

Parish Stewardship Committee Members

The make-up and selection of the committee members is crucial to a parish's stewardship effort. After initial planning by the pastor, staff members and leadership councils – a list should be compiled of individuals who have a strong commitment to prayer and to the practice of stewardship. The committee must be a working group and prospects should have the qualities of perseverance, leadership and organizational ability. While the pastor is often the best person to identify potential members, **his personal call or visit is clearly the most effective method of recruitment.**

Along with the pastor, a staff member and representatives of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, membership should include those experienced in leadership, communication, faith formation and technology. Members should commit to a two-year or three-year term, minimum.

The overall purpose of a Stewardship Committee is to be responsible for planning and coordinating the education, communication and implementation of stewardship activities. These activities - which should be aligned with the Parish Pastoral Plan – include but are not limited to:

1. Personal study and reflection on stewardship
2. Collaboration with others to present stewardship prayerfully and appropriately
3. Prepare/distribute information that furthers the parish's experience of stewardship
4. Implement a regular process for parishioner commitment of time, talent and treasure
5. Ensure that accurate records of parishioner involvement and commitment are maintained
6. Work with ministry leaders to ensure that all who volunteer are contacted on a timely basis
7. Report to the parish the results of the stewardship education and commitment efforts
8. Ensure that one's stewardship of time, talent and treasure are acknowledged appropriately
9. Evaluate your activities and processes on a regular basis
10. Seek and train new committee members – plan for succession