



The Church of St. Mary

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Ministry Moment Guidelines

Purpose of a Ministry Moment is the Following:

- To educate on the abundance of ministries that St. Mary's supports.
- To educate on the opportunities to share one's time and talent.
- To recognize our service and witness to others. These are characteristics of a church.
- To celebrate the successes of sharing with others God's gifts to us.
- To inspire others to share their time, talent, and treasure.
- It is not intended to be used as a direct membership recruitment tool, but rather a sign of our stewardship in action.

Please utilize the following guidelines to assist you in preparing for a ministry moment presentation.

- The ministry moment should include the following or similar informative statements:
 - "Good morning/afternoon and welcome to The Church of St. Mary as we celebrate the _____ . My name is _____ .
(Liturgical Calendar Date to be Supplied) (Name)
 - "St. Mary's is a stewardship parish. As a member, one ministry which I would like to share with you is _____ ."
(Name of Ministry)
 - " _____ is about _____ ."
(Name of Ministry)

(Describe briefly what this ministry is/what you do in serving in this ministry)
 - "I do this because I believe in Stewardship and . . ."
 - And to wrap up the presentation. . .
 - "Please contact the parish office if you would like to learn more about this or any other ministry. Thank you.
So that there are no strangers among us, I now invite you to please stand and introduce yourselves to one another."

Ministry Moment Guidelines (Continued)

- You may also wish to reflect on the following during the preparation of your ministry moment:
 - How and/or why did you become involved in this ministry?
 - What does serving in this ministry mean to you?
 - Describe a memorable moment you have experienced while serving in this ministry.
 - Describe something that you have learned in this ministry.
 - If you can hang out in the Great Hall or Hospitality Desk to answer any questions or your ministry team will be serving coffee and rolls after Mass, please communicate this at the end of the presentation.

Other:

- The presentation is to be 2 - 3 minutes in length, **MAX**. No longer.
- Word count should be in the 350 – 450 range.
- You may present at 1, 2 or all 3 masses. Your choice.
- This is your presentation; make it your own. People will relate well to a personal account.

Please email Ron Boyden, Stewardship Committee member, at ronb@co.douglas.mn.us a copy of your written moment for a quick review. You may also contact the parish office (320.763.5781) to arrange a few minutes to stop by and practice speaking with the microphone in the church.