

Four Pillars Checklist for Summer Review



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Why Summer Review?

I thought we were supposed to take a break!?

More time!

Ministries take a break- “year end”

Best yearly practice

Internal and external review

View perspective from Priest to Pew

Experimental time of year

Better prepared for a strong fall

The Four Pillars

The Pillar of Prayer



Pillar of Prayer

We grow as disciples who are committed to prayer — individual and communal prayer, public and private prayer. Through prayer we are invited to draw closer to Jesus and to imitate Him in our daily lives.

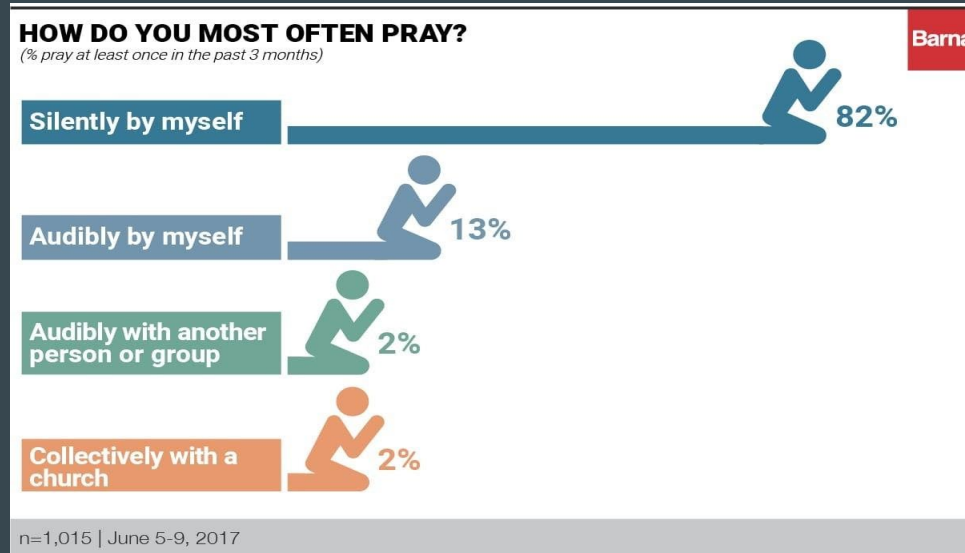
While Eucharist is central to our spiritual life, other prayer opportunities are made available.

How do you help your parishioners find their
voice in prayer?

Some stats on prayer...

Among American adults 79% have prayed at least once in the past three months.

(<https://www.barna.com/research/silent-solo-americans-pray/>) (<https://www.pewforum.org/religious-landscape-study/frequency-of-prayer/>)



PRAY TO A HIGHER POWER NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A SPECIFIC RELIGION

(% pray at least once in the past 3 months)

Barna



n=1,015 | June 5-9, 2017

Checklist

The Mass and Sundays...Do we prioritize in our conversations, meetings, etc.

Are there opportunities for people to LEARN about the Mass? (RCIA, Current, New)

Do ministries pray before meetings?

Any Holy Hours? Adoration classes?

Book of gratitude or prayers readily accessible? Is prayer offertory readily accessible?

Encourage Liturgical Ministry: witness stories, training, etc.

Prayer to keep others connected: Travelers prayers, prayer line, online prayer wall

The Pillar of Hospitality



Pillar of Hospitality

We strive to extend a warm, hospitable and loving welcome to all who join us in worship, service, study, social or in times of personal need.

We assist our parish community in presenting a visible sign of Christ's loving kindness in all we do.

...It is the act of receiving and sharing God's love for each other.

What would it look like if I were a...

New Parishioner

Ministry Leader

Guest

Long-term parishioner

Youth

Young adult

Couple (w/kids or none)



“Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.”

(Hebrews 13:2)

Checklist

Do NOT have a narrow definition of hospitality: NOT just a donut brigade!

New Parishioner process in place?

What do entrances look like around the parish? Materials?

Do you have greeters? Ushers trained?

Are your ministries prepared/trained in welcome and hospitality?

What does the front office look like? Call your parish!

Are there best friends in the pews? Does the priest, leaders, staff have friends? Think of the *Cheers* song...

The Pillar of Formation



Pillar of Formation

We strive to educate, form and sustain the stewardship way of life for all ages through faith formation opportunities in the parish and school. We strive to be disciple stewards and give good example as we participate in parish life in ministries and on parish leadership teams.

We are open to the continuous conversion to a life of stewardship – to sharing what one has with a loving, generous and grateful heart.

Checklist

Have you surveyed over the year? Could you focus group with the current leaders of those ministries or key volunteers?

Surveyed the parish, taken a poll on faith formation topics?

Are you including classes or resources on discipleship and stewardship?

Do you offer parish missions, retreats, lay witness?

Resources offered: Alpha, Divine Renovation, Rebuilt, Dynamic Catholic, Ascension Presents, ENDOW, WINE, charism discernment, Christ Life

Are your faith formation event communicated effectively?

No money, no problem!

Bring a friend and go on
YouTube!

The Pillar of Service



Pillar of Service

We strive to be servant ministers to the need of our parish members, the wider community and Church. We strive to serve compassionately those who are hurting or in need, lost or alone, or suffering in any way.

We give thanks to God for all the gifts we have received and we celebrate the special events in the lives of parishioners.

Checklist

Are your ministries supported by good communications, are they following up with new interested volunteers?

Are you working off a framework? Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy?

Do you have service opportunities during Advent and Lent?

Are ministries overlapping each other?

Is there a community wide calendaring meeting?

Have you considered working with outside organizations?

**Ministry Succession Planning
&
New Ministry Formation**

Questions?