

e-STEWARD NEWSLETTER

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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.

Proven Stewardship Ideas

Ministry of the Week Bulletin Insert:

A particular parish ministry is highlighted each week. The insert will explain when the ministry was established, what the ministry does, where and when committee members meet, and how to contact ministry representatives.

Encourage Parishioners to Visit Ministry Fair Booths:

Parishioners are encouraged to visit each booth where a ministry icon is circled by a representative. If all icons are circled (parishioner visited each booth), the parishioner is eligible to be entered in a drawing for a prize.

Commissioning of Ministry Leaders:

The parish organizes a Commitment Sunday. On this day, all ministry leaders are blessed and commissioned for the upcoming year. Ministry leaders are able to renew their commitment witnessed by all the parishioners.

Stewardship Column in the Parish Bulletin:

The parish reserves a portion of the bulletin for stewardship. The stewardship column contains articles about people giving of their time, talent and treasure.



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

Saint John the Baptist Parish
Pawtucket
722-9054

September 20th and 21st

Our Lady of Good Help Parish
Mapleville
568-5272

September 20th and 21st

Saint Peter Parish
Warwick
467-4895

September 20th and 21st

Saint William Parish
Warwick
781-7226

September 27th and 28th

Saint Joseph Parish
Ashton
333-4013

September 27th and 28th

YOU MIGHT BE A GOOD STEWARD IF...

...you joyfully return a portion of your gifts to God without expecting anything in return.

...you try to attend Mass more than once a week.

...you view your good stewardship as a responsibility which flows from your Christian vocation, not as a nuisance or inconvenience.

...your generosity is proportional: it increases with your resources.

...you feel a responsibility to take care of all God's creation.



Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded by the Psalmist that Yours is "the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from Your hand that we have received all we have, and are, and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that You call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen