



## DOES SOCIAL MEDIA BELONG IN THE CHURCH?



How can parishes and religious educators employ social media in the parish setting? Learn strategies for starting to use social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest as well as other emerging strategies within the contexts and constraints of the Parish. Discover great tools for social media that is timely, cost effective and impactful.

*Our Sunday Visitor* hosts monthly 60-minute Loaves + Fishes® stewardship webinars for parish staff and leaders in a variety of topics critical to parish life. Each webinar is normally \$59.00 per parish (*that's over \$400 a year!*) But the Office of Stewardship and Development has paid your way!!

This webinar series is **FREE TO YOU**. Please take advantage of the investment we have made in your parish. These esteemed presenters provide quality education at costs much larger than this.

The next free OSV webinar will be Tuesday, September 10 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.. Lisa Hendey will present "Starting, Sustaining and Succeeding with Social Media in the Church Setting"

If you missed last month's Stewardship webinar, don't let it happen again! This parish growth opportunity is **FREE** to you.

### To register visit

1:00 PM Registration Link:

<https://student.gototraining.com/rt/189032782864282368>

6:00 PM Registration Link:

<https://student.gototraining.com/r/870711300387916800>

and insert 'FREE' (all capital letters) when prompted for the discount code.

You will receive an e-mail confirmation from Diane Brumbaugh with the link you will use to join the webinar September 10. **SAVE THIS E-MAIL.**

Your parish can watch the webinar from the same computer, or you can register on different computers and watch in the comfort of your own office or home!

## Catholicmom.com will answer your questions!

Lisa M. Hendey is the founder and editor of **CatholicMom.com** and the bestselling author of *The Handbook for Catholic Moms* and *A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms*.



She hosts the "Catholic Moments" podcast and Catholic Mom television show. Hendey is a technology contributor for EWTN's SonRise Morning Show and a regular guest on Relevant Radio's On Call afternoon show. She is a columnist for Faith & Family, Catholic News Agency, and Catholic Exchange, and her articles have appeared in National Catholic Register and Our Sunday Visitor. She gives frequent workshops on faith, family, and Catholic new media topics and her schedule has included the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, Catholic Marketing Network, the University of Dallas Ministry Conference, and the National Council of Catholic Women. Hendey resides in Fresno, California, with her family. Contact Lisa at [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Google+](#)

**Who should participate:** Priests, Deacons, Religious, Parish Council, Stewardship Committee, Catechists, Key Volunteers, Parish Staff, Secretary, Office Manager

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

### **O** Eight Ways to Enhance Parish Giving

**C** Date: October 8  
**T** Times: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. CT

### **N** Blending Multiple Cultures

**O** Date: November 12  
**V** Times: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. CT

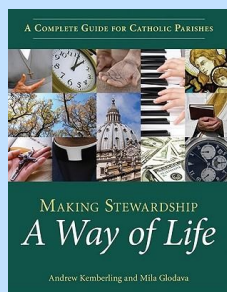
### **D** Effective Parish Communications

**E** Date: December 10  
**C** Times: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. CT



## 6 Phases of Stewardship

- Stewardship of Prayer
- Stewardship of Ministry
- Stewardship of Faith**
- Stewardship of Treasure
- Stewardship of Vocations
- Stewardship of Earth



*The book 'Making Stewardship a Way of Life' explains each phase in detail. Pick one up today! Books are available in the office of Stewardship and Development*

Over the next six months we will introduce the six phases of stewardship. You can participate in a stewardship commitment on your own, as a ministry or as a parish.

Faith, one of the three theological virtues—faith, hope and love— is a supernatural give impossible for us to acquire on our own. Although St. Paul writes that the greatest of these virtues is love, it is impossible to love without faith. As with our talents, we need to nurture and develop our God-given gift of faith. Your parish should offer opportunities to develop and increase parishioners faith . Stewardship of Faith sign-up around Catechetical Sunday reminds parishioners that parents are their children’s primary teachers of the faith.

### STRENGTHEN AND RENEW YOUR FAITH

- Participate in one or more of the following:
  - Advent/Lenten Series
  - Catholic Bible Study
  - Catechism Class
  - Stations of the Cross
  - Sponsor in RCIA
- Attend a Catechetical Conference
- Attend Mass weekly, daily (circle one or both)
- Attend a retreat
- Help those in need: family/friends/neighbors
- Join a Small Christian Community
- Join a Bible Study
- Listen attentively to the homily on Sundays and discuss with family after Mass.
- Make a 15 minute visit per week to the Adoration Chapel.

- Pray each day—at least 15 minutes.
- Pray Grace before/after meals.
- Pray the Rosary daily/weekly
- Read Spiritual books
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 times a year or more often
- Read the following on a regular basis: Church Bulletin, South Plains Catholic, papal documents
- Share your faith story with a friend/family member
- Spend one hour per week in the Adoration Chapel
- Read Scripture each day—15 minutes or more
- Learn your Catholic prayers (Ask your parents to help you)
- Go to Mass each week and on Holy Days (Parents will take you)
- Say a decade of the Rosary each day (Great to do in the car!)
- Read your Bible—a passage each day or every other day.
- Study the life of your patron saint. How can you follow their example?
- Celebrate the true spirit of holidays, especially Christmas and Easter
- Keep the Fourth Commandment: Honor thy father and mother
- Play a Bible game or Catechism game
- Pray for your family and friend each day
- Pray to your Guardian Angel

**Unlike Time, Talent and Treasure—FAITH is something all ages can share. Here's a commitment for the youth:**

### HOW WILL YOU STEWARD YOUR FAITH?

**(for youth)**

- Dress modestly



Please send your prayers to the many parish and diocesan staff attending the International Catholic Stewardship Conference in Dallas, TX.

A special someone from the Diocese of Lubbock has received the 2013 Christian Stewardship Award. In 2012 this award was given to the Catholic Church Extension Society. We'll share the winner on our website and in next month's newsletter. Stay Tuned!

## Next OSV Webinar

October 8 pm 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

### *Eight Ways to Enhance Parish Giving*

The October webinar reminds us one of the main roles we have is to encourage an attitude of generosity among our parishioners so they truly invest in their faith and support the parish stewardship efforts. This 60 minute webinar will discuss tested methods and creative ways of enhancing parish giving.

If you missed the August webinar about **Gift Discernment** watch for free at: <http://goo.gl/wYpDPx>

**Save the Date!** October 19: Catechetical Conference. *Look for the Stewardship Track featuring: Spirituality of Stewardship & How to host a Stewardship Sunday*