

Spires Steward Spotlight

**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.
1 Peter 4:10**



Every other Monday morning Judy Woods, Elaine Wagner, Doris Wessels and Janice Willenborg gather in the Dyersville Rectory basement for an hour to count the money from the Sunday collection. The hour they spend together, counting money, is filled with community, laughs, and most importantly, and an accurate ending balance.

All four of these women used to work at a bank, and after they retired, they found that one way they could share their new gift of time and experience with money was by counting the Sunday collection a couple of times a month.

"It is a very easy thing to do, and it allows me to grow in community with these ladies. Over the eight years or so I have been doing this, it has also given me the opportunity to get to know the staff in the office better. Even though the encounters may be brief, I have been able to get to know the priests and secretaries better. I think that's an important part of being in a parish. We all need to make efforts to get to know one another."

If you are interested in sharing your gifts and talents with our Cluster, call the your parish office.

Parish Champion Resource Review

At the beginning of each month, a free resource (book or CD) will be placed at the entrances of all of our churches and highlighted in the bulletin. These resources are intended to help you grow in your faith and relationship with God. Please take a resource and pass it along when you are finished with it!

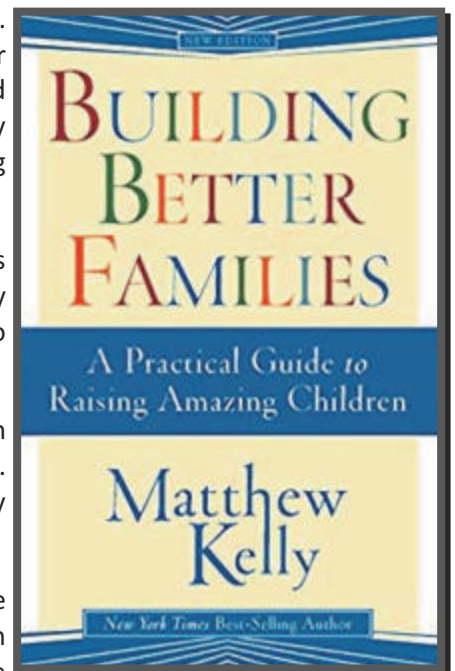
Raising children in today's society is not an easy task. We are up against a lot. Sometime parents feel as though they are drowning and losing control of our children—especially with today's technology. Children retreat to their rooms to spend hours on their phone, game systems, and laptops. What happened to the close family we once thought we would have? We worry if our children are happy, if we are raising them to be responsible, respectful adults.

In his book, Building Better Families, Matthew Kelly defines the struggles many parents go through while raising children. Many parents aren't able to pinpoint exactly why raising children in this day and age is so difficult, but Matthew Kelly helps parents to see what they are at war with and how they can win the battle.

This book offers practical tips for how parents can change the way they approach raising their children so that there is *purpose* in every situation that arises in family life. Once a family has a common purpose, a unified goal for their family unit, peace, clarity and authentic relationships can begin to develop and flourish.

It is so easy to get caught up in our own agendas and dreams for our children that we often forget that our will for our children is not what is most important. Our children are not our own... first and foremost they are God's children. Raising them to be the people He has created them to be is what is most important.

When is the last time you asked God what He wants for your children? When is the last time you asked your children how they are becoming the people God created them to be? Have you asked your spouse this recently? How about yourself?



Parish, School and Community Events

It has already been a year since we started our high school Cluster Youth Group! Youth group has been in held in the newly renovated Youth Room in Dyersville Rectory basement every other Sunday night from 7:00pm-8:30PM. Sessions varied each week but included activities, snacks, talks, prayer opportunities, small groups, bonfires and more!

Follow us on Instagram (@spiresoffaithyouth) to get information and updates on special events we do throughout the year! Some of these special events will include retreats, Steubenville conferences, holiday parties, trips and more!



YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF:
Sunday, September 16
7:00PM-8:30PM



Schedule & Youth Group Registration
at www.spiresoffaith.com/faith-formation/high-school

