

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME SUGGESTIONS

Three Basic Components

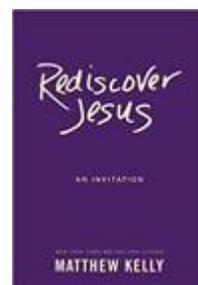
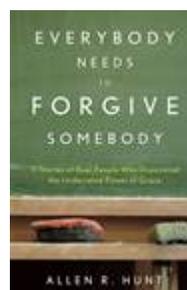
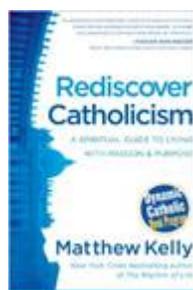
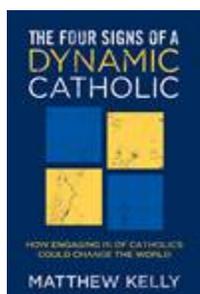
1. Worship (prayer, Mass, adoration, etc): Use free Archdiocesan Lenten piece – watch for email with order link, usually in January; Communicate other worship experiences that are available in your parish (Mass; Adoration; Stations of the Cross; Missions; Prayer opportunities, etc. Use the methods that are most effective in your parish, i.e. Bulletin; Email; Social Media; Mobile App, etc.

2. Education (helping people to learn and inspiring their faith): This can be done through **free** venues such as:

- Free mobile apps like the pope app (<http://www.thepopeapp.com/>)
- Short videos through Real Life Catholic (<http://reallifecatholic.com/>). These inspirational messages can be linked to your website or pushed out through other avenues. There are other "free" inspirational sources for you to use to educate and inspire.

There are also others that have a **cost** such as:

- Formed (<https://formed.org/>): Catholic content for deepening your relationship with God. Annual fee provides a pass code for all your parishioners to access the site
- Matthew Kelly (<http://dynamiccatholic.com/>): There is a cost for the books but you can also order free copies for you to review. Usually these books are passed out at Christmas or Easter.....but you could certainly distribute at Lent. Particularly his book "Rediscover Jesus". Your parish could also use them in small groups, like a Book Club. The following books are recommended:



A terrific book for Lent

3. Gratitude (helping people understand one of the foundational pieces of Stewardship):

A good paragraph that addresses gratitude:

There's a better way to cultivate a more joyful, generous, and sustainable response to Christian Stewardship. It is founded in gratitude, and then formed in nine accompanying virtues. Cicero said, *"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all others"*. There are many virtues that are inextricably linked to discipleship and stewardship, and they are all born out of a gratitude. Virtues like, generosity, humility, simplicity, trust, patience, perseverance, discipline, mercy, and prayer have become my primary focus in stewardship. Cultivating these virtues will change the way people see stewardship and thus change the way they live, and perhaps even change the world.