



2024 REBOOT! Stewardship Workshop **Welcome!**

Welcome to the 2024 REBOOT! Stewardship Workshop. I am Cindy Lukowitz – the Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. THANK YOU ALL for coming today! We have over 70 parishes represented today. Amazing! Thanks again for coming!

This is called the REBOOT! Stewardship Workshop since it is the first of many REBOOT! resources coming your way! Soon, there will be a variety of resources to help your parish become more vibrant. They will each be categorized under the REBOOT! headline – like REBOOT! Welcoming or REBOOT! Offertory. Stay tuned for more details!

Just a couple of Housekeeping notes – the restrooms are located out the doors to my right – go to the end of the hallway and turn left. Look up to see the signs directing you.



Today's Agenda

Opening Prayer

MISSION

Prayer

** Break **

Welcoming

** Break **

Building Community

Wrap-Up & Closing Prayer

Mass – Mater Christi Chapel

Today's Agenda:

After the bolded talks will be "Table Time". This is time for you to work on YOUR plans for YOUR Parish in each of these areas.

Mass will be in the Mater Christi Chapel. Go out the doors in the back and turn right. The Chapel will be to the left of the 2nd staircase you will see. You can follow the crowd, too!

After Mass, when you exit from the Main Entrance, there will be a snack bar and water for your drive home.

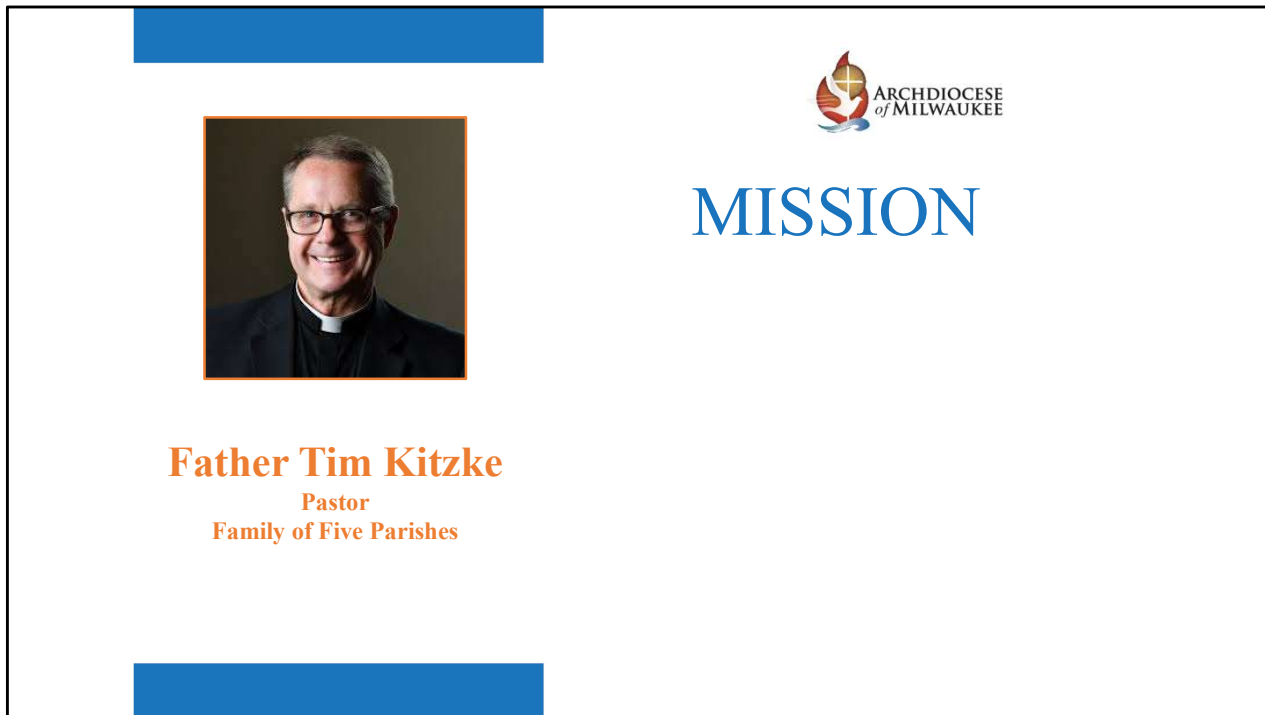
Opening Prayer

*Loving God, we do good work, important work.
Instill in us a spirit of gratitude for the good work we do – together.
Help us to see you, God, in those we serve.
Fill us all with faith, hope and love as we continue to build your Kingdom.
Unite us. Inspire us. Sustain us.
Help us all to see you and seek you in all that we say and do.
For this we pray, in the mighty name of Jesus.
Amen.*

Let's begin in Prayer.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit....

