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# 2023 Stewardship Workshop

May 18, 2023

# Welcome!



## Today's Agenda

**Opening Prayer**

**Inspiration from Archbishop Listecki**

**\*\* Break \*\***

**Welcome & Overview**

**Stewardship of Prayer**

**Stewardship of Time & Talent**

**\*\* Break \*\***

**Stewardship of Treasure – Part 1**

**Stewardship of Treasure – Part 2**

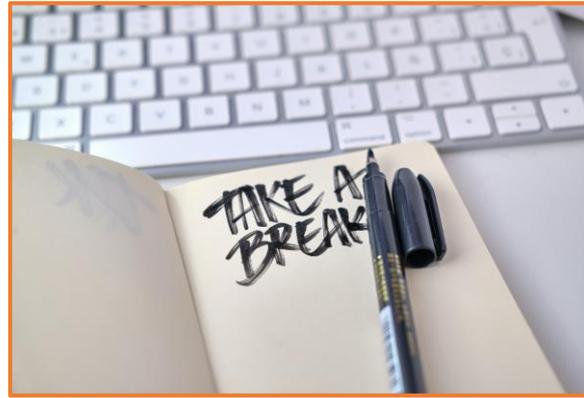
**Wrap-Up & Closing Prayer**

**Mass – Mater Christi Chapel**

# Inspiration from Archbishop ListECKI

- **Archbishop's story of Stewardship**
- **God Loves You**
- **Love God**
- **Love One Another**





# 5-minute break

# Welcome & Overview

**Cindy Lukowitz**

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- **Share your Name, Parish & Favorite thing about your job.**
- **Check the parish websites of those at your table.**

See how easy it is to find:

- Mass – Adoration – Reconciliation Times
- How to Donate
- How to Volunteer
- How to Register
- Who to call with questions.



*Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love.*  
– Fr. Henri Nouwen

### **Your challenge:**

- Identify one website change you need to make.
- Who do you need to follow up with to make the change?
- What – if any - blockers do you see?
- What is your deadline to make the change?

# Stewardship of Prayer

## Janice Tischler

### St. Katharine Drexel Beaver Dam, WI

- Why discuss prayer as stewardship?
- Why the focus on prayer in stewardship at St. Katharine Drexel?
- How was prayer introduced as part of stewardship at St. Katharine Drexel?
- What changes came to St. Katharine Drexel since the focus on Stewardship as Prayer?



*“Stewards gladly give of themselves and their resources as a reflection of their growing relationship with Jesus, who gave his very life for the salvation of the world. United in mission with Christ, disciples and stewards give willingly and grow in their capacity to share Christ’s forgiveness and mercy in the daily circumstances of their lives. They know that faith too, is a gift from God, and share appropriately and readily when the door to do so is open. ~Grateful Disciples*

**Your challenge: Is this the first time you have considered Prayer as part of Stewardship?**

**If not -**

What successes have you had in the Stewardship of Prayer?

What are your challenges?

What do you want to try next?

What obstacles do you foresee?

How will you overcome them?

What is your timeline to implement your idea?

**If yes -**

What excites you about Stewardship of Prayer?

What do you want to try first at your parish?

What obstacles do you foresee?

How will you overcome them?

What is your timeline to implement your idea?

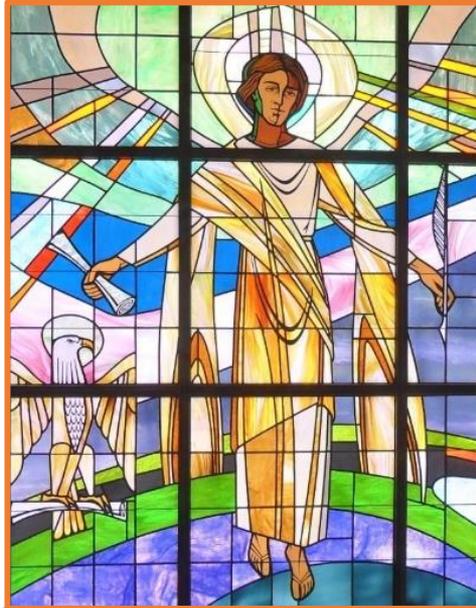
How will you measure success?

# Stewardship of Time & Talent

## Denise Kasulke

### St. John the Evangelist Greenfield, WI

- Introduction
- Personal stewardship journey.
- Parish stewardship journey.
- Struggles & obstacles.
- Specific example of a Time & Talent need at the parish.
- What have we done to date (successful and not so much.)



*“What I do you cannot do; but what you do, I cannot do. The needs are great, and none of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.” – Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

### Your challenge:

- What are your successes in the Stewardship of Time & Talent?
- What are your challenges?
- Name one thing you will do within the Stewardship of Time & Talent.
- What do you need to do to ensure success of this idea?
- What – if any - blockers do you see?
- What is your deadline to implement this new idea?
- How will you measure success?





