



Stewardship Reflection

Charles & Elizabeth Dawson and Family

By God's grace, centering our life on Church hasn't been a reluctant choice or one that we can assign to any exact event, rather it has just been a way of life. Answering the call to live our family life as a Domestic Church, striving to live God-centered instead of self-centered, has meant making life in our parish and involvement in religious activities a first priority. We want our children to look to Christ and His Church first for cultivating their faith, finding fellowship, and forging virtuous lives.

In 2019, our kids shared with Sr. Michaela how they were "trying" to play music together as a band in our basement! Imagine our surprise when she asked if we could try to learn and then play some contemporary praise & worship songs for the families at Faith Formation. A family "YES" was given, even though we honestly had no idea how to actually make that happen! With the goal of giving our best to Christ, we gather as a family prayerfully picking our songs, learning our parts, practicing a lot, shedding some tears, certainly forfeiting our comfort zone, and ultimately asking the Holy Spirit to bless our humble efforts to help families encounter Christ through song at FFF and times of Adoration. We have been blessed to see our older children gain confidence in their talents and lead their peers in high school Adoration, help with women's retreats, and even organize and lead a Rosary Rally last October. We've grown closer as a family in giving of ourselves and in encouraging each other to put our own unique gifts of time and talent at the service of the Church. Our time, talents, faith, and family are unique, unrepeatable gifts from God and it is a true joy to serve Him alongside each other and know that He cannot be outdone in generosity.