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Father Tim Kitzke
Pastor
Family of Five Parishes

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MISSION

OK!

Let me introduce our first talk on Mission by Father Tim Kitzke.

Father Tim is the Pastor for the Family of Five Parishes which is made up of The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Old St. Mary, Saints Peter and Paul, Our Lady of Divine Providence in Milwaukee and the Vicar for Urban Ministry.

Father Tim is here to speak to us about our MISSION.

Father Tim?

<<at the end of the talk>>

Thank You Father Tim. And Thank you for all you do!

Father Tim is going to be whisked away to record his talk. Which, by the way, ALL of the presentations from today will be available as recordings on the archmil.org website. I will be sending an email when they are ready.



Dan Kowalsky
Development Director

PRAYER

- Who Am I?
- Prayer – What IS it?
- Prayer at the Parish
- Lenses of Prayer
- Prayer Habits
- Become like Little Children

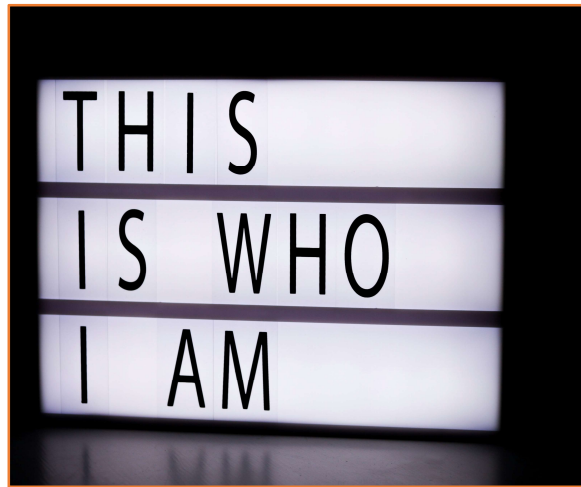
Next up is a talk about PRAYER.

Dan Kowalsky is the Director of Development at the Archdiocese and my boss. I thank God every day for bringing Dan to the Archdiocese. He truly a remarkable man.

Dan?

- Before talking about prayer – let's begin in prayer: Memorare, Surrender Prayer

COME TO ME, all you who are weary and burdened and I WILL GIVE YOU REST.
~ Matthew 11:28



- Who am I?
- Introduction
- A sinner with no formal theological training but a deep love for our Lord, our Lady, and the Saints of the Church. Today is one man's experience and recommendation, from one Christian to another. 😊 Submit all that I share today to the teaching authority of the Church, and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

When life gets too hard to STAND, kneel and PRAY.

~ Gordon B. Hinckley

What IS Prayer?



- Prayer – What is it?
- “Prayer is raising of one’s heart and mind to God” – St. John Damascene
- Focus of this talk is personal prayer/devotion and how it can live in a parish – make note that the Eucharist is source and summit of the Christian life, and the other Sacraments are real and true sources of God’s grace.

The **MASS** is the most perfect form of PRAYER.

~ Pope Paul VI

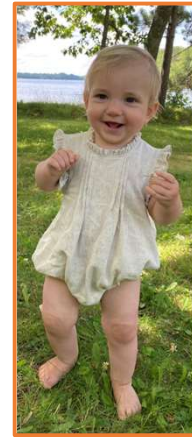
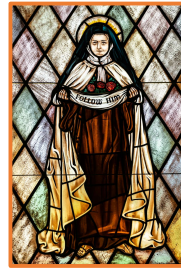
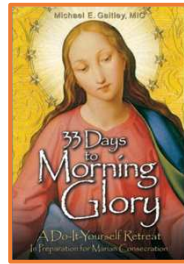
Prayer at the Parish



- Prayer at the Parish
- Root EVERYTHING in prayer. Our efforts are fruitless without the grace of God, and the more we surrender, the more He will accomplish His will in our parish, our Archdiocese, and the whole Kingdom of God.
- “Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.” – St. Augustine

*His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."
~ John 2:5*

"Lenses" of Prayer



- If you're searching, a few ideas for "lenses" by which you can form your own prayer life and develop that of the parish:
- The Little Way – St. Thérèse of Lisieux
- Recognize your littleness, trust, and keep trying
- Connect analogy of Lucia's attempts to walk to each of us in the spiritual life
- Marian Consecration, the Rosary, and a personal testimony
- Total consecration to Jesus through Mary is "the surest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect means to becoming a saint." – St. Louis de Montfort
- Mary saved my life
- Father John Burns – Marian Consecration (33 Days to Morning Glory, Fr. Michael Gaitley) at the parish level

I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me.

