

THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF HOSPITALITY

Individuals blessed with the gift of hospitality freely, joyfully, and with a gentle spirit invite others into their midst and take care of them as family with no expectation of gratitude, repayment, or any return favour or benefit.

People with this gift...

- Give of their time to welcome others into their homes, church, community, and social groups
- Share what they have to provide for those in need
- Look for opportunities to be of service and comfort to others, especially to those who are in need
- Create safe, warm, and open places for genuine relationships to grow

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

- 1 Peter 4:9-10

Putting your gift into action...

True hospitality costs only you, not the recipient. That warm feeling of having accomplished something joyful by being hospitable to someone may come from your spiritual gift of hospitality. Here are a few ways to exercise your gift within the church, your home, and your community.

In our Parish, people with this gift can:

- Assist with warmly greeting and assisting newcomers, not just at the door but in the pews as well
- Invite or visit with someone who is lonely, or in need of company

- Encourage visitors to come to coffee hour, then talk to them and introduce them to others
- Host coffee hours; prepare and assist at funerals, wedding and baptisms
- Host interfaith events such as potluck meals to bridge different faith communities
- Volunteer at or help organize special community events such as Robbie Burns, St Patrick's Day, Oktoberfest, or an Open Table
- Provide transportation to church, medical appointments, and other errands for those with mobility issues

To learn more about spiritual gifts and stewardship in the life of the church, or to get involved, please talk to any member of the Stewardship Team: Mark Stalter, Tracy Albert, Francis Christensen, or Kristen VanderHoek; or email us at stewardship@stpaulshk.org.