

Stewardship Networking Group ***Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston***

Join Us For Our JANUARY 11th, MEETING, 10am; at St Luke the Evangelist*

“Eucharistic People (interpersonal communication)”
Special Guest Speaker: Fr. Kingsley Nwoko**

**“As we enter another year of the Eucharistic Revival, we hear how each one of us,
is called to share and help foster a dedication to the most precious and real gift of the Eucharist”**

***St Luke the Evangelist: 11011 Hall Rd Houston Tx 77089; Parish Social Hall**

**** Fr Kingsley , Parochial Vicar at St Luke the Evangelist**

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2024 Calendar	
14-Mar-24	Multicultural Communities: Deacon Scott Glueck (St. Ignatius)
16-May-24	ROUNDTABLE: Successful Ministry Fairs (TBD)
11-July-24	Caring for Creation: Jenny Nutzman (St. Laurence)
12-Sept-24	Communicating Stewardship: Sean O'Driscoll (St. Dominic Chancery)
14-Nov-24	Best of ICSC / Plan 2025 (TBD)

Starting our new year— with a review of our parish hospitality —might be in order?

As a parish, do we find ourselves surrounded by guests, or burdened by strangers?

Hospitality is, in many respects, a mindset. The same person may be treated as guest at the church just down the road, but as a stranger here.

- Are your Guests welcomed with open arms and warm smiles, but strangers aren't. Do Guests feel the genuine love present in a hearty welcome, but strangers don't. Guests often return for second or third visits, while strangers don't.
- Matthew's Gospel tells of Christ as He reveals a profound truth about hospitality: "When I was a stranger, you welcomed me." That is, "I used to be a stranger, but you fixed that when you welcomed me." It's a classic example of before-and-after. All it took was a change of heart.
- Stewardship holds hospitality as an immensely important concept. The Four Pillars of Stewardship – Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service. Hospitality is mentioned first. Why? If not for hospitality, none of the other pillars will ever take hold. Hospitality is the cornerstone of stewardship, because it opens the door to a person's heart and allows them to receive joy, grace, and love.
- Hospitality must become second nature, if stewardship is to truly take hold within a parish. So, when a stranger visits our parish, welcome them as a guest. Perhaps one day, they'll pay us a second visit.. *Article: ICSC newsletter*

Showing, being, doing hospitality in our parishes should not be the job of a parish ministry. Every parishioner, staff, etc, at all times, should be the warm friendly voice and greeter to everyone encounter in your parish. If you consider your parish as your home, please reach out to others as you would in your own home. Peace and blessings for this New Year! Coni

**Meetings held 2nd Thursday
of every other month 10:00
am to 12 Noon at a
host parish.**

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