

Stewardship --- Educational Resources

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Following are some helpful resources for people interested in and committed to learning more about Stewardship. These resources are available --- located in the MOS church office, placed on the MOS website, located in strategic locations of the Church, on the Internet, sent via e-mail or the U.S. mail, provided at meetings or gatherings, and available during or after Masses.

- **The 1992 U.S. Bishop's Pastoral Letter: Stewardship -- A Disciplined Response**, 80+page document found online at: www.usccb.org/stewardship/disciplesresponse.pdf - also available in hard copy at www.usccbpublishing.org or 1-800-235-8722.

Articles and/or Write-ups:

- **Fact Sheet on Stewardship**, prepared by Dan Hedberg, a 2-page write-up explaining the “key points” about Stewardship. It gives people a general overview about the concept.
- **Principles and Practices of Stewardship**, put together by the MOS Stewardship Team, a 2-page write-up explaining the underlying principles and common practices of Stewardship.
- **Journey Toward Stewardship**, put together by the MOS Stewardship Team, a single-page write-up describing seven soul-searching questions for people to work through on their journey.
- **Profile of an Ideal Steward**, prepared by Dan Hedberg. a single-page write-up that explains what Stewardship is versus is not and describes the behaviors of an “ideal steward” in terms of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Books and/or Booklets:

- **Catholic Stewardship: Sharing God's Gifts**, provides basic understanding of Stewardship, a 75 page Booklet, available from Our Sunday Visitor --- www.osv.com or 1-800-348-2440

Stewardship: Disciples Respond – A Practical Guide for Pastoral Leaders, provides information to assist diocesan and parish leaders interested in introducing and nurturing Stewardship, a 80 page Booklet, available from International Catholic Stewardship Council --- www.catholicstewardship.org or 1-800-352-3452

- **Stewards of Joy** (Taking Care of and Sharing the Gift of Faith), 62-page booklet authored by Daniel Conway and available from Saint Catherine of Siena Press --- www.saintcatherineofsienapress.com or 1-888-232-1492
- **More than Silver or Gold** (Homilies of a Stewardship Priest), 180 page book authored by Fr Daniel Mahan and available from Saint Catherine of Siena Press --- www.saintcatherineofsienapress.com or 1-888-232-1492
- **Living Your Strengths** (Discover Your God Given Talents and Inspire Your Community), 250 page book authored by Albert L. Winseman D. Min, Donald O. Clifton Ph.D., & Curt Liesveld M. Div, M.A.. and available from Marian College Center for Catholic Stewardship --- www.saintcatherineofsienapress.com or 1-888-232-1492

- **Rediscovering Catholicism** (Journeying Toward Our Spiritual North Star), 313 page book authored by Matthew Kelly, published by Beacon Publishing and available from The Matthew Kelly Foundation --- www.matthewkelly.org or 1-513-221-7700
- **The Rhythm of Life** (Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose), 300 page book authored by Matthew Kelly, published by Simon & Schuster and available from The Matthew Kelly Foundation --- www.matthewkelly.org or 1-513-221-7700
- **The Seven Levels of Intimacy** (The Art of Loving and The Joy of being Loved), 270 page book authored by Matthew Kelly, published by Simon & Schuster and available from The Matthew Kelly Foundation --- www.matthewkelly.org or 1-513-221-7700
- **Go and Make Disciples** (A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States), 44 page booklet, available from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops --- www.usccbpublishing.org or 1-800-235-8722
- **Best Practices in Parish Stewardship**, 124 page book authored by Charles E. Zech, published by and available from Our Sunday Visitor --- www.osv.com or 1-800-348-2440
- **Keeping Stewardship Alive** (Proven Stewardship Ideas), 78 page booklet, available from International Catholic Stewardship Council --- www.catholicstewardship.org or 1-800-352-3452
- **Making Stewardship a Way of Life**, 300 page book authored by Andrew Kemberling and Mila Glodava, published by and available from Our Sunday Visitor --- www.osv.com or 1-800-348-2440

Summaries of Books and/or Booklets:

- A 10-page summary of the booklet entitled **Catholic Stewardship: Sharing God's Gifts**, available on-line from Dan Hedberg (monadassoc@aol.com).
- A 10-page summary of the booklet entitled **Stewardship: Disciples Respond --- A Practical Guide for Pastoral Leaders**, available on-line from Dan Hedberg (monadassoc@aol.com).
- A 11-page summary of the booklet entitled **Stewards of Joy** (Taking Care of and Sharing the Gift of Faith), available on-line from Dan Hedberg (monadassoc@aol.com).
- A 7-page summary of the booklet entitled **Go and Make Disciples**, published by the United States Confer. of Catholic Bishops, available on-line from Dan Hedberg (monadassoc@aol.com).
- A 24-page summary of the book entitled **More than Silver or Gold** (Homilies of a Stewardship Priest), available on-line from Dan Hedberg (monadassoc@aol.com).
- A 6-page summary of the book entitled **Living Your Strengths** (Discover Your God-Given Talents and Inspire Your Community), available on-line from Dan Hedberg (monadassoc@aol.com).
- A 27-page summary of the book entitled **Rediscovering Catholicism**, authored by Matthew Kelly, available on-line from Dan Hedberg (monadassoc@aol.com).
- A 26-page summary of the book entitled **The Rhythm of Life**, authored by Matthew Kelly, available on line from Dan Hedberg (monadassoc@aol.com).

