

Christmas Stewardship Ideas

It is our job to make our church a welcoming, loving experience so the Holy Spirit can do His Work!

Don't leave welcoming on auto-pilot, be intentional and have a plan!

- Meet with the Hospitality/Greeting Team 3-4 weeks BEFORE Christmas
- Consider creating a parking lot ministry to welcome guests as they arrive (there will be a large amount of visitors who are not familiar with the layout of the parish)
- Meet with the staff to ensure everyone knows their roles and are on the same page

Ask Parishioners to Consider:

- Parking in further lots to make room up close for visitors
- Sitting up front so guests can fill the back pews
- Welcome the visitors who want to sit in "their" pew
- Being hospitable and friendly to the people who only come twice a year, this is a simple way to evangelize

Narthex:

- Information point clearly marked for visitors
- Contact cards for people to leave their information
- Include a flyer of upcoming events - this is different than a bulletin
- Information on RCIA or resources for becoming Catholic
- Other things to consider:
- Free book for everyone (Dynamic Catholic has lots of options)
- Ensure Mass cards are up-to-date and clean
- Have plenty of offertory envelopes in the pews
- Ensure pews and finger prints on doors are clean after every Mass

Create a professional looking flyer (canva.com is a good free resource):

- Avoid standard bulletin chatter (reminders, dates of meetings, financial statistics, etc.)
- Create articles that emphasize welcoming and community
- Focus on upcoming fun events for RE, Youth or Young Adult
- Articles should be written with the understanding that people reading the flyer may have little concept of the Catholic Faith. Do not make any assumptions
- Emphasize any 'Returning Catholics' programs you may have
- Extend invitation to Masses and events beyond Christmas
- Most importantly, be welcoming!

Promote Christmas Mass Times:

- From the pulpit, website (home page), bulletin, social media, app, local newspapers, postcards and flyers - at least a month before