

## Parish Transformation—Meeting # 6

~19 people attended Parish Transformation meeting # 6

Discussion began with the final building block for mission—spiritual stewardship. Then we began revising the draft mission statement line-by-line.

**Announcement:** The multi-parish Parish Transformation workshop will take place from 9:30-12:15 at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church in Park Ridge (920 W. Granville; Park Ridge, IL 60068; (847) 825-3153).

We began with the last building block, Spiritual Stewardship, p. 51  
Discussion took place in one large group, instead of breaking up into smaller groups...

### Questions:

1. What holds me back from sharing my time, talent, and treasure with greater generosity?
2. What are the tensions I experience in trying to live a spirituality of stewardship?

Differences in families/cultural expectations  
Differences in priorities (e.g. work)

3. How are we teaching a spirit of Christian stewardship in our parish?

Kids put offering in basket  
Being a lector, volunteering to prepare events  
Helping with liturgy  
We do service projects for young people at the school.  
Christmas giving tree/food pantry  
Food & clothing drive  
Attending parish transformation meetings

Think about:  
What do we do well?  
What could we improve on?  
Message of service a pressing need?

Support regular ministries already taking place  
Be open to people who aren't here...it's hard for new people to begin organizing anything...

There needs to be a transformation of hearts—all of us are broken, in need of a savior.  
Change our own hearts.

### **Spiritual stewardship**

How much should our parish focus on <i>Spiritual Stewardship</i> compared to current efforts?	
<b>much more</b>	11 (79% of those voting)
somewhat more	2 (14% of those voting)
keep the same	1 (7% of those voting)
do less	0

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### **Suggested revisions to Mission Narrative thus far....**

1. St. Helen is primarily known for her search for and discovery of the true Cross (spiritual quest)....needs to be mentioned.
2. Our primary hopes were: to grow the parish and heal the divisions between the school and the rest of the parish (see notes from meeting 2 & 3). Thus it is important to mention goal of unity in the mission narrative.
3. Prodigal son parable should refer to “those who are at the peripheries,” not just those who are in search of a parish.
4. Include words of St. John Paul II in mission narrative b/c he is of considerable importance to our parish.
5. Include a debt of gratitude to the Polish community for having started St. Helen parish because of their deep faith in God. We would not be here otherwise...

***Harriet Siller will be working on the revisions & will work with Agnes to translate into Polish. The revised mission statement will then be posted on the website so all can access it (at Sabina’s request.)***