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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.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Christ the King Parish Kingston 783-7459	September 12 and 13
Saint Joseph Parish Ashton 333-4013	September 19 and 20
Our Lady of Good Help Parish Mapleville 568-5272	September 19 and 20
Saint Peter Parish Warwick 467-4895	September 19 and 20
Saint William Parish Warwick 781-7226	September 19 and 20
Saint Barnabas Parish Portsmouth 683-1343	September 19 and 20
Saint Timothy Parish Warwick 739-9552	September 19 and 20 September 26 and 27
Saint John the Baptist Parish Pawtucket 722-9054	September 20
Saint Jude Parish Lincoln 725-8140	September 26 and 27
Saint Leo the Great Parish Pawtucket 722-1220	September 26 and 27

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

I've heard of stewardship, but our parish isn't a stewardship parish, so how are we stewards?

Every parish is a stewardship parish in some way or form. Within your parish dozens of people, maybe even you, share your time and talent in some ministry or activity. Your Eucharistic ministers, choir, religious education teachers, CYO coaches, youth groups, etc. are all Christian stewards. The people who contribute to your parish offertory and those who give to the Catholic Charity Fund are all showing in some way their willingness to follow Jesus and living out their baptismal promises.

IDEALS OF STEWARDSHIP

- ✓ Stewardship is not a topic to learn; it is a process of becoming.
- ✓ Stewardship is not an option; it is integral to our Catholic faith.
- ✓ Stewardship is not another thing to do; it is what and how we do what we do.
- ✓ Stewardship is not about our generosity; it is about our response to God's generosity.
- ✓ Stewardship is what you do after you say, "I believe."

YOU MIGHT BE A GOOD STEWARD IF...

- ...you believe that faith formation is ongoing and set time aside to learn about your faith from books, publications, adult faith formation classes, online courses, etc.
- ...you teach your children and others how to be good stewards by your words and example.
- ...you are convinced that God cannot be outdone in generosity.
- ...you are sincerely trying to make stewardship your way of life.



Lord Jesus,

Help us to realize it is neither riches nor fame nor power that gives life meaning. Rather it is generosity and service to You and others that bring fulfillment and make life worthwhile. May all we do help us to build Your Kingdom. Amen.