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IGNITE YOUR FAITH - PHASE THREE - KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 9/10 GENEROSITY



As the *Ignite Your Faith* journey continues, we now shift our focus to the third sign of a Dynamic Catholic: **Generosity**.

Generosity is a word that gets tossed about a lot. But, what does it really mean? For many of us, we think of generosity as giving of our time, talent and treasure. But, it's more than that . . . Generosity is a lifestyle.

In his book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, Matthew Kelly challenges us to become more generous. He also tells us that growing in generosity must be intentional. Life is busy and distracting. We are pulled in so many different directions, and unless we make greater generosity a priority, it will not happen.

In many ways generosity is the external proof that the Gospel has taken root in our hearts. It is a lie to say that we love God if we do not love our neighbor, and generosity is at the core of that love for neighbor. The Gospel challenges us in ways that are difficult, but profound. Time and time again we are called to give something up, but only so that we can become more perfectly who God created us to be. It is by giving that we receive, and even more so, it is by giving that we become.

The *Ignite Your Faith* team is excited to announce the following events to guide us through this sign:

- **Sept. 9/10:** Generosity Kick-off Weekend and *Ignite Your Generosity* book distribution at all Masses
- **October 7/8:** Stewardship of Treasure Awareness weekend with guest speaker Chris McDaniel – author of *Ignite Your Generosity* at all Masses
- **October 8:** *Ignite Your Generosity* evening with author Chris McDaniel at 7:00 p.m.
- **October 28/29:** Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Weekend and *Eight Week Generosity Challenge* kick-off at all Masses
- **November 6:** The *Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* book discussion on Generosity, Chapter 4, pages 107-140, at 7:00 p.m. with Dr. Tod Worner
- **November 20:** Talking Generosity with Deacon Rick Witucki at 7:00 p.m.

There will also be more opportunities and a variety of bulletin articles and E-flame newsletters to come. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for details. In the meantime, visit www.st-barts.org, and access the *Ignite Your Faith* page under Parish Life to sign up for the *Ignite Your Faith* E-flame newsletter, filled with great insights, resources and inspiring articles about how to live a generous life. Just click on *Ignite Your Faith* Resources to subscribe and ensure you receive the first edition of the Generosity Phase E-flame coming the week of Sept. 11.

