

## Mid-week Stewardship Thought

### All Together Now

In the sport of rowing, eight superbly trained athletes propel a boat through the water at amazing speeds. But it takes more than the physical abilities of the individual crew members. Each person working independently at his own pace would make for a slow boat. A ninth member, a coxswain, calls out the strokes and guides the crew. Only when every athlete follows the coxswain's lead does the crew work as a unit, maximizing the effort, and achieving the best results.

So it is with us who are the Church. Our Lord Himself calls out to us and guides us. God has edified people of the church *"to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ..."* (Ephesians 4:12-13). Our Lord Himself calls to us and guides us. He has given us His written Word that guides His Church into a unit that works together, maturing in faith. He has given us His Holy Sacraments to strengthen our faith, so that, in unity with Him and with one another, we may do the works He sets before us (Ephesians 2:10). Sharing the Body and Blood of our Savior enables us, His people, to proclaim Him as Savior to the world. All His good gifts maximize the effort to "row" in the right direction, to tell the Good News of Him Who has redeemed us.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness to us and to guide and be with us. Amen.

**Blessings on your journey as a steward!**