

FOUR PILLARS OF STEWARDSHIP

FORMATION

- Catholic Schools
- Parish religious education
- Weekly questions from priest at Mass
 - The priest can challenge the children by asking a question pertaining to formation, giving the answer, and rewarding those who remember the following week.
- Parish Youth Group
- Teaching Mass. Once a year teach the parts of the Mass to children.
- Family formation night at parishes to educate adults and children.
- Take time at committee meetings for education.
- Parish scripture study
- Faith Alive/small faith communities.
- Form children in stewardship.
- Be positive about teaching of Catholic faith.

PRAYER

- Mass – quality liturgy
- Adoration
- Prayer network.
- Rosary
- E-mail prayer requests
- Eucharist to the homebound
- Praying for individual families at the Mass
- LIFE Teen youth Mass
- Slow down the prayers
- “Dead Theologian Society”
- Mother of Perpetual Help
- Meal prayers in public restaurants
- Pray for parish priests
- Provide prayer books to parishioners
- Encourage different types of prayers – what you are praying for
- Prayer commitments along with time and talent commitments

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HOSPITALITY

- Greeters at door of church
- Bi-weekly friendship Sundays/donuts and coffee
- New parishioner Sundays
- Special needs parking/entrances for handicapped and elderly
- Special invitation to young adults; welcome young families with children
- Parish pictorial directory
- Reflect spirituality on the outside of the church – flowers, banners, etc.
- “Name Tag Sunday” once a month
- Invitation to “come home” for Christmas/Easter
- Document parish history
- Advertise Mass Times on www.masstimes.com
- Use technology such as web pages (with caution)
- Get materials into homes by mail
- Address parishioners personally - telephone calls, use first names

SERVICE

- Know demographics of parishioners
- Ask how to help them
- Volunteerism builds greater involvement in parish