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Stewardship to Discipleship... A Way of Life

Hospitality and The importance of Community Building

Agenda



Share your ideas!

Stewardship

One who **receives** God's gifts gratefully, **cherishes** and **tends** them in a responsible and accountable manner, **shares** them with justice and love with others, and **returns** them with increase to the Lord.

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response
A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship
USCCB.org

Stewardship

It is not about...

- giving because the Church has needs
- getting people to fill our ministries
- fulfilling some obligation to avoid guilt
- keeping up with our neighbors

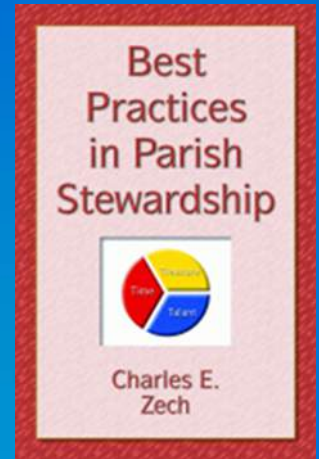
Stewardship

It is about...

- understanding everything is a Gift from God
- knowing that God has given us these gifts for which to care
- being aware that He expects us to generously share these gifts out of gratitude!

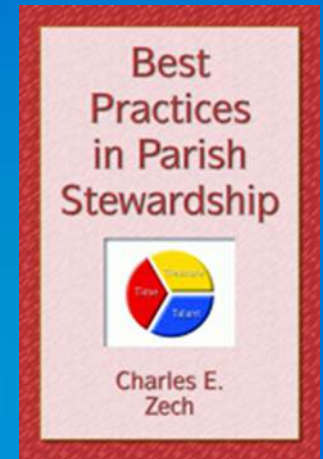
Best Practices in Parish Stewardship

1. Be a welcoming parish
2. Appoint a stewardship council
3. Include stewardship as vital part of parish plan
4. Emphasize stewardship in all parish formation and education programs



Best Practices in Parish Stewardship

5. Provide the opportunity for lay witness presentations
6. Encourage parishioners to make a pledge
7. Communicate with parishioners on stewardship
8. Remember, good stewardship starts in the parish house



Best Practices in Parish Stewardship

By Charles Zech

Top Rated Practice
Being a Welcoming
Parish

Hospitality

the first step

to

Building

Community



Welcome/
Hospitality

Hospitality

- The quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way.

Dictionary.com



Hospitality

- The CHURCH'S Primary Mission

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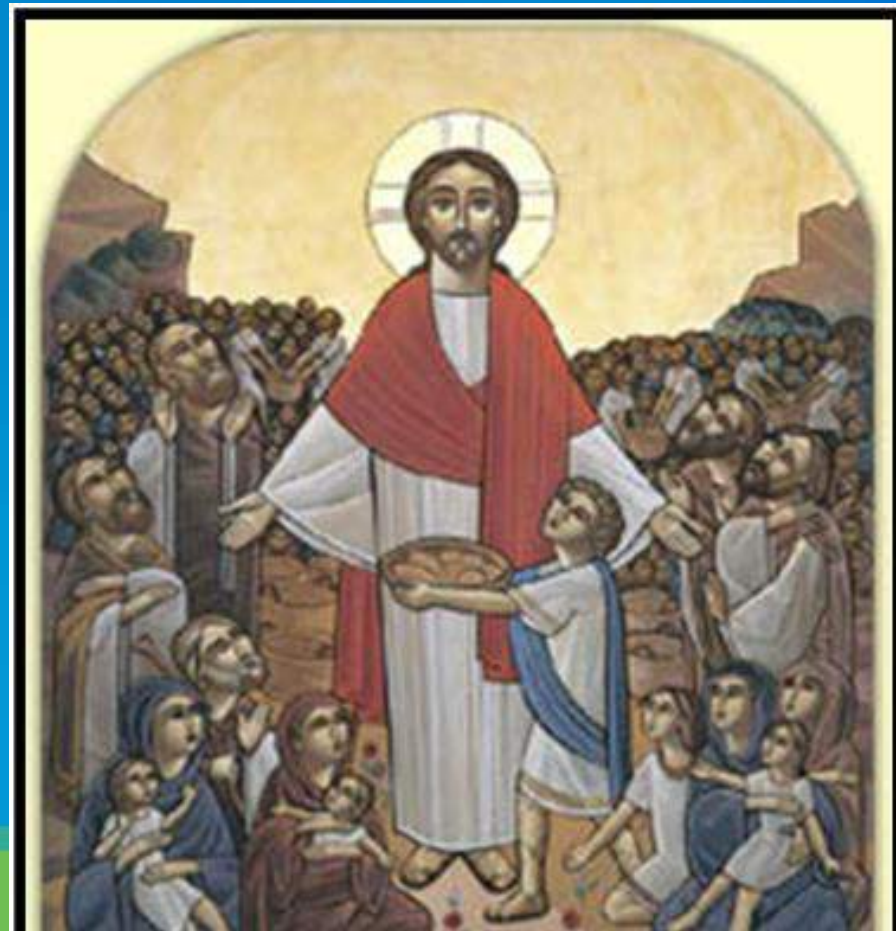
The great commission:
Matthew 28:19-20



