

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.



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.

Christ the King Parish

Kingston

783-7459

September 8 and 9

Saint Barnabas Parish

Portsmouth

683-1343

September 15 and 16

Saint Peter Parish

Warwick

467-4895

September 22 and 23

Saint Joseph Parish

Ashton

333-4013

September 22 and 23

Saint Timothy Parish

Warwick

739-9552

September 22 and 23

Saint John the Baptist Parish

Pawtucket

722-9054

September 22 and 23

Saint William Parish

Warwick

781-7226

September 29 and 30

Saint Mary Parish

Providence

274-3434

October 13 and 14

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS IN A PARISH STEWARDSHIP SELF-EVALUATION

1. Are there homilies on stewardship?
2. Are there lay witness talks on stewardship?
3. Is an understanding of Christian stewardship accomplished in adult education, religious education classes and youth ministry?
4. Is the mission of the parish communicated?
5. Does the parish use a percentage of its income for outreach beyond parish boundaries?
6. Is stewardship addressed beyond stewardship of treasure?
7. Do parishioners receive information on how parish resources are used?
8. Is stewardship a part of all programs and ministries of the parish?
9. As people join the parish throughout the year, is there a process to welcome them and to teach them about the parish and opportunities for involvement? Are they encouraged to become contributing members of the parish?
10. Do you evaluate your stewardship on an annual basis?

A GREAT IDEA TO KEEP STEWARDSHIP ALIVE IN YOUR PARISH

Consider highlighting a ministry in the parish bulletin each month. Create an insert on standard letter paper which reveals:

- 1.) What the ministry is; 2.) Why they exist; 3.) When and where they meet; 4.) How the ministry works / typical activities; 5.) When the ministry was established; 6.) How to contact the ministry; and 7.) Other things the parish should know about the ministry.

Be sure to include one or two photographs.

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

At Baptism, we accepted the call to follow Jesus. Be with us as we move along on our faith journey. Send us your Holy Spirit, that we might have wisdom for the journey. Help us to develop and share our gifts as good stewards, that we may use them in love and service in your kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.