

## RESOURCE LIST

### REQUIRED READING FOR ALL OF GOD'S STEWARDS

#### **Stewardship: A Disciple's Response**

The U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter

*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

[www.usccbpublishing.org](http://www.usccbpublishing.org)

If you say you are a follower of Jesus, then you must be a steward of God's creation. That is the challenge presented in this pastoral statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This publication also included the Summary of the Pastoral Letter AND a Resource Manual for use in adult and young adult education.

### THE BASICS

#### **United State Conference of Catholic Bishops**

Website includes all the bishops' publications on the theology of disciples as stewards as well as materials on particular issues, such as youth, socially responsible investing, care of the earth, formation of lay leaders and more. Some are in Spanish.

Go to [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) Type *Stewardship* into the search box. On the first page, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on *Group by location*. Follow the same method for any other topic.

#### **Stewardship: A Parish Handbook**

C. Justin Clements

*Liguori Publishing*

Comprehensive guide to the basic elements of a solid stewardship program. Helpful chapters on forming a stewardship commission, parish newsletter and lay witnesses

#### **The Steward's Way: A Spirituality of Stewardship**

C. Justin Clements

*Sheed & Ward.*

Concise, easy to read format on stewardship for a parish. Good checklists of elements of stewardship. Contains helpful information on trends in giving.

#### **Best Practices in Parish Stewardship**

Charles E. Zech

*Our Sunday Visitor*

Short, comprehensive analysis of stewardship in hundreds of Catholic parishes across the U.S.

#### **Catholic Stewardship: Sharing God's Gifts**

Colleen Smith

*Our Sunday Visitor*

A brief, but valuable overview of the principles and practices of stewardship.

#### **The Disciple as Steward**

Sharon Hueckel

*Liturgical Press*

A six-week prayer/study resource for parishes and/or committees.

**Stewardship: Disciples Respond; A Practical Guide**

*International Catholic Stewardship Council*

A comprehensive guide to implementing stewardship in a parish.

**Sustaining and Strengthening Stewardship**

James Kelley

*Liturgical Press*

Bulletin paragraphs, Q & A on stewardship and Gospel reflection

**What Do I Own and What Owns Me? A Spirituality of Stewardship**

Daniel Conway

*Twenty Third Publications*

Discussion of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Includes inspiring stewardship reflections by the late Archbishop Thomas Murphy on DVD in English and Spanish.

**The Passionate Steward: Recovering Christian Stewardship from Secular Fundraising**

Michael O'Hurley Pitts

*St. Brigid Press*

A thoughtful critique of questionable Stewardship practices in churches, and an outline of the necessary shift from "raising money" to "living as disciples."

**OTHER RECOMMENDED BOOKS**

**Why Catholics Don't Give: and What Can Be Done About It**

Charles E. Zech

*Our Sunday Visitor*

Addresses the difference between stewardship and fundraising, and generational differences in giving. Suggests 7 major steps to improve the Stewardship process.

**Growing an Engaged Church**

Albert L. Winseman

*Gallup Press*

The author explores how churches and parishes can dramatically increase members' participation, service to the community, giving and even life satisfaction. Winseman shows leaders how to reach and inspire the hearts, minds, and imaginations of their people.

**Called to be Stewards: Bringing New Life to Catholic Parishes**

Patrick J. McNamara

*Liturgical Press*

Case studies of 8 Catholic parishes and how they do Stewardship. Lots of anecdotal ideas from members of each community.

**Great Ideas from Great Parishes: A Parish Handbook**

Mary Ann Jeselson and Carol Garibaldi Rogers

*Liguori Publishing*

Ways to reinvigorate parish life, based on the experience of forty parishes across the country.

**Time, Talent & Treasure: Reflections on the U.S. Bishops' Model for Parish Stewardship**

C. Justin Clements

*Liguori Publishing*

Discussion of the seven steps to Living Your Strengths.

**Living Your Strengths: Discover Your God-Given Gifts and Inspire Your Community**

Albert L. Wiseman, Donald O. Clifton, Curt Liesveld

*Gallup Press*

Detailed assistance with personal discernment of giftedness and how to put abilities to good use.

**Widening the Welcome of Your Church: Biblical Hospitality & The Vital Congregation**

Fred Bernhard, Steve Clapp

*Brethren Press*, [www.brethrenpress.com](http://www.brethrenpress.com)

You have greeters in the narthex before Mass and you have a quarterly newcomer breakfast. So, is that enough? Not even close.

