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.