

2012 Stewardship Conference

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A Parish Spirituality of Stewardship

Fr. Mark Przybysz, Pastor

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rapids

For many Catholics, stewardship has been designed by “offertory” efforts or campaign that simplifies stewardship to a fundraising strategy. Learn why that at the root of real stewardship is a conversation of heart that transforms one’s faith and their entire life perspective. Fr. Mark has for many years been sharing his stewardship lessons to parishioners, workshop attendees both here in the diocese and beyond.

Engaging Lukewarm Catholics

Amy Launier and Abby Hendershott, OLC Rockford

Topics:

- Learn how to understand the concept of “engagement” and why it’s important.
- Review a successful engagement case study.
- Learn the components of an engagement initiative.
- Learn how to get an engagement initiative started at your parish.
- Learn how to collaborate with hundreds of other Catholic parishes around the country who have already implemented an engagement initiative or are in the process of implementing an engagement initiative in their parishes.

Stewardship of Time - A Small Group Idea That works

Jeff Andrini, Director of Faith Formation, St. Patrick Parish, Grand Haven

A disciple’s response to greater stewardship is rooted in ongoing conversion. How do we foster community building, investment and ongoing adult faith formation that leads to transformation? This important question is key to our long-term success and small group ministry is one invaluable component. Explore the essential principles of small group ministry and one model called the Book C.L.U.B. (Catholics Living and Understanding the Bible) from Grand Haven that is bearing fruit.

Engaging our Youth/Young Adults in Stewardship

Elizabeth Zick, Coordinator of Youth Adult Faith Formation

Holy Redeemer Parish, Jenison

Renewing the Vision: *A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry* lists the three goals for Ministry as “To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today, to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community, and to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.”

In this session the speaker will talk about the vitality of youth and young adult presence in a stewardship parish using *Renewing the Vision* as guide. Components of Catechesis, Community Life, *Justice and Service*, Leadership Development, and Pastoral Care will be highlighted.

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Serving The Absent Catholic

Fr. Frank DiSiano, CSP

In this breakout session, Fr. DeSiano will talk about those broader factors that influence the behaviors of those many Catholics who are not involved in the practice of their faith and how we can begin to reach them. The talk will explore the social and generational factors affecting so much of religion in America today.

Using Social Media in Parish Ministries

Katie Krizan, Office Manager, St. Patrick & St. Anthony Parish, Grand Haven

Using the Web, we can advertise and promote different ministries, events and schedules in our Parish Communities. Using emails, website, video messages, YouTube, Facebook and even cell phones we can communicate to countless parish members with just a click of a button. Let me share how we are using social media in Grand Haven today to reach out to parishioners of all ages.

Our Sunday Visitor - Characteristics of a Stewardship Parish

Presented by Julie Kenny, Stewardship Services Manager

Our Sunday Visitor

This workshop will outline some of the best practices followed by stewardship parishes around the country and give practical tips for all parishes desiring to continually improve parish life, including ideas for measuring your stewardship efforts.