PARISH STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

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The dates for the Stewardship Renewal Month will always center around November. The exact starting date can change from year-to-year depending on when Thanksgiving falls during the month.

November

**First Sunday**: “What is Stewardship?” The focus of this first Sunday should be explaining what the Gospel meaning of stewardship is.

**Second Sunday**: Parish Ministries. Ministries offered through the parish may be highlighted.

**Third Sunday**: Commitment Sunday. The Pastor makes the invitation to each parishioner to live a life of stewardship through the giving of time, talent, and treasure.

**Thanksgiving Sunday**: This is the day families will return their Commitment Forms to the pastor.

RENEWAL PHASE

The follow-up phase to the Stewardship Renewal Month is a very important component. Parish Stewardship Commitment Forms have been received from your parishioners and there are several steps that need to be taken.

December

**Acknowledge Time, Talent, and Treasure Commitment Forms**

* Thank you letters should be sent from the pastor acknowledging those who responded.
* It is important to send the thank you letters before the end of the calendar year to ensure that commitments are not forgotten.

**No Response Contact**

* It is necessary to follow up with those who have not responded.
* A follow-up letter should be sent soon after the Stewardship Renewal Month concludes.
* Stewardship materials and an invitation to make a stewardship commitment should be included in a “welcome packet” for new parishioners.

FOLLOW-UP PHASE

January

* Pastor appoints a Parish Stewardship Council (PSC)
* Pastor and PSC study “Stewardship A Disciple’s Response, *A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*”

February

* PSC conducts Parish Stewardship Assessment
* Determine ways to engage parishioners in Stewardship

April

* PSC Begins implementation of Stewardship Plan

September

* Pastors and PSC encouraged to attend ICSC and Utah Catholic Conference

October

* Pastor and PSC prepares for Renewal Month

November

* Pastors and PSC conduct four Sundays of Stewardship Renewal

December

* Pastor and PSC thank Parishioners and acknowledge commitment form
* Give volunteer information to ministry leaders
* Contact those who have not responded

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