

# St. Stephen Spiritual Gifts Discernment Spring 2014

Please begin with prayer!

## ***Prayer to the Holy Spirit***

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,  
by the light of the Holy Spirit  
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.  
In the same Spirit  
help us to relish what is right  
and always rejoice in your consolation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Please print the following pages which include:

- Gifts Discernment Questionnaire
- Answer key
- “My Top Three Gifts” worksheet
- Parish Ministries Interest finder

Once you have printed and completed the process, **please feel free to borrow a gifts packet** from the back of the Church to learn more about your gift.

Then, consider ways you can put your spiritual gift into action by participating in a ministry of our Church! Use the INTEREST FINDER to assist you.

Return your results to the Parish Center if you'd like to be contacted to get involved!

# Spiritual Gifts Survey

Rank each of the following statements as it applies to your experience.

**Much (3), Some (2), Little (1), or None (0).**

This is a self-survey, not a test. There are no right or wrong answers. Therefore, be sure to let your responses reflect your opinions of yourself. This survey will not be shared except as you choose.

- \_\_\_ 1. I enjoy being with people of other cultures and ethnic backgrounds.
- \_\_\_ 2. I see possible health issues in people's lives and help them to find healthier ways of living.
- \_\_\_ 3. I listen as other people tell me about their religious experiences and spiritual journeys.
- \_\_\_ 4. People often seek me out and ask me to pray for them.
- \_\_\_ 5. I can explain to others in simple ways complex ideas about God and how to live as a disciple.
- \_\_\_ 6. I often praise my friends for their good work and attitudes.
- \_\_\_ 7. I carefully get all the information I need before moving into action.
- \_\_\_ 8. I can share deep truths with others about their problems.
- \_\_\_ 9. When I see a need, I spring into action and do something about it.
- \_\_\_ 10. I am materially blessed, and I give what I can to others freely.
- \_\_\_ 11. Being a leader doesn't mean I have to control everything.
- \_\_\_ 12. I can sit and simply listen to someone who needs a listening ear.
- \_\_\_ 13. I do the best I can and leave the rest in God's hands.
- \_\_\_ 14. I speak up and tell others when I don't believe they are telling the whole truth.
- \_\_\_ 15. I have experienced times when something miraculously happened that was contrary to human experience.
- \_\_\_ 16. I look for opportunities to comfort those who are sick.
- \_\_\_ 17. I have spoken in verbal utterances that praise God but are not understandable by human ears.

- \_\_\_ 18. I have been able to learn foreign languages easily.
- \_\_\_ 19. My circle of friends looks like a meeting of the United Nations.
- \_\_\_ 20. I am energized when I speak about what needs to be changed in the Church and other areas.
- \_\_\_ 21. Inviting others to join me in something I enjoy is something I do every week.
- \_\_\_ 22. I find myself time and again listening to people's spiritual struggles and offer suggestions.
- \_\_\_ 23. When I am a student in a class or the teacher of a class, other participants are energized and motivated.
- \_\_\_ 24. I am able to work with people and help them do their best.
- \_\_\_ 25. I am able to grasp truths about God and make sense of them.
- \_\_\_ 26. I am able to use my knowledge in complex situations, weighing the pros and cons, and know what is right.
- \_\_\_ 27. I don't mind lending a hand and doing the trivial jobs that are often overlooked.
- \_\_\_ 28. I give monetary or time donations to worthy causes.
- \_\_\_ 29. When I am working on a group project, I make the extra effort to communicate with everyone.
- \_\_\_ 30. Stopping what I am doing to help someone in need is a normal part of my day.
- \_\_\_ 31. When I believe something is Godly, I act boldly on my belief.
- \_\_\_ 32. My friends often ask me to help sort out what is real and what is phony.
- \_\_\_ 33. God has mysteriously taken care of situations in my life.
- \_\_\_ 34. I am able to listen to the concerns of others and direct them to the help they may need for mental and spiritual health.
- \_\_\_ 35. I have spoken in a language that I am not normally able to speak.
- \_\_\_ 36. I can hear verbal sounds not understood by others and understand what is meant.
- \_\_\_ 37. I am happy that the church has such a wide variety of people.
- \_\_\_ 38. I can see change coming and am not afraid to help people make the changes.
- \_\_\_ 39. Sharing how I became a Christian comes naturally for me.
- \_\_\_ 40. I can be called upon when someone needs to help in making difficult decisions.

- \_\_\_ 41. I am good at giving directions to people so they can complete projects successfully.
- \_\_\_ 42. I make a point to say a kind word to those whose abilities I admire.
- \_\_\_ 43. I study with a goal to share my knowledge with others.
- \_\_\_ 44. I don't panic in difficult situations, but weigh all the circumstances to find a solution.
- \_\_\_ 45. I'd rather stay in the background doing the labor than be out front speaking or teaching.
- \_\_\_ 46. Although I know that I have to work hard to earn money, I am willing to give it to those less fortunate.
- \_\_\_ 47. I am good at organizing and leading a group to meet their goals.
- \_\_\_ 48. I am there for someone who is giving.
- \_\_\_ 49. I live the best I can each day, one day at a time, not worrying about tomorrow.
- \_\_\_ 50. I can "see through" people and circumstances and know what is real and what is not.
- \_\_\_ 51. Time and again, I have seen miracles, the unexpected occur.
- \_\_\_ 52. I am able to help, comfort and give support when people are deeply troubled.
- \_\_\_ 53. I have had the experience of speaking in tongues.
- \_\_\_ 54. I am able to move into another culture, speak another language and feel at home.



## My Top Three Gifts

List your top three gifts in the order of highest numerical value as indicated by the survey sheet.

First \_\_\_\_\_

Second \_\_\_\_\_

Three \_\_\_\_\_

List one more gift that you sense may be yours.

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# ST. STEPHEN MINISTRY ~ INTEREST FINDER

Circle ANY & ALL of the ministries that interest you!

## Faith Formation

- Sunday Helper
- Vacation Bible Camp
- Catechist
- RCIA Team
- Confirmation Team

## Liturgy & Prayer

- Lector
- Cantor / Musician
- Usher
- Altar Server
- Greeter
- Sacristan
- Prayer Group
- Passion Play
- Tenebrae
- Children's Liturgy of Word (CLOW)

## Parish Ministries

- Kenya Partnership
- Hospitality/Community Sunday
- Rosary Guild
- Respect Life
- Substance Abuse Ministry (SAM)
- Evangelization
- Ladies of Charity
- Mom's Ministry
- Service
- Coupons in Flight

## Youth Ministries

- Jr High (grades 7 & 8)
- High School (graded 9-12)
- Scouts

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*"Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."  
1 Peter 4:8-10*

Return to Parish Center