

The Pillars of Christian Stewardship



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“With Jesus as the foundation, there are certain elements that need to be in place within the parish structure which enable parishioners to convert to a stewardship way of life. Four pillars arise from the foundation of Jesus Christ.”

- THE PILLARS OF PARISH STEWARDSHIP,
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WICHITA



Prayer is communication with God.

The pinnacle of prayer is participation in the Eucharistic celebration.

The connection between the Eucharistic celebration and stewardship occurs when we participate in the Eucharist with hearts of gratitude and thanksgiving.

Christian stewards develop and nurture a prayerful “attitude of gratitude” as a way of life.



Formation is emptying oneself to be moulded to God’s will.

Formation occurs through prayer, study, reflection and life experiences.

A parish needs to provide ongoing stewardship formation to help parishioners know and live a stewardship way of life.

Christian stewards dedicate time regularly to deepening their understanding of stewardship.



HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is accepting others as they are without judgement.

The potential to exercise hospitality is present every time we have an interaction with another person.

The most vibrant stewardship parishes are those in which all parishioners feel a strong sense of being accepted and welcome.

Christian stewards actively, unconditionally welcome others daily within their parish, community, and lives.



SERVICE

Service is giving responsibly, without judgement, to others.

Service is putting into practice the fruits of prayer, formation and hospitality.

The most successful stewardship parishes ask: “Are we actively seeking to meet the material and spiritual needs of our parishioners and our community?”

Christian stewards, powered by the Holy Spirit, are driven by a need to give.

“Jesus is the supreme teacher of Christian stewardship.”

- STEWARDSHIP: A DISCIPLE’S RESPONSE