*and Make Disciples...
Baptize them...
Teach them...*

Hospitality

- Hospitality is not an option.
- One of the pillars of stewardship
- We are called to follow the way of Christ



Hospitality is Welcoming Others

God's two greatest commandments are to love God and love others. To love everyone equally is a true sign of our love for God and our desire to live Christ-like. Hospitality is known as entertaining and welcoming in guests or visitors. It is a genuine way to show love for others! Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:40 that whatever we do for the least of people, we do for him.

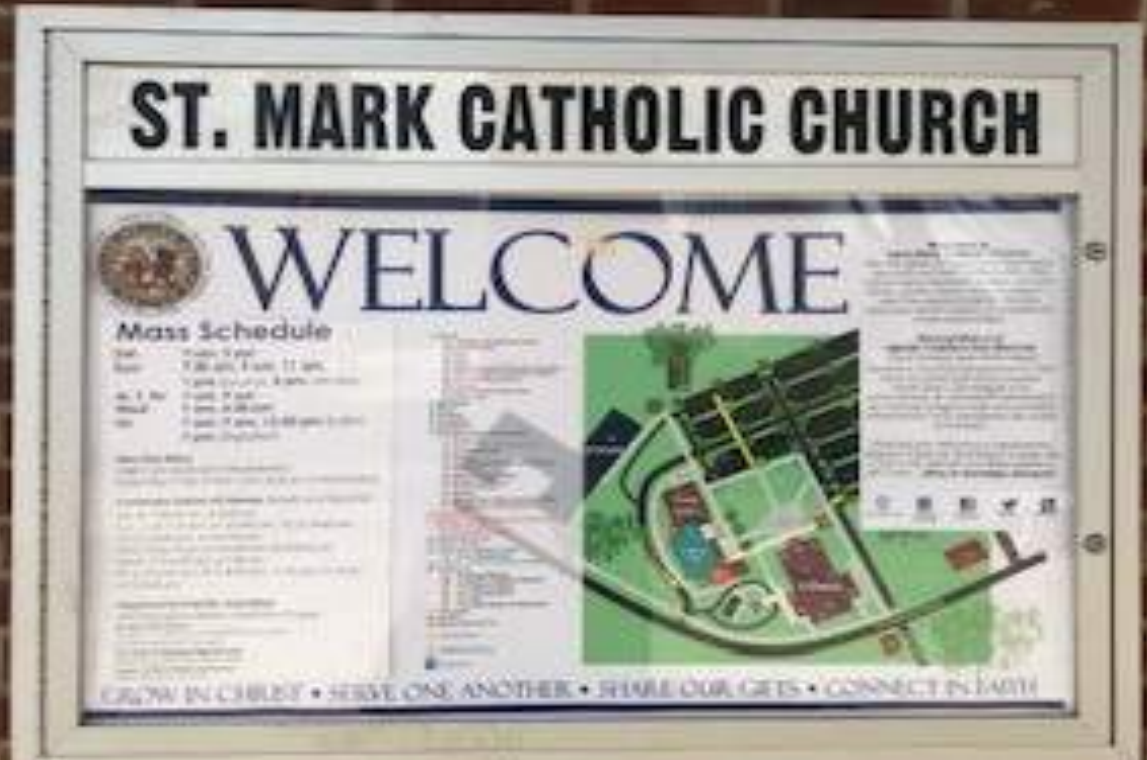
*What elements
of hospitality
exist in your
parish today?*

Ideas for Hospitality on the Campus

- Take a look at your parish property
- Parking/Parking attendants
- Police officers on site



● Adequate signage



Hospitality During The Mass

- Be Welcoming
 - Greeters/podium
 - Welcome Desk



How welcoming do we appear?



