

One Family in Mission

Called to Evangelize



Formation



Hospitality



Prayer



Service

Office of Parish Stewardship

We are pleased to present our December issue of **ONE FAMILY IN MISSION** newsletter. We invite you - as part of that **FAMILY** - to share articles, best practices and any other items that you believe would benefit our community of Stewards. Please send them to tzalud@drvc.org.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE!

Like Us on **Facebook!**

Visit us at <https://www.stewardshipli.org/>

Called to Evangelize

This Advent presents another opportunity to prepare ourselves, using the four pillars of stewardship, to better appreciate the Newborn King Who is born anew in us and for us each Christmas. As the magi gifted the Child Jesus with gold, frankincense and myrrh, let us all try gifting family, friends—and even strangers—with the love and compassion Jesus asks us to share (especially during this season). Let's consider using each pillar of stewardship: **Hospitality**, **Prayer**, **Formation**, and **Service** to guide our gift choices!

For example, what if we showed **Hospitality** by reaching out to spend time with someone who may be feeling lonely this season?

To those who ask for our intercessory **Prayer**, why not give them our word that we absolutely will pray for their special intentions, and then let's really do it! In fact, let's add some fasting, penance, and almsgiving to our prayers, and give someone a beautiful prayer bouquet for Christmas!

As a gift to ourselves in pursuit of continued **Formation**, why not commit to attending an upcoming Faith-strengthening spiritual program offered in our parish or our diocese? And, since Jesus came for each one of us, let's be sure to give ourselves the blessing of enjoying more of His Presence in the time leading to Christmas, either in our parish Adoration chapel or in front of the Tabernacle (before and after Mass).

In Christian **Service**, let's keep our eyes, ears, and hearts open to see, hear, and feel to whom the Lord is calling and inviting us to offer our time, talent, and spiritual treasure. To those who have betrayed our trust, let's share with them the forgiveness the Lord has given us. To those who are out of work, let's give them much-needed hope through words of encouragement, by practical help in finding job leads, updating their resumes, and maybe even doing some little part-time work for us. To those families with newborns, military families with a parent away from home, or recent widows or widowers: let's give them a helping hand. To those in material need: let's donate some

of our never-opened, unused, "brand new" material "treasures," as genuine acts of sacrificial love.

And in that spirit, let's offer, even (*and especially!*) to our immediate family members, the best of our **Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service** -- *not our left-overs*.

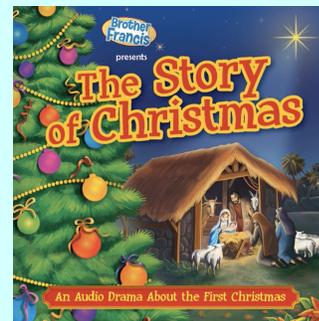
Finally, from our Parish Stewardship Family to **you** and **your family**: Merry Christmas and may God bless you and your loved ones!

An Opportunity for Young People to Come Together Before God

The Diocese of Rockville Centre's Office of Youth Ministry will be hosting a series of nights filled with Eucharistic Adoration, games and community for our youth! The next nights are in January! For more information on this series-- called INSPIRE-- please click [HERE!](#)

Formed Stewardship Content of the Month

Each month, our office suggests Stewardship content from Formed.org that will help you grow in the faith! If you are not signed up with Formed.org, check with your parish to see if they have a subscription. This month, we recommend a children's audio story titled "*The Story of Christmas: An Audio Drama About the First Christmas*"



Office of Parish Stewardship
(516) 678-5800 ext. 285
May God bless you and your loved ones!

Connect with us

