

**Project Resource: The Stewardship Commission of the Diocese of New Jersey
Stewardship of Everything Else workshop
Chat Transcript
May 24, 2023**

1) Are these activities “stewardship”: vacation, sabbath, farmer’s market?

19:07:27	Vernal Savage:	Yes
19:07:27	Nayla Caruso:	Vacation: Yes
19:07:28	Debra Brewin-Wilson:	Yes.
19:07:32	Eva Lesniak:	Maybe
19:07:32	Natalie Krauser:	yes
19:07:33	Diane Fellenz:	yes
19:07:35	Diane Fellenz:	yes
19:07:35	Nayla Caruso:	HTS: Yes
19:07:36	Rev. William Ndishabandi:	Yes
19:07:37	Eva Lesniak:	Yes
19:07:37	Debra Brewin-Wilson:	Sabbath: yes!
19:07:37	Mary Duke:	maybe
19:07:39	Natalie Krauser:	yes
19:07:42	Nayla Caruso:	FM: Yes
19:07:43	Eva Lesniak:	Maybe
19:07:45	David Forsythe:	Yes
19:07:45	Rev. William Ndishabandi:	Yes
19:07:46	Mary Duke:	yes
19:07:47	Debra Brewin-Wilson:	Farmers' Market: Definitely yes!
19:07:49	David Forsythe:	Yes
19:07:49	Ken Maskell:	Yes to vacation
19:07:50	Rev. William Ndishabandi:	No
19:07:51	Mary Duke:	yes
19:07:59	Natalie Krauser:	yes
19:08:02	Ken Maskell:	Yes to sabbath
19:08:17	Donna Devlin:	yes

2) After hearing more, have you changed your mind about whether these are stewardship?

19:17:32 Brian Bussey: no,
19:17:40 Elizabeth White: Yes
19:17:46 Elizabeth White: Yes
19:18:09 Eva Lesniak: Supports local farmers
19:19:00 Mary-Elise Haug: for me the farmer's market also adds a relationship element to my purchasing

3) Feedback during parish presentations:

19:19:16 Natalie Krauser: Thanks, Christy!
19:20:32 Phyllis Jones: Appreciate that perspective, Christy – definitely food for thought! Thank you!
19:26:24 Phyllis Jones: I have loved this ever since I heard about it when you all first started, Eva!
19:31:14 Phyllis Jones: What a great way to stay connected through that more relaxed, mid-year time! Thanks, Natalie!
19:35:30 Mark McMahon: I agree. I like the summer ice cream social also. Some good stuff is coming up in all the presentations.
19:35:40 Natalie Krauser: We have college students who LOVE their care packages. Always fun to receive hand-written thank you notes, too. AND more likely to see them in church during breaks.
19:38:00 Ken Maskell: One of the major contributors to building Grace Church in 1932 was the woman who helped develop the upright blueberry plant now ubiquitous in New Jersey. I think weâ€™ll take the ice cream idea and add blueberries. That pushes it to July.
19:39:42 Phyllis Jones: So wonderful to see how you all offer opportunities for folks to be connected year-round, Fr. William. Great work, St. Augustine's!
19:42:18 Eva Lesniak: Gratitude Journals. Love that!
19:43:38 Phyllis Jones: Love the tangible connections you made to the excellent TENS materials, Christy!

19:49:14 Eva Lesniak: TENS still has previous years' campaign materials posted and available. As an example, Holy Spirit Lebanon used the TENS 2019 campaign materials for our pledge campaign in Fall 2022 because we loved the 2019 theme, "Shining Our Light" given what our ministries were doing at that time.

19:50:33 Robin Vitale: Thank you for sharing the recording with us. Will we also have access to these slides? (Juggling a bit here with two kids under 5. I'm hearing about 75%)

19:51:00 Natalie Krauser: Yes. We will provide a link in a post event email. Hope everyone gets good sleep!

19:52:20 Robin Vitale: If I can get them bathed and in bed before 9 tonight, it will be a testament to God's miracle.

