



## Fundraising, Raffles and Stewardship: What's the connection?

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Stewardship is formational, spiritual, a journey and a conversion of the heart, about discipleship. We can capture the essence of stewardship in a parish with the four pillars - Formation, Prayer, Hospitality and Service. Stewardship is not about raising money or fundraising.

Fundraising is about meeting a need, raising money, getting people to give more and finding new and creative ways of enticing people to spend more for the cause.

Fundraising is not about formation or discipleship.

Fundraisers (friend-raisers) should be fun whose purpose is fellowship, intergenerational, and even evangelistic.

Parish should ask of fundraisers: Does the event support stewardship? Engage our supporters? What makes this event stand out? Is the event a drain to supporters? Is this fundraiser in alignment with our mission statement?

Often we are distracted from stewardship as a way of life by our "need" for money now, or impatience. It's best to ask people to be good stewards and give of their time, their talent and their treasure with faith! So, how do you get your parishioners to give more generously? The answer is stewardship.

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## The Office of Stewardship is here to help!!!

**Are you needing help or  
assistance in** forming or  
reigniting a parish  
stewardship council?

**Or perhaps in need of  
assistance** relative to the  
upcoming fall 2012  
stewardship renewal process.

Please contact us at  
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# 2012 Post Conference Resources



Leisa Anslinger

## Discover Your Strengths, Grow as Stewards with Leisa Anslinger

*"It was wonderful to be with you for your very special stewardship conference day! Go the link below you will find the links to the slides and resources promised. Please email me if I can help along the way. It was a true blessing to be with you!" -- Leisa Anslinger*

[http://www.catholiclifeandfaith.net/Home/For\\_Workshop\\_Participants](http://www.catholiclifeandfaith.net/Home/For_Workshop_Participants)

## **Stewards of the Deposit of Faith with Father Jarrod Lies**

So frequently when we hear of stewardship we think of being stewards of God's gifts of time, talent and treasure. But St. Paul reminds us that we are also stewards of the mysteries of God. "Thus should one regard us: as stewards of the mysteries of God." (1 Cor 4:1)

We have the privilege of receiving the deposit of faith, that is, all that the Church has taught through Scripture and Tradition, and of handing that faith on to the next generation. parishioners, friends and co-workers.

Ultimately this sharing of the mysteries of God becomes the sharing of the very person of Jesus Christ and an invitation to follow him and to become a more faithful disciple.

All Catholics should consider themselves "stewards of the mysteries of God" and by word and example should share that faith out of love of God and Neighbor.

Contact Father Lies at 316-269-3940.



## **Super Hero's of Stewardship**

Jody Paulsen presented

on the topic of "Superhero's of the Parish!" We often see people using the gifts and talents God gave them to better His kingdom, and wonder why we don't have such special gifts. Stewardship realizes everyone was given gifts...we just need to recognize or determine what those gifts are!

Maybe your "super power" is listening, then you are a person parishioners turn to for support in time of grief. Maybe your "super power" is a smile, then perhaps God is calling you to visit the homebound.

Jody Paulsen reminded us relook at our gifts and turn what we see as ordinary gifts into "super hero" gifts! Stewardship is not filling a need, it is recognizing our personal gifts and then applying those gifts to a need.

## **Stewardship in a Small Parish**

*with Father Ken VanHaverbeke*

Top three "take home" thoughts from workshop:

1. Small parishes have some unique challenges, e.g., limited depth of volunteers, wideness of variety of gifts, struggle of needs outweighing abilities;
2. A small parish's weakness is also its strengths, e.g., tight knit community, friendliness, more service opportunities, not being lost in a crowd.

3. Of the four pillars, hospitality is the most attainable to begin with. Ideas: coffee/donuts after Masses; Blessing of parishioners homes; neighborhood gatherings;

Stewardship is beginning with one's gifts, not the parish's needs. Go and see what gifts the parishioners have, then create ministries around their gifts, not just needs!

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