

Garden of the Arts

SUGGESTIONS FOR WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN



The Twelve Gardens of Stewardship

Applying Christian Stewardship to Every Area of Our Lives

↑ Suggested title & logo
for use in weekly bulletin

Suggested
Introductory text ↓

Being good stewards includes recognizing God's gifts in every area of our lives, using these gifts responsibly and sharing them in love and justice. The 'Twelve Gardens of Stewardship' is a concept that identifies twelve different areas of our everyday life in which we should be mindful of conducting ourselves within the will of God – or, twelve different 'gardens' which we should tend to and cultivate. Each month, our school (a grade in our school) will focus on one or more of these gardens. The Garden of the Arts is the focus for this month.

Garden of the Arts

Suggested description of the Garden of the Arts is below - to edit and adapt as needed for your parish's weekly bulletin.

Creativity is a gift from God and is manifest in every form of art. Stewardship of the arts includes recognizing that we have each been given a measure of this gift, and are called to nurture and use our creativity, as well value the creativity of others. This month, our students will explore ways to appreciate the arts and to recognize and develop their own creativity.

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER MEDITATIONS

- **Parishioner Meditations - Cultivating our Garden of the Arts**

Do I take time to notice and appreciate the art all around me? Am I grateful for God's gift of artistic creativity? Do I want to explore and develop my artistic creativity? Do I appreciate and support the creativity of others? How may I see God in the artistic creativity of humanity?

- **Scripture**

"Praise the Lord! . . . Praise him with the lyre and harp! Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flutes! Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals. Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord!" *Psalms 150*

"David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brothers as singers to sing joyful songs, accompanied by musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals." *Ch 15:16*

"Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth." *Psalms 96:1*

"Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy." *Psalms 33:3*

"Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp." *Psalms 147:7*



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A NOTE TO PASTORS:

The Archdiocese of Seattle Catholic Schools department has worked closely with the office of Parish Stewardship to develop curriculum suggestions based on 'The Twelve Gardens of Stewardship,' a concept developed by Bishop Robert Morneau of the Diocese of Green Bay, which helps us apply Christian stewardship to every area of our daily lives.

We encourage you to help to foster Stewardship as a way of life by offering timely, coordinating support of this portion of your parish school's curriculum.

Above is suggested text, scriptures and meditations for the 'Twelve Gardens of Stewardship'. Our hope is that you and your staff find these useful for pulpit announcements, placing notices in your weekly church bulletin, and perhaps as a source of inspiration for homilies or 'Prayers of the Faithful.'

The schedule of the 'Twelve Gardens' curriculum is a suggested proposal, so you may wish to have your staff verify your school's participation and 'Garden' focus each month before including an announcement in your bulletin. The scheduled focus for the month of June is the 'Garden of The Arts.'

Your staff is free to use the above graphic logo and text – and to **edit and adapt** the 'Garden' section, as appropriate.

You will find more information at the new Archdiocesan webpage: www.seattlearch.org/gardens

Also, the [Office of Parish Stewardship](#) is here to assist you in any way.