

stewardship ministry

QuickStart guide

1. form a parish stewardship team

- Form your stewardship team early
- Build a team of dedicated stewards blessed with a variety of gifts, training and experience
- Choose a Christ-centered chair with proven leadership and mentoring skills that lives as a true Orthodox Christian steward

2. make a 12-month plan

- Create a 12-month parish stewardship calendar & put it in the church master calendar
- Plan for ongoing communication and personal contact with parishioners
- Schedule and assign tasks, communications, visitations and events
- Recognize that Stewardship is an ongoing ministry – not any single event or activity

3. communicate

- Include a variety of messages pertaining to stewardship in bulletins, e-bulletins, newsletters, bulletin boards, etc.
- Plan a strategy of visitations or small group meetings
- Keep the parish council informed and active in promoting stewardship. Parish council members should lead by example
- Contact the Archdiocese for Stewardship resources
- Enlist parishioners to offer testimonials
- Offer sermons that apply the them of the Gospel lessons to aspects of Stewardship

4. engage the people in the life of the Church

- Get people personally involved in parish ministry
- Welcome new ideas and delegate responsibility
- Listen to and validate the concerns of parishioners
- Create opportunities for people to be heard

5. utilize the 2017 theme

- Theme: “As the Father has Sent Me, So I Send You” (John 20:21)
- Icon: Jesus speaking to the disciples after his Resurrection
- Application to Stewardship: We are Stewards of the Gospel Message.

We are stewards of all God's blessings, including His Gospel Message. We don't bury our blessings in the ground, but as in the parable of the stewards, we strive to multiply our gifts and offer them back to God. As with our financial blessings, so it is with our stewardship of our families, the environment, the Gospel Message and all of God's gifts.

