



## Jacob Malinowski, Our Steward for December 2010

Continuing to express our appreciation to members of St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church (SSM) –those who go beyond, the “Steward of the Month” program for December 2010, recognizes, **Jacob Malinowski**.

Again, we thank all who nominated Jacob, a member of the 2010-2011 Confirmation Class.

The season of Advent is a time to prepare the coming of the Christ Child. It is a time of reflection, anticipation, hope, love, giving, and celebration –all of the elements and promises we hold for our youth at St. Stephen the Martyr. Thus, it is fitting to celebrate an outstanding youth, Jacob.

Jacob personifies what it means to be a teen that goes outside of self and extends his hand of friendship. Examples of his stewardship includes, but not limited to serving as:

- Usher
- Greeter
- Member, Adult Bell Choir
- Member, Children’s Christmas Program for many years
- Host Helper for Coffee Hour
- Volunteer for the 2010 SSM Vacation Bible School
- Volunteer with the, “*Soles for Souls*” shoe drive, in 2010
- Volunteer bell ringer for Salvation Army
- Member of, *Soulstice Theatre Company of Milwaukee*; and, participating in the production of “*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*”
- Participate with *Hunger Taskforce* while in Scouting

One of many who supported his nomination, stated, “**Jacob is what all parents pray for –God loving, caring, out-going, and yes, entertaining, too.**”

Another member emphasized, “**Jacob’s unassuming youthful leadership and enthusiasm sets an example for all of us –especially the youth of our church**”.

As Jacob’s Confirmation mentor, Bill Bravener, stated, “**Jacob is a good musician; ... the adults enjoy his participation and entertainment as a member of the Adult Bell Choir**”.

Pastor Gail stated, “Jacob is enthusiastic, cheerful, helpful, and always has a smile. As his pastor, I see him as faithful. As his Confirmation teacher, I enjoy high thoughtful and faithful participation in class discussions!”

Upon receiving word of his nomination as Steward of the Month, Jacob reflected, “*I feel honored and happy to receive this award given the members that have received this before me and the time and effort they put into our church. I like going to church because it is a safe haven for me. If I am having a bad week, I can forget about the bad when I go to church. If I am having a good week, then I can thank God for it. Thank you for nominating me for this award!*”

Many thanks to all who nominated Jacob. He is among the many teens from our churches whose Christian values reflect and personify the hope, faith, and future of our church.

### **How to Submit a Steward/s of the Month Nomination?**

It’s as easy as placing a brief nominating statement/note in the church mailbox of our Stewardship Chair, Jason Covert. Or, send your e-mail nomination to [jcovert1@wi.rr.com](mailto:jcovert1@wi.rr.com). In your nomination, list the nominee’s accomplishments and how their hard work and dedication helped you to grow stronger in your faith.

Thank you for your participation.