19:53:24 Ken Maskell: Can we get the calendar to you. It's so much easier to modify that sort of thing than create it from scratch.

19:54:33 Phyllis Jones: I'll make sure we do that, Ken. Thanks.

4) What takeaway do you want to do in your parish?

- 19:57:15 Mary-Elise Haug: I loved the sending a gratitude journal idea
- 19:57:15 David Forsythe: People Stewardship
- 19:57:17 Bob Fitzpatrick: home visits
- 19:57:20 Ken Maskell: Mid summer social with stewardship ties.
- 19:57:25 Nayla Caruso: The idea of wealth, wisdom, and works as a new twist on time, talent, and treasure.
- 19:57:25 Debra Brewin-Wilson: A good, easy way to define "year-round stewardship" to people.
- 19:57:33 Rebecca Lucas: What does my church mean to me?
- 19:57:38 Mary Duke: mid summer impact mailing
- 19:57:40 Rev. William Ndishabandi: Carrying the theme of gratitude to God for his gifts to us throughout the year
- 19:57:43 Brian Bussey: takeaway: building community very important
- 19:57:44 Elizabeth White: Epiphany House Blessing
- 19:57:45 Eva Lesniak: So many different options to engage members of our congregation in new ways
- 19:57:46 Phyllis Jones: Tying stewardship materials to tangible reminders
- 19:57:47 Ken Maskell: Yearly planning calendar
- 19:58:01 Christy McGuire: Doing something social mid-summer
- 19:58:02 Vernal Savage: Stewardship lifestyle
- 19:58:19 Gary Smerillo: stewardship calendar helps focus
- 19:58:38 Eva Lesniak: "Church of the Holy Appetite!" Food draws people and fosters fellowship
- 19:58:47 Inell Jemmot : How much can be done.
- 20:00:03 Robin Vitale: Year-round schedule of stewardship engagement. Expressing gratitude before any requests. Personalized outreach / home visits.
- 20:01:34 Nayla Caruso: Oh, and the college care packages. That idea needs wider promotion. (Remember to include something for the roommates.) :)
- 20:01:58 Eva Lesniak: Love including something for roommates!
- 20:03:52 Phyllis Jones: Me too! Also, we had our youth group put the packages together for their alumni. It created a terrific tradition of continuing community connection at a

time when young men and women are likely to become disconnected their faith community.

20:05:00 **Nayla Caruso:** I would be liking the above posts but I'm on a linux machine and it didn't automatically download the emojis/like buttons. Oops.

20:09:45 **Debra Brewin-Wilson:** Excellent! Thank you!

20:16:25 **Eva Lesniak:** Rowan too

20:18:38 **Rebecca Lucas:** year round stewardship calendar

20:18:40 **Debra Brewin-Wilson:** Build the calendar.

20:18:45 **Eva Lesniak:** Review our parish list and see who we haven't seen in a while. How can we connect with them?

20:18:51 **Mary-Elise Haug:** putting a calendar together

20:19:03 **Gary Smerillo:** start working on the calendar

20:19:19 **Ken Maskell:** July social and invite parishioners whom we haven' seen for a while.

20:19:19 **Christy McGuire:** More public thanks

20:19:55 **Robin Vitale:** Update the parish list, develop our engagement calendar, dwell on ways to show gratitude.

20:20:16 **Eva Lesniak:** We just had a Newcomers rite of welcome to recognize members who joined over the last 3 years since before the pandemic

20:20:32 **Nayla Caruso:** calendar and hand out candied seeds like sunny seed drops.

20:21:02 **Nayla Caruso:** Lovely idea!

20:21:32 **Brian Bussey:** more thank you's to each other.

20:23:06 **Christy McGuire:** Highly recommend Beyond the Offering Plate

20:25:23 **Debra Brewin-Wilson:** Thank you--this has been very helpful!

20:26:46 **Eva Lesniak:** Amen