- Offer nursery during Mass
- Have staff, Pastoral Council or Welcome Committee at the Mass



**Begins
October ???**

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM: Sunday mornings during Mass





Wanted:

#1: Teachers! These are paid positions for ages 18 and over. Hours are Sunday mornings from 8 am - 1 pm. This is a year round position with above minimum wage pay. If you have a love of Christ and experience working with young children, please contact:

#2: Volunteers! We need energetic and responsible high school students to assist in the classroom. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours and gain work experience. Please contact:

#3 Children! Program begins October ?? This is a Catholic learning program for preschoolers while their parents/guardians go to Sunday morning Mass. Ages 3-Kindergarten. Registration is required however this is a drop-in program on a first-come first

Complete details and registration:
stmarknc.org/sondayfunday

Welcoming New Parishioners

- Home visits or one on one meetings
- Recognize new parishioners at Masses
- Sponsor families who partner with new parishioners
- Newcomers basket or packet
- Youth Minister contacts teens

Welcoming New Parishioners

- Welcome letter and stewardship materials sent out immediately
- Welcome calls from Pastor &/or Parish Council
- Welcome new parishioners in bulletin monthly
- New Parishioner Receptions

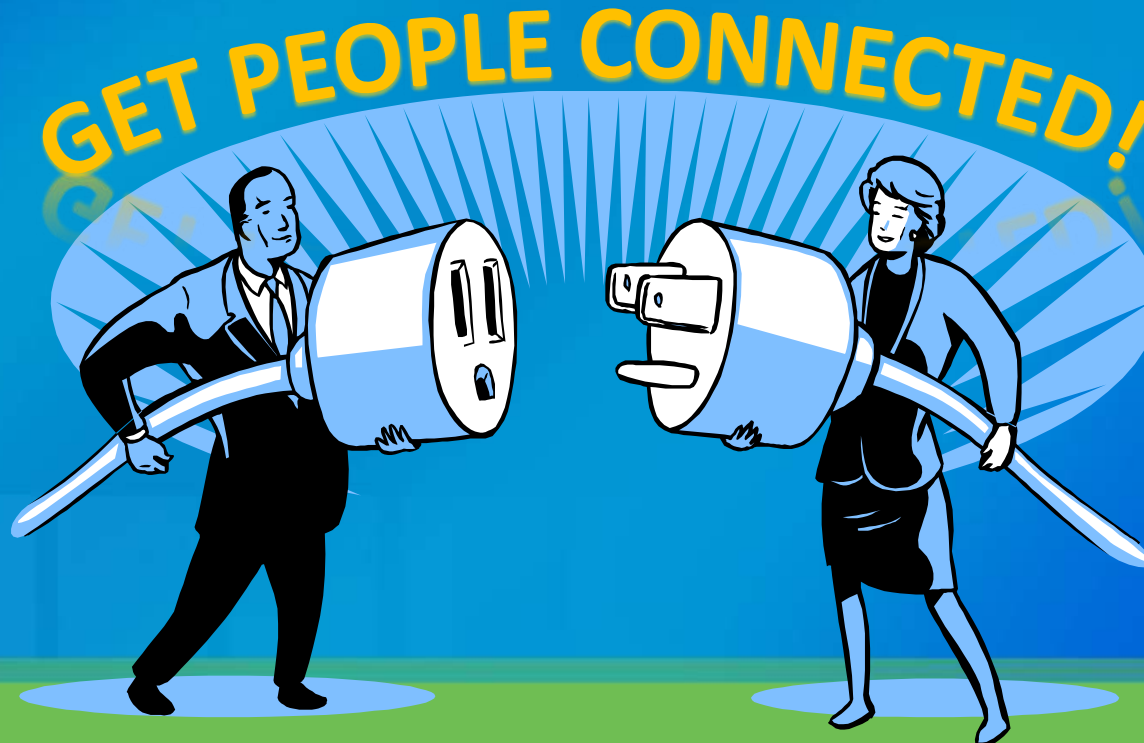


*What elements
are in your
parish today to
help get people
engaged?*

Engagement

- To attract and hold fast
- To become involved
- To bind, as by pledge

Dictionary.com



Engagement

Building Community



Building Engagement in the Community

The idea of community comes from the sense of responsibility we have for each other. In the Bible, God encourages us to take care of our brethren while following the word of the Lord.

We must remember the importance of maintaining the connection with our fellow man to ensure a thriving community.

Matthew 25: 34-36

For I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me something
to drink,

I was a stranger and you invited me in,

I needed clothes and you clothed me,

I was sick and you looked after me,

I was in prison and you came to visit me.

