

Practical Stewardship

On numerous occasions, we have listed or defined *the Christian Steward*. They are again 1) Receives God's gifts gratefully, 2) Cherishes and tends God's gifts responsibly, 3) Shares God's gifts in love and justice and 4) Returns God's gifts with increase.

Today let me put a practical application to that definition. The Diocese of Wichita, has long been a strong advocate of stewardship and they have identified Four Pillar of Stewardship.

1) Hospitality, 2) and 4) Service. The the "how-to" aspect Christian Steward.

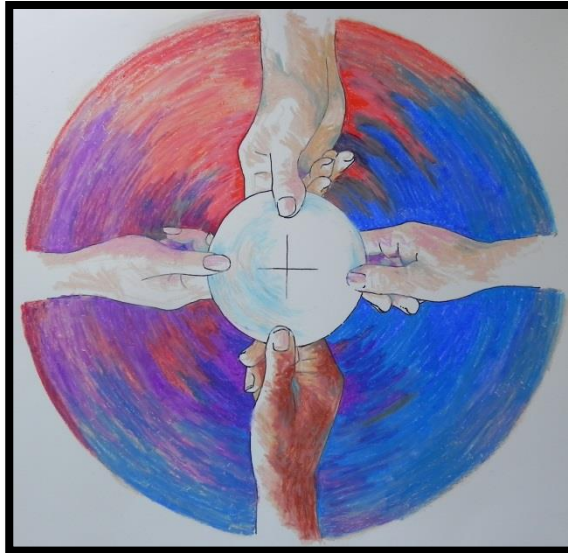
Hospitality: whenever we least of our we welcome Christ Parishioners seek to in one another, visitors to the parish

Prayers: As a strive to through

necessary to our soul as food is to our bodies. It is through prayer that we nurture our personal relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Formation: As we grow in the life of prayer, God reveals Himself more intimately in this personal relationship. Our personal response as a disciple is to share what we have received from God, and to share with a generous, grateful and loving heart.

Service: As faithful stewards, we are ready to minister to the varied needs of our own parish family as well as the needs of the wider community and Church. The parish family comes together to celebrate, thank and to return God's gifts.



Prayer, 3) Formation Four Pillars identify of living the life of a

Jesus teaches that welcome one of the sisters and brothers, HIMSELF. see the face of Christ whether members or community.

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