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# STEWARDSHIP OFFICE HOURS: THE FOUR PILLARS OF STEWARDSHIP

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**Stewardship**  
GROWING OUR FAITH

# THE SPIRITUALITY OF STEWARDSHIP

## HOSPITALITY

*“When I was a stranger, you welcomed me.”*

*Matthew 23:35*

- ▶ **Christian Kindness – plain and simple**
- ▶ **Jesus Christ teaches that whenever we welcome one of the least of our sisters and brothers, we welcome Christ Himself.**
- ▶ **A stewardship parish sees the face of Christ in one another.**



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## HOSPITALITY

- ▶ What does this look like in your parish?
- ▶ How do you welcome new families?
- ▶ How do you serve the homebound?
- ▶ How do you welcome new babies into your parish (besides baptism)?
- ▶ How do greet each other at Mass?
- ▶ How do you invite people to participate in the life of your parish?
- ▶ Do you offer opportunities for hospitality after Mass or social opportunities?



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## Examples of HOSPITALITY Ministries

- ▶ Altar Society
- ▶ Bereavement Committee
- ▶ Church Cleaning
- ▶ Coffee & Donuts
- ▶ Gift Bearers
- ▶ Grief Support
- ▶ JB2 Young Adults
- ▶ Legion of Mary
- ▶ Ministry to the Sick
- ▶ Nursing Home Visitation
- ▶ Social Concerns Commission
- ▶ Transportation Assistance to Church
- ▶ Ushers
- ▶ Welcoming Committee



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## PRAYER

*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God.” Philippians 4:6*

- ▶ A heart to heart with God
- ▶ Through participation in Mass we learn to recognize, receive and share God’s grace and gifts in love of God and neighbor
- ▶ Through prayer, Christian stewards grow closer to God – strengthening their relationship and growing in spirituality.



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- ▶ How do you invite and encourage others to attend Mass regularly?
- ▶ Does your parish offer the opportunity for adoration? Once a month, weekly, daily?
- ▶ Does your parish pray the Rosary before Mass or offer a time to pray the Rosary?
- ▶ Do you have a prayer line? Could this be a way to encourage the homebound to feel a part of the parish by praying for others?
- ▶ Has your parish invited/trained Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers?



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- ▶ Altar Servers
- ▶ Centering Prayer
- ▶ Children’s Liturgy
- ▶ Cursillo
- ▶ Eucharistic Adoration
- ▶ Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- ▶ Medjugorje Prayer Group
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Prayer Line
- ▶ Rosary Leaders
- ▶ Sacristan



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# THE SPIRITUALITY OF STEWARDSHIP FORMATION

*“I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go.” Isaiah 46:17*

- ▶ Formation involves education for the mind and conversion of the heart
- ▶ To know the “stewardship way of life”, does not make one live a “stewardship way of life.”
- ▶ Ongoing Catholic education is important if we are to grow in our lives as stewards.
- ▶ Formation educates, engages and empowers individual stewards to love as God loves us which in turn strengthens the parish community.





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- ▶ Does your parish have small faith sharing groups (Like the ones for Grateful Living the Joy of Stewardship)?
- ▶ Does your parish offer bible study groups?
- ▶ Do you have a robust RCIA and Confirmation program?
- ▶ Do you offer PSR (Parish School of Religion) for school-age children?
- ▶ Do you have FORMED.ORG in your parish?
- ▶ How do you communicate formation opportunities?
- ▶ Do you offer training/education for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers and Greeters/Ushers?



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## Examples of **FORMATION** Ministries

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- ▶ Baptism
- ▶ Bible Study
- ▶ Christian Education Commission
- ▶ Church Library
- ▶ Confirmation
- ▶ Marriage Preparation
- ▶ PSR – Parish School of Religion
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- ▶ RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
- ▶ RCIC – Rite of Christian Initiation for Children
- ▶ Stewardship Council
- ▶ Totus Tuus
- ▶ Youth Ministry



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## SERVICE

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10*

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- ▶ Service is giving of one’s time and talent to support the life and ministry of the parish and wider community.
- ▶ Jesus came to earth to teach us to serve through the greatest commandment to LOVE one another.
- ▶ We give thanks to God for all the gifts we have received and return them to him through our service to others.



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- ▶ Do you invite or “beg” people to participate in parish socials/community events?
- ▶ Are there opportunities for all demographics in your parish to serve?
- ▶ What do parishioners do outside the church walls in your community?
- ▶ How does your parish show charity and mercy to others?

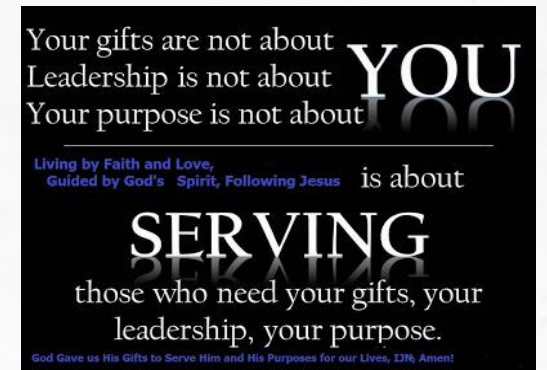


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- ▶ Administration Commission
- ▶ Building and Grounds Maintenance
- ▶ Cemetery Board
- ▶ Church Decorating
- ▶ Coordinator for Mass
- ▶ Daughters of Isabella
- ▶ Finance Council
- ▶ Funeral Luncheons
- ▶ Knights of Columbus
- ▶ Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
- ▶ Ministry to the Hospitalized and Homebound
- ▶ Money Counter
- ▶ Pastoral Council
- ▶ Pro-Life Ministry
- ▶ Scouting
- ▶ St. Vincent de Paul Society
- ▶ Thanksgiving or Christmas Dinners (Free for the Community)
- ▶ Vocations Committee





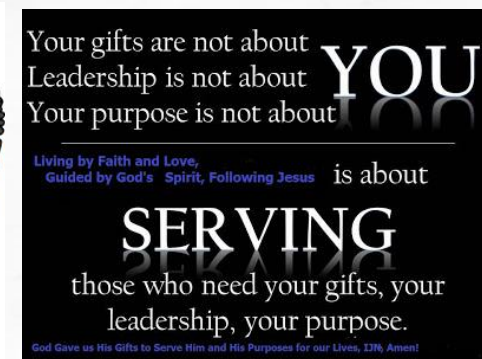
# THE SPIRITUALITY OF STEWARDSHIP

HOW THE FOUR PILLARS ARE PLAYED OUT CONCRETELY IN OUR LIVES AND IN OUR COMMUNITIES.....

*By living out the Gospel in our daily lives through Christian kindness, the Eucharist, continuous conversion and service to others we bring people closer to Christ which in turns leads to the salvation of souls.*



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# QUESTIONS?????





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# THANK YOU!!!



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