How to Set-Up Email Messaging for Stewardship

> Diocese of Springfield in Illinois Discipleship and Stewardship Webinar Series

Today's Agenda

- Prayer
- COVID Updates
- Key Definitions
- Benefits of Email Messaging Stewardship
- 8 Week Stewardship Communication Email Plan
- Email Marketing Vendors
- MailChimp Demo
- Questions and Answers

For all who have contracted coronavirus,

We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,

We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,

We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,

We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,

We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all. For our brothers and sisters around the world,

We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,

We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

Supporting Parishes During COVID 19

Parish Resources: https://hub.dio.org/

Upcoming Webinar: Thursday, 10am

Keeping the Pulse in Your Parish: Community While Social Distancing

Signup: <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.co</u> m/register/140855541705136651

Why an email marketing service?

- Definition: websites that house your email lists and make it easier to send emails out to groups of people.
- Email marketing services help you avoid the spam folder
- Email marketing services let you divide up groups easily
- Email marketing services have formatting options your regular email doesn't have.
- Better for members privacy and protection (address, opt-out)

Why email when I have a bulletin?

- COVID 19, never predicted!
- The bulletin and email marketing SHOULD work together
- Page/column limitations, none on digital
- Engages those not in the pews regularly, perhaps
- Link easier to share digitally-more clicks

Benefits for Stewardship Messaging

- Engages content dynamically
- Not determined by space
- Timely videos, links, resources
- Enhanced abilities during Advent and Lent
- Stewardship messaging is consistent
- Can be shared more readily
- More imagery and stylistic tools

8 Week Stewardship Communication Email Plan

- Includes content on all 4 Pillars of Stewardship
 - Includes each topic, twice
- Includes a variety of content: Graphics, Article, Video and Challenge
- Can be shared easily
- Provides a primer to any Season of Stewardship
- Could connect during low-seasons...aka Summer

Pillar: Prayer

- Email # 1
 - Download: Prayer card to download (My Parish Prayer)
 - Article: Link to this article: 5 Prayer Tips from St. Thomas Aquinas-<u>https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/5-prayer-tips-from-st-thomas-aquinas/26248/</u>
 - Video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yk8In-6KUGc</u>
 - Call to Action: Online Prayer Wall? Prayer intention to office?

Pillar Prayer

- Email # 2
 - Download: Utilize one of the Social Media Graphics here: <u>https://bit.ly/2UCaJmN</u>
 - Article: How Do I Go Deeper in Prayer <u>https://focusoncampus.org/content/how-do-i-go-deeper-in-prayer</u>
 - Video: In this talk, Fr. Kevin Dyer explains how to pray using the method of *Lectio Divina*. This is a great tool to bring to your prayer life and draw you closer to God. <u>https://focusoncampus.org/content/lectiodivina-sls-2016</u>
 - Call to Action: 30 Days of Prayer Challenge: <u>http://catholicmom.com/2012/08/14/30-days-of-prayer/</u>

Pillar: Formation

- Email # 1
 - Download: 5 Tips to Keep Your Faith Alive <u>https://dioorg-</u> my.sharepoint.com/:i:/g/personal/kprice dio org/EYleeohjE65KhFC2uggdhp wBUZ-zND6qMcWnW4MY7bnlOw?e=2cuDSO
 - Article: The Importance of Studying Your Faith: <u>http://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/01/27/the-importance-of-studying-your-faith/</u>
 - Video/Podcast: Aquinas, Apologetics, and Morality with Fr. Gregory Pine <u>http://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/aquinas-apologetics-and-morality-with-fr-gregory-pine/</u>
 - Call to Action: Add formation time to your calendar each day this week

Pillar: Formation

- Email # 2
 - Download: Patron Saints You Can Call On <u>https://dioorg-</u> my.sharepoint.com/:i:/g/personal/kprice dio org/EbRDpX-bSqZMkU LYRqOzQBOUHLiDjyKQR3TbP2ZWxdVQ?e=snIkPK
 - Article: Blessings and Challenges of Family Bible Study <u>http://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/01/23/family-bible-study-challenges-and-blessings/</u>
 - Video: Check out the Diocesan "hey, Father!" Series to deepen your faith with local priests: <u>https://www.dio.org/videos/hey-father.html</u>
 - Call to Action: Sign-up for the next Parish Faith Formation Program

Pillar: Service

- Email # 1
 - Download: Service Quote <u>https://dioorg-</u> <u>my.sharepoint.com/:i:/g/personal/kprice_dio_org/EdA0aiUfh11LkUC4ORnIYf</u> <u>8Bmbf70KVT5q5K2YZJvadEZQ?e=T1mBiU</u>
 - Article: The Saints Are Alive <u>http://media.ascensionpress.com/2019/10/31/the-saints-are-alive/</u>
 - Video: Why Should Christians
 Volunteer? <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzHRcJPEO5w</u>
 - Call to Action: Consider joining a parish ministry this week

Pillar: Service

- Email # 2
 - Download: Prayer Service to Be Disciples on Mission <u>https://dioorg-</u> <u>my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/kprice_dio_org/Ec4ByGkprWZFuK4J6joFN</u> <u>n0BoxDo1qxg08y5vgtGLucxkw?e=y5HDjL</u>
 - Article: Called to Serve: The Importance of Giving Back <u>https://osvnews.com/2014/10/15/called-to-serve-the-importance-of-giving-back/</u>
 - Video: How Lay People Can Make an Impact in the Mission of the Church with Sherry Weddell <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIn8llalt-A</u>
 - Call to Action: Share your parish ministry with a friend who might be looking to getting involved. Invite them to your next program or meeting!

