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e-Steward is a semi-annual newsletter created by the Office of Stewardship & Development to keep you up-to-date regarding news and information concerning the practice of Christian stewardship within the Diocese of Providence. We hope that you will find this newsletter to be both helpful and informative as you embark on your parish's journey of faith or annual renewal of stewardship.



SAVE THE DATE



Upcoming Parish Ministry Fairs

What a great opportunity to experience and observe other parish fairs when planning for your own Stewardship Weekend. Be sure to call the parishes in advance to verify the dates of the ministry fairs and the Mass times.

Parish

Dates

Our Lady of Good Help Parish Mapleville 568-5272	September 11
Christ the King Parish Kingston 783-7459	September 11 and 12
Saint Ann Parish Cranston 942-2767	September 11 and 12
Saint Timothy Parish Warwick 739-9552	September 11 and 12
Saint Gregory the Great Parish Warwick 884-1666	September 11 and 12
Saint Jude Parish Lincoln 725-8140	September 18 and 19
Saint Barnabas Parish Portsmouth 683-1343	September 18 and 19
Saint Peter Parish Warwick 467-4895	September 18 and 19
Saint William Parish Warwick 781-7226	September 25 and 26
Saint Joseph Parish Ashton 333-4013	October 2 and 3
Saint John the Baptist Pawtucket 722-9054	October 2 and 3

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BECOME A FULL STEWARDSHIP PARISH?

1. Belief

Administration and lay leadership must have absolute trust and confidence in stewardship as a way of life. Belief in the results and rewards of stewardship must be constant and unwavering.

2. Prayer

We can never pray enough – especially in regard to stewardship. The guidance of the Holy Spirit will help make our decisions easier. Stewardship is, first and last, a spiritual activity, and prayer is the lifeblood of the spirit.

3. Spirituality

Stewardship at its heart has nothing to do with this life. The rewards of stewardship are eternal. Whatever temporal manifestations of stewardship we achieve – a new prayer group, increased attendance at Mass – are worldly reminders that we must always be seeking a heavenly home.

4. Planning

Even as we keep our eyes fixed on the everlasting, we must make plans for the here and now. Ongoing planning calls for foresight and anticipation.

5. Communication

Continuing education about stewardship – its origins in scripture, its practical application in the 21st century, its meaning and importance to your parish and its mission – is critical.

6. Hospitality

Good stewards say nothing so often as “Welcome.” Everyone has something to contribute. Everyone is needed. Everyone should be made to feel as such.

7. Gratitude

Every gift of time, talent or treasure – no matter how small – should call forth an expression of gratitude.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for teaching me to be generous as you have been generous to me. Thank you for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from you. And all these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared. Show me the joys of generosity. Help me to understand that others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help. Remind me that my world, my parish, needs “Good Samaritans” to heal the wounds of our times. Make me a gift to others in your name. Amen.