*What elements
of community
building exist in
your parish
today?*

Ideas for Community Hospitality

Host community building events:

- International days
- Potluck/Lenten Soup dinners
- Receptions for special events



● Holiday celebrations



- Coffee and donuts/bagels after Mass
- Pancake breakfasts



- Parish festivals or picnics
- Parish Feast Day celebrations



FAMILY Social
SeptemberFest
September 17
6:15-8:45 pm



Brusters
Ice Cream

FOOD TRUCKS*
 Tiger Yakatori
 Tres Hermanas
 Showmars

Adult Beverages
BINGO
MUSIC

Boy Scouts BBQ
Game Truck

*Food and beverages are available for purchase from vendors

Game Broadcast in the Parish Hall
 Game time 7:30 pm

info and rsvp: www.stmarknc.org

Saint Mark Catholic Church

- Youth Ministry – MS and HS
- Young Adults -20-30's
- Small Groups – Adult all types
- Young at Heart – 55+



- Guys Doing Stuff
- Echoes



- Fireside Chats

- Coffee and Conversation



● Volunteer appreciation events

THANK YOU!
because you serve one another

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday!
Sunday, March 8

Reception after the 7:30 am, 9 am and 11 am Masses

We wish to thank all of our parishioners who have embraced a sense of stewardship by dedicating themselves to serving our parish and community. **We thank you for sharing your passion for Christ, as a living disciple, and for making the parish a true community of faith.** By your participation, you have shared God's love, formed our parishioners and carried out the spirit of true servant leadership. **It is impossible to carry out the mission of Christ without your assistance** and we are truly appreciative of your time, talent and treasure in doing so at Saint Mark.

*May you continue to carry out the mission of Christ
by sharing His love with others!*



Stewardship to Discipleship... A Way of Life!

Stewardship Committee serving the volunteers



Volunteer Appreciation Gift

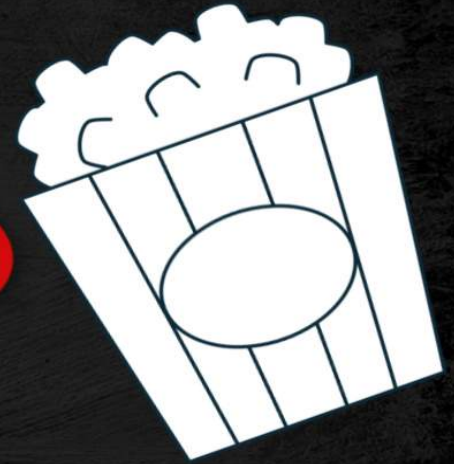
Get creative – use Pintrest or other sites for ideas

Glad you

POPPED

by so we could

Thank you!



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● Blessing of the animals



- Team building or leadership workshops
- Ice cream socials

VOLUNTEERS — THIS IS FOR YOU!

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STEWARDSHIP REFRESH. RECHARGE. RENEW.



We want to be an Amazing Parish...but we can't do it without you. We recognize that volunteers get tired — sometimes even burned-out. The continued growth and changes in our parish are exciting but can be hard too.

So, we have planned a special day for all of our volunteers, leaders, catechists, core members, ushers, greeters, lectors, teachers, grounds keepers, prayer warriors, ministry leaders, staff — anybody who is working to serve at Saint Mark.

John Beaulieu

Director of Evangelization and Engagement, Franciscan University

Saturday, February 2

7:30 am Mass

9 am-2:30 pm Program in the Parish Hall

\$10 per person to cover the cost of continental breakfast and lunch.*

Registration and RSVP: stmarknc.org/stewardshipRSVP



National speaker, author and Catholic lay minister John Beaulieu will be here for a day to refresh, recharge and renew our volunteers. This is a chance to refresh your mind, recharge your batteries and renew your spirit to serve.

AMAZING PARISH. AMAZING PEOPLE.



Build Community Through Service

- Meal packaging event
- Habitat for Humanity



Thank You Saint Mark!



875 Volunteers
\$29,000 Raised
100,000 Meals

We more than exceeded our goal! A special thank you to the event organizers — all of whom are teens: Jessica Hoagland, Michael Schroeder, Jack and Will Zuhosky, Margaret Bruce and Jacob Kennedy. Thank you also to Lisa Modzelewski, (Haiti Mission Trip Speaker) and all who donated money, setup, packaged meals and cleaned up.

● Vacation Bible Study



Ideas for Community Hospitality

- Use all of your communication tools – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Parish App, e-newsletter, Bulletin.
- Frequent homilies about importance of being a welcoming community
- Offer parish training sessions about hospitality

Review



New ideas!

It's not about HOW MUCH
you do, but HOW MUCH LOVE
you put into what you do
that counts!



Saint Teresa of Calcutta

*Thank you and may
God continue to
bless you on your
stewardship
journey*

Suggested Resources

- **STEWARDSHIP:
A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE**
USCCB.org
- **EXCELLENT CATHOLIC
PARISHES** – *Paul Wilkes*
- **BEST PRACTICES IN
PARISH STEWARDSHIP**
by Charles E. Zech
- **REBUILT** – *Fr. Michael
White/Tom Corcoran*
- **DIVINE RENOVATION** –
Fr. James Mallon
- **GROWING AN ENGAGED
CHURCH** by Albert
Winseman
- **BECOMING A PARISH OF
INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES**
– Sherry A. Weddell
- **FORMING INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLES** – Sherry A.
Weddell