Pillar: Hospitality

- Email # 1
 - Download: Hospitality Inspiration <u>https://dioorg-</u> my.sharepoint.com/:i:/g/personal/kprice_dio_org/ETywcuOInv5KIDX04bZxUn kB2vkgiXcJk_uXiK76uPVvvw?e=qPkC5L
 - Article: Hospitality is a Virtue: Fr. Leo Patalinghug Explains Why It's Essential for Christians <u>https://www.getfed.com/fr-leo-explains-hospitality-5852/</u>
 - Video: A Faith Life with No Regrets: <u>https://youtu.be/8XZh8MNLC4s</u>
 - Call to Action: Call a friend from the parish this week to check in with them and see if they have any prayer intentions. Offer to pray for them and those intentions.

Pillar: Hospitality

- Email # 2
 - Download: Download Isaiah Quote on Being Called <u>https://dioorg-my.sharepoint.com/:i:/g/personal/kprice_dio_org/EciYZ8eirVFLrJ2qmmdAdpl_BPSnCN-9SCkSwxMz7ecCpdw?e=3ZBcHh</u>
 - Article: The Ministry of Hospitality <u>https://www.americamagazine.org/issue/483/article/ministry-hospitality</u>
 - Video: Bishop Barron on Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si" <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWEK8JXQo0M</u>
 - Call to Action: Consider volunteering for the Welcome Ministry at your Parish. Don't have one? Start one!

Where can I find this schedule and resources?

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Discipleship.dio.org



What Email Provider Should We Use

- What are you needing?
 - Email only
 - Email and text messaging
 - Easy interface or lots of control
- Are you looking for a free service?
- If willing to pay, about how many email addresses do you have on file? This may determine the frequency of sending.

Common Email Service Providers

- MailChimp-<u>https://mailchimp.com/</u>
- Vertical Response-<u>https://www.verticalresponse.com/</u>
- Constant Contact-<u>https://www.constantcontact.com/index.jsp</u>
- Emma-<u>https://myemma.com/</u>
- Flocknote -<u>https://flocknote.com/</u>
- Evangelus: <u>https://diocesan.com/evangelus/</u>

MailChimp Free Features

- Mail list management- integration with many church databases
- Cost is free for under 2,000 email addresses, forever
- Great learning tools, easy interface

MailChimp Paid Features

- Automated emails (birthdays, new parishioners, web updates)
- Email series set up in advance (email devotional at Lent or Advent)
- Landing Pages
- Integrations (web, data, etc.)

Why Mailchimp? Marketing Platform - Pricing

Pricing Resources -

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Sign Up Free

Mailchimp Presents: Partners

Everyone wants to connect with another person. Partners is a podcast about people who've done



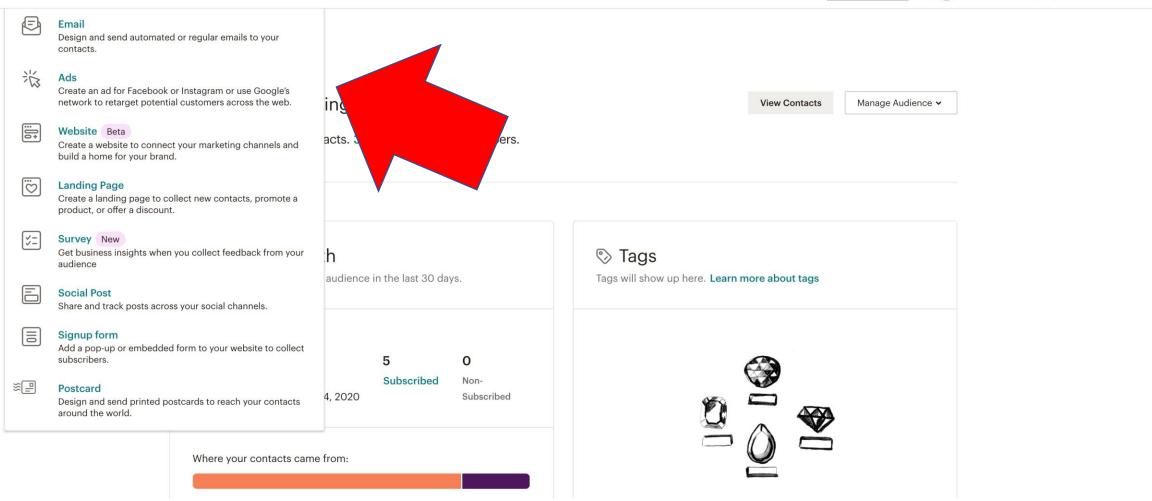
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doing, or learn about email design and blaze your own trail.

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