

stewardship ministry

QuickStart guide

1. form a parish stewardship team

- Form your stewardship team early with individuals who exemplify Orthodox Christian Stewardship.
- Build a team blessed with a variety of gifts, training and experience. Include young professionals.
- Choose a Christ-centered chair with proven leadership and mentoring skills.

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.
- Plan a strategy of visitations or small group meetings. Consider virtual meetings when needed.
- Keep the parish council informed and active in promoting stewardship, leading by example.
- Contact the Archdiocese Stewardship Ministries for resources, sample commitment cards and more.
- Enlist parishioners to offer testimonials in church and in written and video communication.
- Offer sermons that apply the theme of the Gospel lessons to aspects of Stewardship

4. implement various methods of online giving

- Set up online giving and instruct members in the use of the program
- Include links to online giving in all communications.
- Consider a stewardship kiosk for electronic giving while at church.
- Implement text giving, online light-a-candle programs and more.

5. engage the people in the life of the Church

- Create opportunities for people to be heard: town hall meetings, etc.
- Get people personally involved in ministry.
- Welcome new ideas and delegate responsibility
- Listen to and validate the concerns of parishioners

6. utilize the 2023 theme & graphics:

Theme **GIVING THANKS: Eucharistic Stewardship**

Application to Stewardship: As Eucharistic Orthodox Christians, we see the world as God's gift. We offer the world back to God in thanksgiving with the words, "Thine own of Thine own we offer to Thee...."