

**HEARTS ON FIRE  
SACRED HEART VALUES REFLECTION  
MAY: STEWARDSHIP**

*The person or group who will share this reflection should gather in a quiet place and begin with a moment of silence (and perhaps light a candle or some other way of being mindful of prayer).*

*All make the sign of the cross together:  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son...*

*One person reads the Scripture passage:*

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

Acts 18:2-3, 26

**Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. He went to visit them and, because he practiced the same trade, stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. A Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, an eloquent speaker, arrived in Ephesus. He was an authority on the scriptures. He had been instructed in the Way of the Lord and, with ardent spirit, spoke and taught accurately about Jesus, although he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the Way (of God) more accurately. And when he wanted to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. After his arrival he gave great assistance to those who had come to believe through grace.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

*All read the Parish Mission Statement together:*

**Sacred Heart Parish is a welcoming Catholic community which inspires faith in God through prayer, sacraments and service while living Gospel values as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.**

*One person reads the definition of Stewardship:*

**Stewardship means sharing time, talent and treasure as a way of life.**

*Spend a few moments in silence answering the following questions (you can write your answers if you like):*

**1. What does this value say to you?**

**2. How do you experience this value at Sacred Heart?**

**3. How could you deepen your commitment to share time, talent and treasure as a way of life?**

*Spend a few moments sharing your answers to the three questions. If the group has more than four members, share your answers with one other person.*

*Finish this reflection by praying the Hearts on Fire prayer together:*

**Let us pray.**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
set our hearts on fire for love of you  
and help our parish to know how to best serve you.**

**Help our parish to**

**Follow you,**

**Invite participation,**

**Renew community, and**

**Explore our future**

**by discerning together how we can be your faithful disciples.**

**You have been our inspiration for many years;**

**may we continue to trust in you**

**and place you above all else in our lives.**

**We make this prayer in your holy name,**

**for you live and reign in unity**

**with the Father and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, forever and ever. Amen.**