

Ways to Tackle Stewardship

- 1. Look at your parish Mission Statement:** this step can call for a number of sub-steps. Use the mission of YOUR parish to drive your stewardship activities.
- 2. Set SMARTER goals in the all areas of stewardship:** time, talents, and treasure - each are important but many stewardship teams are only looking at the treasure. ALL must be the focus because each supports the other. This is the hardest, most time consuming, and most important, but often skipped step.
- 3. Recruit:** Your team should not "do" everything: tap into the ministries already working and get these goals met through established ministries. Sharing the responsibility of stewardship among smaller parishes can be critical. If your parish cannot afford a separate stewardship committee financially or pastorally, team up with another parish in your deanery.
- 4. Assign a Parish Crier:** Communication, communication, and more communication! This includes Lay Witness style talks that remind the community of the parish mission- why the parish is important to the community and why each member of the parish family is significantly important and needed.
- 5. Document and evaluate:** have a way of noting the results and response from your efforts.