

## 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



We all know someone who is struggling. Maybe you have struggles in your own life. Illness, family crisis, depression or any number of things can make us feel lost or as though we will never be able to move on. When we know someone going through a hard time, we often want to help, but don't know what to do or say.

One thing you can always do is pray.

Joan Recker and many other parishioners within our Cluster are part of a our Cluster Prayer Chain. When people have special intentions or prayer requests, they call or email the prayer chain and they immediately have a group of people praying for them.

Prayer is one of the most powerful things we can do for someone in their time of need, and often at times, it is the most important thing we can do for them. Joan and others on the prayer chain recognize that they can be stewards to other parishioners by praying for them in good and bad times.

If you would like to be on this list or if you have a prayer request or a questions please call Joan at 563-875-8806 or email [spiresprayers@aol.com](mailto:spiresprayers@aol.com).

## Parish Champion Resource Review

*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!*

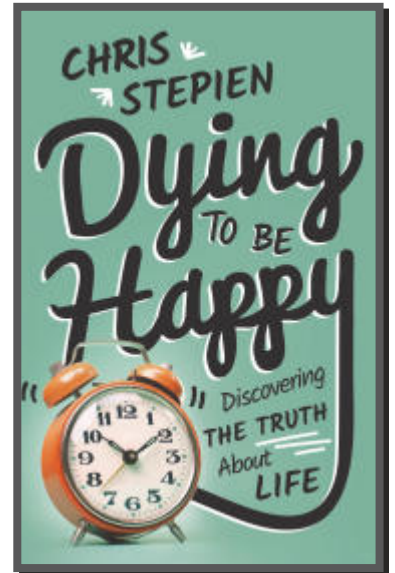
"If you knew today would be your last day what would you do? How would your spend your time?"

Dying to Be Happy challenges us to think about these very questions and many, many more. Are we happy? Where are we in our lives physically and spiritually? Do we spend all of our energy, time and attention on money and possessions, or do we give it to and spend it with those we love and those less fortunate than us? Are you a cheerful giver? What and who is most important to you?

Jesus came to this earth to live among us in order to show us how to love one another, care for each other, give with a willing heart and spirit, and treat each person with dignity and respect. He warned of the wages of sin, greed, selfishness and squander. Does the way you are living your life right now imitate the life Jesus modeled for you? Or is it full of greed, selfishness, partiality, etc?

In Dying to be Happy, we are given many examples of ordinary people who have done extraordinary things for those in need. Some of these individuals had much to give, others had next to nothing. Regardless of the state of their own wealth, they shared what they did have with joy and a deeply rooted love for Christ. The stories you will read articulate that having an abundance of possessions and money does not guarantee happiness, but what we do with it and how we share it can!

"Do you talk about serving people or do you actually do it? Do you act on your words, thoughts, and promises?" Dying to be Happy will encourage you to reflect on your own life, what you are doing, how you are living and will give you beautiful examples of how you can start living for Jesus and not for the world.



# Parish, School and Community Events



That Man is You! (TMIY) started in September!  
Another great turn out this year— and men are always welcome to join as the year continues!  
Sessions take place in the KC Hall at 7:00 pm

The summer wound down with our annual Spires vs. Steeples Cluster softball game.!



The Worthington parade was filled with many fun, creative floats this year!

Theology on Tap continues to be a popular event for the adults in our Cluster!  
Every third Thursday we have a presenter at Brew & Brew at 7:00PM.  
Join us this Thursday night to hear Talia Kruse talk about how her three months on the convent helped to form her as a wife and mother later in life!