# 5-minute break

# Stewardship of Treasure-Part 1

## Dr. Sandi Schmitt

St. Alphonus Parish, Holy Cross Parish,  
& St. John the Evangelist Parish  
Kenosha County

- Parish Situation
- Discernment of Participation
- Experience
- Results
- Successful Strategies
- What Didn't Work
- What We Learned
- Impact Beyond Financial Gain
- Future Plans

*Consider this: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work."  
2 Cor 9:6-8*



# Stewardship of Treasure-Part 2

## Kathleen McGillis Drayna

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- Communication is Key
- Photos
- Language
- Think creatively
- Thank parishioners
- Publicize Opportunities
- People give to MISSION
- Repeat, Repeat, Repeat



*Golden apples in silver settings are words spoken at the proper time. - Proverbs 25:11*



# Show – don't (only) tell

Thank You! Turkey Trot Draws 1,400+



Joy in Our Hearts! St. Leonard Groups  
Join Forces for Service Project



## Use Friendly, Familiar Language



**Please Hide  
Your Nose  
Indoors At  
St. Leonard!**

Please wear your mask **over your NOSE  
and mouth** for the safety of all.

# Think Creatively and Make People Smile

Instead of  
“flood  
mitigation”

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**It's Giving Tuesday!**  
**Please Help Our Building Loan Go LOW!**



Great news! We are almost below the \$500,000 mark of our *Growing with God* building loan. This is less than half of the original loan.

With your help, How LOW Can We Go before the start of the New Year?! Together, we can save a boatload of interest by paying off the loan early.

[Click Here To Help Our Growing  
With God Building Loan Go LOW!](#)

# Thank People Again and Again

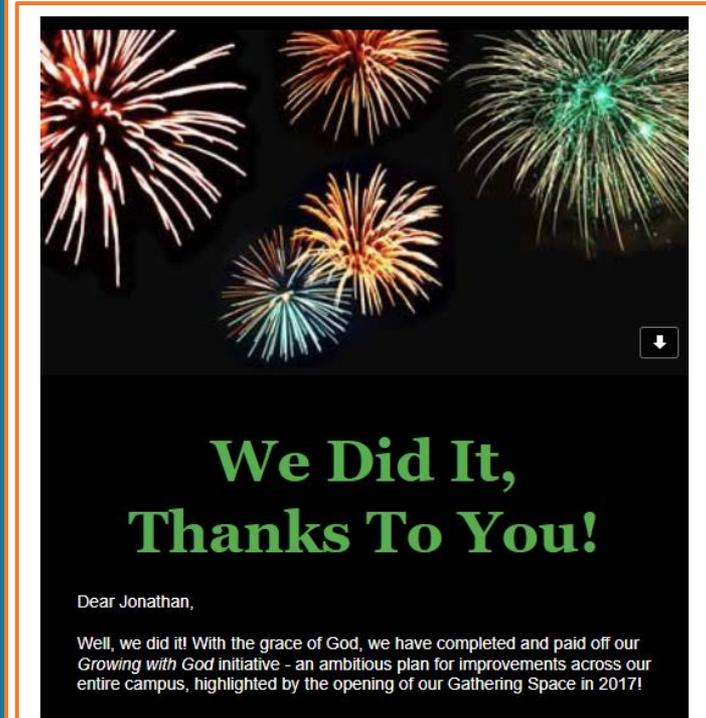
“Wow – they are really overdoing it with the thanks,” said no parishioner ever.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Please hold our St. Leonard community in prayer in 2022

 <p><b>1,832</b> faithful families</p>	<p>Masses celebrated in 2021</p> <p><b>450</b></p> <p><small>Average number of Masses per family that Father Dan gifts a digit to Father John</small></p> <p>1.2</p>
 <p><b>48</b> dedicated staff members</p>	
	<p><b>St. Leonard Catholic Church &amp; School</b></p>
<p><b>580</b> children learning in Christian Formation &amp; School</p>	
<p><b>Our Mission</b> Growing as Catholics in the Image of Jesus Christ in Worship, Formation and Community</p> 	
 <p>Give THANKS to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.</p> <p><small>Psalm 118:29</small></p>	
<p><b>101</b> new parish families in 2021</p> 	
<p>stleonards.org    262-679-1773</p>	



# Publicize Opportunities to Get Involved

## Please Give To The AVOID THE ARK Project

We need to make sure our May church flood is the last one! Insurance paid for most of the inside repair work, but we need to take care of exterior draining and grading.

We are asking you to consider a special gift to the Avoid The Ark Project to raise \$50,000. This is the cost of materials to improve grading and drainage and waterproofing. Seven parishioners donated \$30,000 in labor, saving some big bucks!