~ C.S. Lewis

Prayer Habits



- Prayer habits
- Formal vs. informal
- Working within your own vocation, time limits – not “one size fits all”
- Find what works for you!
- Use the great treasure chest of prayers and devotions available to us as Catholics
- Recommendation – pick a few that speak to your heart, and stick with them
- Mental Prayer
- Story re: Father Andrew Linn; my own personal blind spot in prayer

Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

~ Matthew 18:3

Become like little children



- “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven”. – Mt 18: 2-5
- “Thank you Jesus, I love you Jesus” - Gabe
- Thank those in attendance for joining and listening, acknowledge that since we opened this with two formal prayers from our treasury of Catholic prayers, let’s end it with Gabe’s more informal prayer – “Thank you Jesus, I love you Jesus”.
- Q&A

PRAYER

1. What is one thing you will do to improve Prayer your parish?
2. Which ministries, committees or leaders in the parish need to be involved?
3. What obstacles do you see & how will you overcome them?
4. What is your deadline to implement this idea?
5. How will you measure success?



Wow! Just Wow! See what I mean?

We are up to your first Table Time.

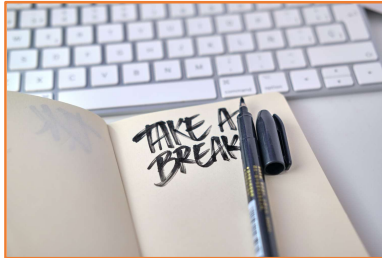
In the center of the tables – underneath the candy are handouts to guide your discussions as you identify ONE THING you will do to improve Prayer at your parish.

Please take out the packet for the PRAYER talk and being to work your plan.

Feel free to get up – as best you can – and move to another table in order to collaborate with other parishes represented today.

I will tell you when time is up.

Enjoy!



5-minute break

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Help yourself to more water and whatever is leftover from breakfast.



WELCOMING

Archdiocese of Milwaukee – Not Ready for Prime Time Players

**Denise Kasulke
Dan Kowalsky
Peter Thomas
Patti Worzalla**



Ok – Welcome back!

Let's get started.

Next up is a presentation on Welcoming.

Doing Welcoming well is so critical for our parishes.

When the planning began for this Workshop, it was very clear Welcoming needed to be included in the agenda.

And, after a few more meetings, we came up with the idea of a skit to truly SHOW the difference between GOOD Welcoming and – well – NOT SO GOOD Welcoming.

Here are four videos created with the help of our Communication Team at the Archdiocese to help educate parishioners on the importance of welcoming.



Archdiocese of Milwaukee – Not Ready for Prime Time Players

**Denise Kasulke
Dan Kowalsky
Peter Thomas
Patti Worzalla**

Well-what did you think?

Before we start Table Time, I want to bring out the Talent from the videos which are also the members of the Planning Committee.

I affectionately call them the **Archdiocese of Milwaukee – Not Ready for Prime Time Players**

**Denise Kasulke
Dan Kowalsky
Peter Thomas
Patti Worzalla**

All of them went above and beyond and gave of themselves freely to help make this Workshop a Success.

Let's give them a round of applause!

In honor of your great talent in creating the videos, I would like to present each of you with your very own "Stewie" Award!

You have heard of the Emmy's and the Grammy's well, here at the Archdiocese, we now have a Stewie!

<<Hand out>>

Thank you all again!

WELCOMING

1. What is one thing you will do to improve the Welcoming at your parish?
2. Which ministries, committees or leaders in the parish need to be involved?
3. What obstacles do you see & how will you overcome them?
4. What is your deadline to implement this idea?
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We are up to your second Table Time.

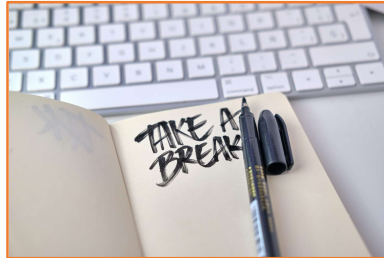
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Please take out the packet for the WELCOMING talk and begin to work your plan.

Feel free to get up – as best you can – and move to another table in order to collaborate with other parishes represented today.

I will tell you when time is up.

Enjoy!



5-minute break



BUILDING COMMUNITY



Margie Mandli

Administrative & Business Assistant
St. Anne, Kenosha

Principal & Owner
GEM Communications and Consulting,
LLC

- Doorways
- Why is building community important?
- Doorways at St. Anne's
- The Art of Invitation
- Fruit of Community
- 1 Corinthians

Next Up we have a talk on Building Community from Margie Mandli.

