St. Anthony's. He now has a "big responsibility for all the Vietnamese people," but continues to emphasize that every day is a gift from God.