[Click Here To Contribute Online To  
Avoid the Ark!](#)



Hear All The Details From Father  
Dan's July 14-15 Message at Masses



ores Social Integrations Library

Saved Undo

### In-Person Serving Restarts!



**MEAL TIME:** Our South Side Meal Program volunteers served 119 meals on Tuesday at the Milwaukee St. Vincent de Paul Society Cross Roads meal site. About 35 parishioners contributed food for this Human Concerns Committee meal this month. A pool of 80 parishioners help with meal supplies for one meal a month year round.

It was the first fully on-site meal that our volunteers served since the pandemic began in March 2020! We've donated take-home meals for the past couple years. The SVP South Side and North Side meal sites serve supper six days a week.

**20 Appointments Remain Available!**

LET'S DONATE BLOOD  
**BECAUSE  
YOUR BLOOD  
CAN SAVE**

**NEXT BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. LEONARD**  
Tuesday, November 22  
2:30-6:30pm

[Click Image to](#)

# People Give to Mission

Annual Pledge image



Worship

Formation

Community

Parish Mission Statement: *Growing as Catholics in the image of Jesus Christ through Worship, Formation and Community.*”

# Giving to Mission - building loan payoff



I am very grateful for the new sound system. The T-Coil Loop helps me overcome my hearing difficulties with my hearing loss. This system helps me hear Mass much more clearly."

David Pruska  
Life long parishioner



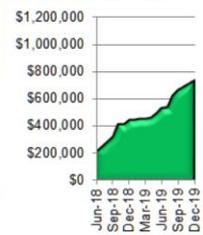
## GROWING WITH GOD UPDATE

Thanks for helping eliminate our construction loan!

GWG contributions for the week of March 29.....\$1,922

Weekly GWG contributions needed to pay off loan by March 2022.....\$4,000

PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS MADE  
\$1.2 MILLION LOAN



Just 3 years ago, we ripped out our old church bathrooms - yes, that's one of the original orange stall doors shown here.

The improvements have served us well!

Thanks to everyone who has given to the GWG fund to eliminate our loan!



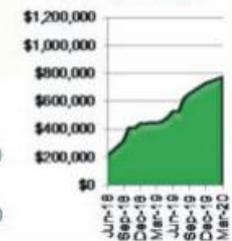
## GROWING WITH GOD UPDATE

Thanks for helping eliminate our construction loan!

GWG contributions for the week of May 17.....\$3,220

Weekly GWG contributions needed to pay off loan by March 2022.....\$4,000

PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS MADE  
\$1.2 MILLION LOAN



# Repeat, Repeat, Repeat

At All Masses November 13-14

Thanks again to everyone  
who gave to Growing with God!



We are saving  
nearly \$500,000  
in interest costs  
by paying off the  
\$1.2 million  
building loan early!

**WAY TO GO, TEAM!** About 140 "Box of Joy" Christmas gifts are being put together by our parishioners for children served by Cross Catholic Outreach.

Our **Christian Formation Child Ministry** students in Grades 1-6 will finish putting together 65 boxes this weekend - with supplies paid for from **SCRIP** profits and our **Knights of Columbus Council #6448**. Items include toys, treats and basic essentials along with spiritual encouragement through friendly notes, prayer cards and more.

Our **Council of Catholic Women** put together the other half of the boxes.

Last year, more than 106,000 children in seven Central American countries received a Box of Joy. Thanks to everyone at St. Leonard who played a part in making this service project possible! **Find Out More Here About Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy Effort**

AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND - OCTOBER 22-23



Our Christian Formation Youth Ministry students (Grades 7-11) will collect donations at the fundraising/promotion tables.

Your donations will help pay for dried vegetables, rice, seasonings, packaging and other expenses for our Worldwide Hunger Relief Meal Pack held in the cafeteria on Super Bowl Sunday.



Eight Adults Receive  
Sacraments, Ways to Help  
People in Need and More!



**WELCOME!** Father Dan baptized four adults at the Saturday Mass last weekend. They also received First Communion and Confirmation. Four more adults also were Confirmed.

All ages  
welcome!  
NEXT  
WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 26

**LIVING  
ROSARY**

LED BY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

MEET IN GATHERING SPACE AT 6:20PM  
PROCESS INTO CHURCH AT 6:30PM

### Your challenge:

How are you communicating with your parish about the Stewardship of Treasure?

What are your challenges?

Name one thing you will implement in the Stewardship of Treasure.

- What do you need to do to ensure success of this idea?
- What – if any - blockers do you see?
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**Mass at Noon in the Mater Christi Chapel**

Thank  
you!

**Join me**  
**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM**  
**on Zoom for the inaugural**  
**Stewardship Leaders Meeting**  
*More details coming soon!*