**Radical Gratitude**

Mary Jo Leddy

*Orbis Books*

Reflections by noted writer and theology teacher on what it means to live gratefully.

**Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation**

Charles R. Lane

*Augsburg Press*

A short guide by a Lutheran pastor with excellent ideas on mission and discipleship.

**Attracting and Managing Volunteers: A Parish Handbook**

Donna Pinsoneault

*Liguori Publishing*

Contains good tools for parish leaders to evaluate and stimulate effective volunteers in parish ministries.

**A User-Friendly Parish: Becoming a More Welcoming Community**

Judith Ann Kollar

*Twenty-Third Publications*

Common-sense guide for making the parish community more hospitable.

**Making Parish Meetings Work**

Fr. Medard Laz

*Ave Maria Press*

A basic text for more effective meetings where people make a meaningful contribution.

**PRE-PRINTED NEWSLETTERS & BROCHURES**

***Grace in Action* monthly newsletter and brochures on Stewardship**

Our Sunday Visitor

1-800-348-2886 or visit

[www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com)

**Stewardship** monthly newsletter (also available in Spanish)

*Parish Publishing*, parishpublishing.org

A 4-page, full-color insert with a lively mix of articles, anecdotes, games, poems, cartoons and prayers that inspire even the most skeptical would-be stewards.

## **BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER RESOURCES**

### **It's In The Bulletin; The Editor's Essential Guide to Effective Communication**

Nick Wagner

*J.S. Paluch / World Library*

An excellent overview for all bulletin editors.

### **Living Stewardship in the Parish – Cycle C**

Trish Johnston

*J.S. Paluch / World Library*

For each Sunday of Year C and several of the year's feast days, this book offers you a timely article and an inspirational thought for the week. Every article also includes an image to illustrate that week's message. And for parish bulletins that are short on space, there is a shorter version of each article. Cycle A and B coming soon.

### **Stewardship by the Book**

Sharon Hueckel

*Our Sunday Visitor*

Linking Stewardship to the Sunday readings.

### **Sower's Seeds series**

Brian Kavanaugh TOR

*Paulist Press*

Stories of hope, healing, humor, and encouragement, many with a stewardship emphasis.

### **[www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)**

Franciscan website, with excellent content on Church teaching, Church news, Catholic reading, saint days and more. A good source for bulletin filler.

### **[www.goodsalt.com](http://www.goodsalt.com)**

Good quality religious art, but some is very Protestant in tone, so use selectively. Available for purchase on CD's or for one time use. In color and black and white.

### **[www.cruzblanca.org/hermanoleon](http://www.cruzblanca.org/hermanoleon)**

A Spanish Franciscan site, with quality free downloadable art in jpeg and gif formats, in color and black and white. Weekly illustrations are keyed to the Sunday readings and there is an image library.

### **[www.silk.net/RelEd/clipart.htm](http://www.silk.net/RelEd/clipart.htm)**

Limited range of quality line art and a list of links to other religious art sites.

### **[www.jesustellama.com/galleria.shtml](http://www.jesustellama.com/galleria.shtml)**

Site in Spanish with a wide range of traditional and classical religious art.

**Website of your software publisher or bulletin publisher:** You may discover templates, free clip art and more.

### **PUBLISHERS OR ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **International Catholic Stewardship Council**

1275 K Street, N.W., Suite 980, Washington,  
DC 20005-4006  
1-202-289-1093

[www.catholicstewardship.org](http://www.catholicstewardship.org)

Provides a large online printable resource list, with particular emphasis on materials for children and youth, including lesson plans, videos and more. *Note: last updated 2003.*

#### **National Center for the Laity**

PO Box 291102, Chicago, IL 60629

[www.catholiclabor.org/NCL.htm](http://www.catholiclabor.org/NCL.htm)

A good source of information on connecting work and spiritual life. Issues a newsletter entitled *Initiatives* available on line

#### **Our Sunday Visitor**

1-800-348-2886

[www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com)

Good resource for brochures, booklets and more

#### **U.S. Catholic Bishops, Office of Publishing and Promotion Services.**

Call 1-800-235-8722

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

USCCB offers multipage brochures on Stewardship, for teens, young adults and adults (one in Spanish)

*THIS LIST is by no means exhaustive: new resources appear regularly, while others disappear. Share this list with others, and develop your own list for maximum effectiveness.*

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*If a book is out of print, try [alibris.com](http://alibris.com)*