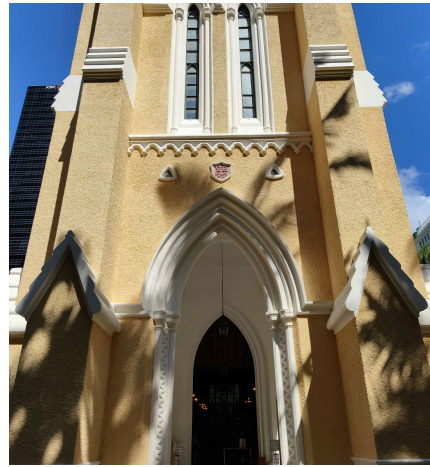
Margie is the Administrative and Business Assistant at St. Anne Catholic Church in Kenosha.

Margie?

Doorways

- “I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.” John 10:9
- “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.” Matthew 7:7
- “Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.” Revelation 3:20

Everything we do to build community should be viewed as a doorway into the Church – a doorway that leads to Christ.



Why is building community important?

“Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they be one, just as we are one.” John 17:11

- We are called the Body of Christ
- God wants us to be one with him
- We are called to communion with each other



Doorways at St. Anne



ST. ANNE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

- **For women:** Women's Group (The GRACE Group)
- **For men:** Men's Group, Holy Smokes, Safety
- **For married couples:** Date Night for Married Couples
- **Small Groups:** ChristLife, Sherry Weddell's Charism program, Rescue Project
- **Young Adults & Teens:** Summer Mission Trips, El Camino, Monthly Young Adult Holy Hour



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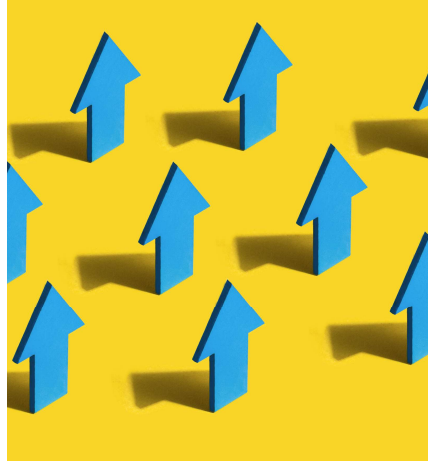
The Art of Invitation

- Is there a culture of invitation at your parish?
- Are you inviting people to use their gifts?
- Are you inviting people to attend offerings?
- Are you meeting with people intentionally as part of New Parishioner On-Boarding?
- How are your communications channels?
Email, Facebook, Website?



Fruit of Community

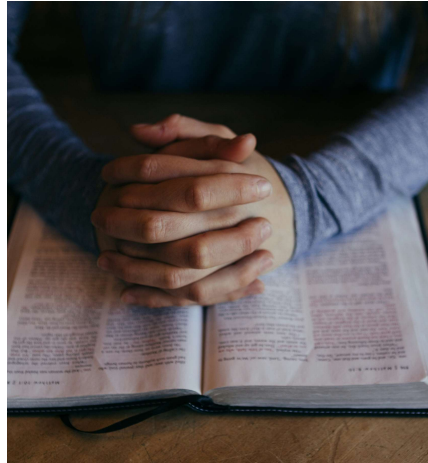
- Greater devotional culture
 - (New! Rosary on Sundays with Potluck)
- Increase in volunteers
- Increase in stewardship
- When life happens, there is a true family
- Christ is the center – Christ is alive!



"There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ..."

1 Corinthians 4:6 & 12



BUILDING COMMUNITY

1. What current doorways do you have?
2. How can you improve them so that parishioners can walk through those doorways?
3. Which ministries, committees or leaders in the parish need to be involved?
4. What obstacles do you see & how will you overcome them?
5. How will you measure success?



We are up to your Third Table Time.

In the center of the tables – underneath the candy are handouts to guide your discussions as you identify ONE THING you will do to create Doorways at your parish.

Please take out the packet for the Building Community talk and begin to work on your plan.

I will tell you when time is up.

Enjoy!



Mass at Noon in the Mater Christi Chapel

Contact me!

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OK!

Time is up!

Couple of closing comments: A survey will be sent to you seeking your feedback. I am here to serve you and would love to know your thoughts.

Please grab a business card and reach out to me to discover how together we can build YOUR parish in the Stewardship of Prayer, Time, Talent & Treasure.

Please join in the Mass being offered in the Mater Christi Chapel.

Go out the doors in the back and turn right. The Chapel will be to the left of the 2nd staircase.

As you exit the building after Mass, there will be water and snack bars for your journey home.

Now we will close in prayer:

Closing Prayer

*Lord of day and night, of beginnings and endings, as we prepare to conclude this Workshop,
we once again lift up our hearts to you, good and merciful Father.*

*We thank you for the gifts and blessings you so freely give to us, each and every day,
especially those we take for granted.*

*Help us to grow in our love of You. Guide us as we strive to bring more people to know You, to
love You and to serve You.*

Watch over us and protect us from all evil whether visible or invisible.

*May your blessing be upon us, now and always,
Amen.*

Do a Glory Be?