

Season of Stewardship Webinar Series



Steps to Creating or
Maintaining a
Stewardship
Committee/Ministry

Almighty God,

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am friendly. It will be holy if I am holy. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I do the work I'm called to do. It will be prayerful if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy if I – who make it what it is – am filled with these same qualities. Therefore, with your help, my God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory.

Amen.

MY STEWARDSHIP PARISH PRAYER

Roadmap

1. Intro to Webinar
2. Why a committee/ministry?
3. What are the goals of the stewardship committee?
4. Who?
5. How to create or sustain?
6. How do you talk about treasure?
7. Questions

Not just another thing to do

FINDING ELIM

By Dave Nelson



HOW IS IT OUR CHURCH HAS MORE
COMMITTEES THAN MEMBERS?

How can this ministry help my parish?

Ideally, each parish would have a freestanding ministry that functions with the general responsibility of:

People

- Formation and education on time, talent, treasure
- Acknowledge time, talent and treasure of ALL parishioners...not just givers
- Welcome and engage new and disengaged parishioners

Support

- Provide administrative support for the Season of Stewardship
- Support ministries by increasing interest/volunteers and connecting ministry leaders with potential volunteers
- Increase ministry effectiveness

Content Messaging

- Create the Mission and Vision of Stewardship as a way of life in the parish
- Share inspirational stories of stewardship- gather lay witnesses
- Create a greater understanding of discipleship through the tools of stewardship throughout the year

Why not under a
current
committee?

Start here...

The Stewardship
Committee =
People Committee.

Most important goal is to
build relationships.



Who should serve?

Successful Stewardship Committees- Finding your 12

Diverse

Succession planners

Educators, writers

Gracious, give thanks

Create communications

Provide hospitality/welcome

Collect data/staff coordination- organized!

Tips for starting and sustaining

STARTING A MINISTRY

Ask leaders to recommend leaders- collaborate with current ministry leaders to help identify a need and rally support

One on one invitation

Ask in all channels- NOT just bulletin

Visit a few ministry's meetings and invite

SUSTAINING THE MINISTRY

Pastor, Deacons, join you

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Clear objectives and roles from start

Be flexible and creative in task assignments

Be FUN!

What about the four
pillars?

Why time, talent, treasure?

Stewardship of Time Ideas

Encourage prayer at the beginning of every meeting...and at the end.

Find ways to encourage Sunday Mass attendance, as a group

Create a stewardship prayer/s for the Parish

Engage with the RE and School families on stewardship of time in prayer

Find one Sunday a month to hand out or electronically post a
“stewardship prayer moment” or reflection

Stewardship of Talent Ideas

Add to any new family/parishioner forms

Add to the website ministry info and contacts- make it easy to find

Ministry/Stewardship of Talent Fair, progressive dinner, Sunday ministry highlight, etc.

Acknowledgement event for volunteers at the Mass

Commissioning Mass at the beginning of the “year”

Witness testimonials in the bulletin, regularly

Gifts Discernment

Stewardship of Treasure Ideas

Provide examples, stories of stewardship of treasure during the year-impact

Provide Parishioners with fiscal transparency

Tasked with the Annual Discipleship & Stewardship Report

Review, design, and implement an annual renewal

Encourage in all communications “ways to give” or opportunities for generosity- even special events, etc.

Stewardship, during COVID?

Great time to continue phone tree

Consider communications tools for ministry leaders

Gather a Zoom call on special events, faith formation programming etc.

Get a head start on prayer & formation opportunities for Advent

Focus on online resource ...to Mass



General Description

Purpose

- Relying on the U.S. Bishops' statement: ***Stewardship, a Disciple's Response***, the team will foster and promote the Church's understanding of stewardship as a way of life, which is central to our baptismal calling.

Membership

- Volunteer membership with an expectation of a minimum 2-year commitment to the ministry
- Persons with the following traits:
 - Stewardship is already a way of life at some level.
 - Personal stewardship is exercised and is motivated by gratitude for God's gifts.
 - Have the ability to make the goals of stewardship viable for parishioners.
 - Belief in accountability exercised by reporting to parishioners on all aspects of the parish stewardship efforts- time, talent, and treasure
- Any person is invited to discern, including new Parishioners

Functions

- To foster a sense of belonging and welcome through a new parishioner process and engagement ministry process for current parishioners
- To provide education about stewardship to parish leadership/committees and to all parishioners.
- Prepare and distribute an annual "stewardship report" to all parishioners.
- To promote the stewardship of treasure of all parishioners by:
 - Coordinating an annual renewal for time, talent, and treasure
 - promoting an electronic giving option
- To promote the stewardship of time and talent of all parishioners through parish ministry and community building.
- Provide an annual community-building stewardship event (ie ministry fair)
- Provide a welcome process to include new parishioners and engage current parishioners in sharing their time, talent, and treasure
- To evaluate the parish stewardship efforts on a regular basis to ensure viability.

Stewardship Ministry Description

Areas of focus and structure

Four Pillars and Individual
Stewardship of Time, Talent,
Treasure

Mary.org example: Global, Local,
Ecological, Personal

Year as Quarters: Spiritual, Service,
Charity, Parish

Resources and Questions

Season of Stewardship Website

<https://discipleship.dio.org/sos.html>

Next webinar

Prayer, Services, Giving, COVID...Oh, My! Tools for Parish Stewardship on Sep 22, 2020

11:00 AM CDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6783574835837071118>

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