Best Practices in Parish Stewardship

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1) Be a welcoming parish that takes community-building seriously.

2) Appoint a stewardship council.

3) Include stewardship as a vital component of the parish plan.

4) Emphasize stewardship in all parish formation and education programs.

5) Provide the opportunity for lay witness presentations.

6) Encourage parishioners to make a commitment to the parish by pledging.

7) Communicate with parishioners on stewardship.

8) Remember that good stewardship starts in the parish house.