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Series presented by St. Isidore Parish Stewardship Council
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In November our Church calendar comes to a close, highlighting the themes of final days and recalling the legacy of those who have gone before us.

WHAT WILL BE OUR LEGACY?

Join us for any or all four sessions in the

Planning OUR Legacy SERIES



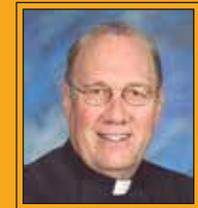
Thursdays
OCT 29
THRU
NOV 19

CHURCH LARGE MEETING ROOM
Soup & Salad Dinner 6 pm
Program 7-8:30 pm
Free Will Donation
Registration Required



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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

At every Mass we pray for “those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.” In November our church liturgical calendar comes to a close with scriptures that speak of end times, with the November 1st solemnity for the heroes of our faith, All Saints Day, and followed the next day by the Commemoration of All Souls, when we remember our family members and friends who have gone home to the Lord. They have left behind a legacy, which we have received as a gift. Our faith is rooted in that legacy.

While it is not comfortable to contemplate our final days, it can be a worthwhile spiritual exercise to contemplate the legacy we will leave when we die. Questions to consider include, *How will I deal with illness and old age? How and when will I make decisions about healthcare for my final days? What is the Catholic perspective on life-sustaining measures? How will my survivors know what I want for my care, my funeral arrangements, my will, my important documents and, in this high tech age, my online assets?*

One of our basic Catholic principles is our belief in the dignity of life. If we are prepared, a life of dignity can extend into our final days on earth, and our journey toward death can have its own dignity, peace, even joy.

Our Stewardship Council has prepared a wonderful opportunity for us to purposely prepare for our final days through the **Planning Our Legacy** series. While it may sound somewhat morbid initially, I can tell you from my experiences with families taking the final journey with a loved one, including my own, it can be a time of great blessing. I encourage everyone, especially those over fifty, to prepare for it by attending any or all of these sessions.

May God continue to bless us with all that we need, and more.

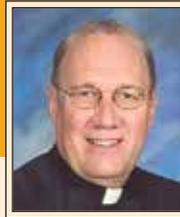
Fr. Jim

Fr. Jim Murphy, Pastor

Stewardship OF OUR FINAL DAYS

OCTOBER 29 *End of Life Issues*

Fr. Jim Murphy and
Dr. Rebecca Davis-Matthias



At Central Medical Hospital, a woman rests in bed with a serious illness. Her name is Anne. Anne is a Roman Catholic who wants to make decisions about her medical treatment in the light of her Catholic faith. As would anyone in her condition, Anne has questions about the teachings of the Church. Anne wants to make certain decisions ahead of me in order to relieve her family of the burdens of determining what care might be most appropriate for her.

- What are the Church's teachings on end-of-life decisions and how difficult will it be to follow them?
- Must she endure a great deal of pain?
- What if she is no longer able to make medical decisions for herself?

God calls us to live with dignity and to allow others the same gift. As Catholics, we want our death, which is part of our lives, to have dignity as well.

This session will allow you to let your loved ones know in advance your wishes about how you choose to journey through your final days.

TOPICS: Catholic perspective on end of life care, Power of Attorney for Healthcare, Living wills, Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment, and more.

NOVEMBER 5 *The Yellow Brick Road to Retirement*

Stephen J. Carew,
CPA & Personal Financial Analyst



- All of us would like to leave a generous financial legacy to our loved ones, parish, and favorite charities, but
- Many of us struggle with overwhelming debt, feeling like we'll never break free.
- Many of us would like more confidence about our ability to provide security for our retirement years.

Personal Financial Coach, Steve Carew, will review the basics of the stewardship of our personal finances to allow for secure retirement and the ability to leave a legacy to the people and causes important to each of us.

Appointments for personal financial coaching will be available following this session.

NOVEMBER 12 *Estate Planning for the 21st Century*

John Pankau and Lisa M. Knauf,
Attorneys at Law



Estate planning is a process where a person's objectives for management and disposition of his/her property are analyzed and action is taken to accomplish those objectives, including protecting their digital (online) assets.

- Who should get my money and property when I'm gone?
- Can a TODI save me money?
- Who will manage the estate?
- Do I need a will or do I need a trust?
- Are there tax-saving opportunities?
- How do I secure my online assets so that my social media, online banking, and other digital details are accessible by my heirs?
- Are my health care documents HIPAA compliant?
- Can my agent access my IRA if I become incapacitated?

NOVEMBER 19 *It's your funeral. Pre-plan it.*

Joe Salerno, Salerno's Rosedale Chapel,
and Fr. Jim Murphy



Discussing and planning your funeral arrangements does not have to be an uncomfortable event. It can be an important and responsible step that can save both emotional and financial distress.

- Pre-planning eliminates doubt.
- Relieve loved ones of the responsibility of making arrangements at a time that will be difficult for them.
- It can demonstrate love and consideration; most importantly, it provides peace of mind in knowing that all of the financial considerations have been addressed and that all of the decisions meet your wishes and needs.
- Decide now what you want at every step: wake; funeral Mass celebrant (Priest), scripture readings, and music; and burial.



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
We will have enough soup, salad, and materials for everyone!

REGISTER ONLINE

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Or return this form to the Parish Office or Hospitality Desk

NAME

ATTENDING

- Session 1, Oct 29 Session 2, Nov 5
 Session 3, Nov 12 Session 4, Nov 19

BEST PHONE

EMAIL

OTHERS ATTENDING WITH YOU

SESSIONS (CIRCLE)

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NAME

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Tear-off, fold and send in supplied envelope or return this form to the Parish Office or Hospitality Desk.

Choose now THE LEGACY YOU WILL LEAVE BEHIND

— Each participant will come away with a binder containing all the forms, documents, and worksheets from each session. —