Pamphlets and/or Brochures:

- **The Joy of Stewardship** Brochure, put together by DOR, gives an overview and is a nice concise way of informing parishioners about Stewardship. It makes for a nice handout.

- **Stewardship: Spreading the Light of Christ** Brochure, put together by MOS Stewardship Team, gives an intriguing introduction to the Call, the Choice, and the Challenge of Stewardship.

DVD's:

- **The Joy of Stewardship** DVD, put together by DOR, provides a visual and audio way of learning about Stewardship. There are two versions --- regular which is about 17 minutes long and short which is about 8 minutes.
- **Stewardship: A 3-D Way of Life**, DVD that runs about 25 minutes, available from Dan Hedberg, provides an overview of stewardship featuring real parish experiences including the story of St Francis of Assisi Parish in Wichita, KS.
- **Stewardship as Spirituality: Helping Busy People Grow Closer to the Lord**, DVD that runs about 30 minutes, available on the DOR website and from Dan Hedberg, captures a keynote address by Fr Dan Mahan @ Stewardship Day, 2008 in Rochester, N.Y.

Summaries of DVD's:

- A 2-page summary of the DVD titled **Stewardship: A 3-D Way of Life** that captures some of the key points described in the DVD, available from Dan Hedberg (monadassoc@aol.com).

Guidebooks:

- **The Joy of Stewardship**, put together by DoR Office of Stewardship & Communications. Every Stewardship Team Member should have a copy of this binder --- to “read, reflect, detect, and project” the information in conversations. Also available online at: **dor.org/sd**

Websites:

- www.motherofsorrows.net --- Our Mother of Sorrows website containing key write-ups and links to other websites that have stewardship information and educational resources.
- www.dor.org/sd --- Diocese of Rochester website containing a variety of information about stewardship and its implementation throughout the diocese.
- www.usccb.org --- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website which evangelizes and carries out the Church's mission through a number of different committees.
- www.usccbpublishing.org --- USCCB Publishing containing a number of general resources, materials, and literature about the Catholic religion.
- www.catholicstewardship.org --- International Catholic Stewardship Council website is a source of education, networking, and information to advance the ministry of Christian Stewardship as a way of life in the Catholic Church.
- www.osv.com --- Our Sunday Visitor website which contains a vast array of books, booklets, pamphlets, and other literature that promotes the Catholic religion.
- www.parishpublishing.org --- Parish Publishing, LLC website which provides a monthly newsletter, Stewardship, that inspires a deeper understanding of true giving.

- www.saintcatherineofsienapress.com --- Saint Catherine of Siena Press website which provides quality resources for small group and individual study around the Catholic religion and has some good resources (i.e. books & booklets) on Stewardship.
- www.littlebooks.org --- Little Books of the Diocese of Saginaw website which contains Little Books for the liturgical season (blue for Advent/Christmas, black for Lent, & White for Easter) and for Stewardship (burgundy) --- of which there are 4, each in the Gospel of Luke, Mark, John, and Matthew.
- www.saintrita.org --- St Rita Catholic Church in Webster, N.Y.
- www.stjosephspenfield.org --- St Joseph's Catholic Church in Penfield, N.Y.
- www.assumptionairport.org --- Church of the Assumption in Fairport, N.Y.
- www.sharethehope.org --- Greece Hope Lutheran Church in Greece, N.Y.

Related Resource Material :

- An 8-page summary of a book entitled **The Tipping Point**, (How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference), authored by Malcolm Gladwell and available from Dan Hedberg.
- A 6-page summary of a book entitled **Blink** (The Power of Thinking without Thinking), authored by Malcolm Gladwell and available from Dan Hedberg.
- A 2-hour DVD (movie) titled **The Ultimate Gift**. When his wealthy grandfather (James Garner) finally dies, Jason Stevens (Drew Fuller) fully expects to benefit when it comes to the reading of the will. But instead of a sizable inheritance, Jason receives a test, a series of tasks he must complete before he can get any money. Oscar nominee Abigail Breslin and former beauty queen Lee Meriwether also star in this coming of age drama based on the novel by Jim Stovall.
- A 11-page summary of a book entitled **Jesus – CEO: Using Ancient Wisdom for Visionary Leadership**, authored by Laurie Beth Jones and available from Dan Hedberg.
- A 10-page summary of a book entitled **Tough Times Never Last, But Tough People Do**, authored by Dr Robert H. Schuller and available from Dan Hedberg.
- A 9-page summary of a book entitled **The Four Agreements**, authored by Don Miguel Ruiz and available from Dan Hedberg.
- A 34-page summary of a book entitled **Stewardship: Choosing Service over Self-Interest**, authored by Peter Block and available from Dan Hedberg.

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Our Vision for Stewardship

Stewardship is acknowledging God as creator and owner of all things. As his disciples, we are responsible to show our gratitude by giving back to God some portion of our *time, talent and treasure*.