

PARISH STEWARDSHIP ASSESSMENT GUIDE

Circle the number that best fits the reality of your parish.

Scale: 1 2 3 4 U
 Not at all Very much Unknown

Notes: 1. This form is intended to be completed by a parish who is interested in a serious assessment of their work in stewardship. It will serve as a barometer as to how the parish is performing in their stewardship way of life and will provide direction as to which areas of parish life need development.

2. This form may be completed by a Stewardship Committee, Parish Staff, Parish Pastoral Council, and/or Finance Council.

3. An * is placed next to those items that are considered to be highly critical in living a Stewardship way of life at a parish.

1. Our parish mission statement is can be easily understood by the average parishioner and is readily accessible. (e.g. published on the front of the bulletin) 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

2. Our parish has an effective way of listening to the concerns of the people. (e.g. surveys, town hall meetings, appreciative inquiry interviews, etc.) 1 2 3 4 U
List your parish's listening technique(s): _____

comments: _____

3. We establish goals and pastoral planning based on the interests/needs of our parishioners. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

*4. Homilies are regularly given (at least monthly) as to the baptismal call of sharing gifts of time, talent, and treasure. The message regarding sharing of treasure is given at least quarterly. _____ Yes _____ No 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

5. Lay Witness talks are given to help teach stewardship as a way of life. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

*6. We provide a variety of ministries and activities that respond to peoples' needs and concerns. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

*7. We annually ask adults to renew their commitment of time and talent in parish service. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

8. We annually ask youth to renew their commitment of time and talent in parish service. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

9. The commitment of "prayer" in various forms is a key component on the commitment form for people to check off as a way of giving their time. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

10. We know who and how many people are involved in the ministries of the parish. 1 2 3 4 U
2017 #involved _____
2016 #involved _____
2015 #involved _____
2014 #involved _____

If we do not have this information available now, we have the means (methods) and will begin collecting this data now. ____ Yes ____ No

comments: _____

11. A booklet of parish groups/ministries is provided for parishioners which clearly states the description of the ministries and the commitment needed to participate. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

12. A ministry fair is held annually to promote participation in parish ministries 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

*13. Appreciation is shown for peoples' contributions of time, talent, and treasure. (e.g. appreciation dinners, personal thank you notes, etc.) 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

14. We have accurate parish census data and a good method for record keeping. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

*15. We interview all newcomers into the parish to hear their histories and to help them discern where they can fit into parish activities. 1 2 3 4 U

2017 #newly registered parishioners involved _____
2016 #newly registered parishioners involved _____
2015 #newly registered parishioners involved _____
2014 #newly registered parishioners involved _____

If we do not have this information available now, we have the means (methods) and will begin collecting this data now. _____ Yes _____ No

comments: _____

16. We ask lay leaders to take only one major role in the parish. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

17. We have one person or group to oversee/coordinate the ministries of the parish. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

18. Training and learning opportunities are offered to volunteers. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

19. The parish is not overly dependent on extraordinary fundraisers such as bingo and tickets to support its ordinary budget. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

*20. Parish leaders speak about and emphasize stewardship and financial giving. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

21. Ministry leaders speak about and emphasize stewardship and financial giving. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

22. An annual retreat or renewal is held for parish leaders to celebrate the gifts God has given the parish and to gain formation in their spiritual lives. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

*23. Parishioners are given a clear account at least yearly of how parish money is spent. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

24. The parish keeps up payments on its debts, if there are any. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

25. Parish facilities are appropriately maintained and adequate for the needs of the parish. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

*26. Parishioners are encouraged to plan their financial contributions each year (e.g., pledge/commitment cards). 1 2 3 4 U

2017 #pledge cards returned _____

2016 #pledge cards returned _____

2015 #pledge cards returned _____

2014 #pledge cards returned _____

If we do not have this information available now, we have the means (methods) and will begin collecting this data now. _____ Yes _____ No

comments: _____

27. The parish regularly shares a portion of its income with the poor. 1 2 3 4 U

*Parishioners are informed regularly as to where the money is donated. _____ Yes _____ No

comments: _____

28. The resources of the parish are sufficient to accomplish its mission and the goals and objectives flowing from that mission. 1 2 3 4 U

comments: _____

29. We know what the average offertory has been 1 2 3 4 U

2017 average offertory per envelope _____

2016 average offertory per envelope _____

2015 average offertory per envelope _____

2014 average offertory per envelope _____

If we do not have this information available now, we have the means (methods) and will begin collecting this data now. _____ Yes _____ No

comments: _____

30. Members of the Finance Council are persons with interest and experience in budgeting, facilities management, and fundraising and development efforts.	1	2	3	4	U
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comments: _____

*31. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council are consulted in areas of major pastoral concerns and regarding parish financial expenditures, respectively.	1	2	3	4	U
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comments: _____

Follow Up Work to Assessment

Action or steps needed to improve our efforts of teaching basic principles of Christian Stewardship?	Priority #	Date to Begin	Person Responsible

Name

Date Completed