

# Stewardship and Parish Stewardship Committees



## What is Stewardship?

The Catholic Church defines stewardship as a way of life rooted in discipleship—a grateful response to God’s unconditional love. It’s not just about giving; it’s about how we live, recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God.

## Do We Need a Stewardship Committee?

Many parishes have a local stewardship committee to help create a culture of gratitude, generosity & active participation in the parish & community. A stewardship committee in a Catholic parish brings a host of spiritual, communal, and practical benefits. It’s not just a group—it’s a catalyst for transformation. Stewardship committees can:



- Promote stewardship as a spiritual practice & help deepen discipleship
- Support parish engagement and strengthen relationships
- Coordinate annual stewardship efforts
- Welcome visitors & orient new parishioners
- Educate on stewardship principles & promote transparency
- Cultivate long-term giving and financial health of the parish



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# 12 Ideas for Stewardship Through The Seasons

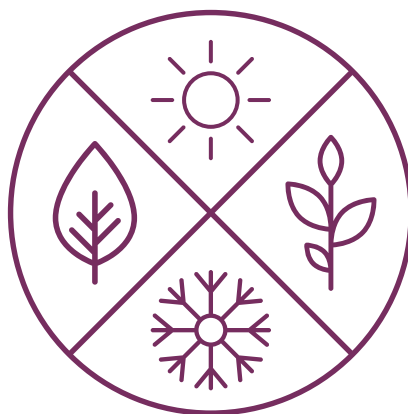


## **“Living Stewardship Daily” Service & Sustainability Ideas:**

- Parish Garden or Outdoor Project: Invite families to help beautify parish grounds or maintain a Marian grotto.
- Sunday Lunch Program Support: Coordinate volunteers or donations for outreach ministries.
- Stewardship Committee Retreat: Reflect on the past year, set goals, and pray together for guidance
- Bulletin Series: Everyday Stewardship: Share practical tips for living stewardship in daily life—health, relationships, finances, etc.

## **“Grateful Hearts, Generous Lives” Gratitude & Renewal Ideas:**

- Kickoff Reflection Series: Host short reflections after Mass or in bulletins on stewardship as a response to God’s gifts.
- Annual Commitment Weekend: Distribute time, talent, and treasure commitment cards. Include testimonials from parishioners.
- Ministry Fair: Showcase parish ministries with tables and sign-up sheets to encourage involvement.
- Thanksgiving Outreach: Organize a parish-wide service project or collection for local families in need.



## **“Planting Seeds of Hope” Growth & Evangelism Ideas:**

- Youth Stewardship Spotlight: Collaborate with the KCs or CDs to highlight youth service and promote the Stewardship Award.
- Lenten Stewardship Challenge: Encourage parishioners to offer time or talent in new ways—volunteering, prayer, or acts of mercy.
- Volunteer Appreciation Event: Host a simple brunch or reception to honor those who serve.
- Easter Stewardship Reflection: Share a message on resurrection and renewal as a call to deeper discipleship.

## **“Stewards of Faith & Community” Formation & Fellowship Ideas:**

- Stewardship Speaker Series: Invite guest speakers or parish leaders to share on topics like spiritual stewardship, financial wellness, or Catholic social teaching.
- New Parishioner Welcome Event: Stewardship committee helps host a gathering to connect newcomers with parish life.
- Christmas Gratitude Campaign: Send handwritten notes or small tokens of appreciation to volunteers and donors.
- Annual Report & Reflection: Share a visual summary of stewardship impact—ministries supported, outreach accomplished, etc.