

Some Financial Resources & Ideas

"Never waste a perfectly good recession" Fr. John Spitzer

Stewardship Resources:

Parish Toolbox Stewardship Resources: An excellent resource from the Diocesan Office of Stewardship.

www.phoenixstewardship.org

Our Sunday Visitor has a collection of 5 excellent pamphlets in English and Spanish.

www.osv.com

Curriculum:

7 Steps to Becoming Financial Free by Phil Lenahan: A Catholic small group study for managing your money. It will help your parishioners deepen their relationship with the Lord, strengthen their marriages and family life and build a support network for living Catholic values.

Format: 6 Weekly Session with video teaching and facilitated small group discussion.

www.veritasfinancialministries.com

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University: The program is a biblically based accountability curriculum that will teach your church to manage God's money and resources in a godly way. It empowers them to make the right financial decisions to achieve their financial goals, teaching them to eliminate debt, build wealth, and give like never before.

Format: 13 Weekly Sessions with video teaching and facilitated small group discussion.

www.daveramsey.com/fpu/church/

The Biblical Financial Study is a 10 week in-depth study of what scripture teaches about money and possessions.

Format: Groups meet for 2 hours every week and include scripture memorization and interactive discussions.

www.crown.org/

Other:

- Weekly Petitions for those who lost jobs or are in foreclosure.
- Support local Business Owners:
 - www.hireacatholic.com a great directory of local Catholic businesses that we can support. Started by Chris Muglia of Sound Mission Ministry.
- Parish Directory for people looking for jobs or businesses hiring.
- Parish Financial Counseling teams
- Local directory of service providers for refinancing, real estate questions, debt management, budgeting, financial planning etc.
- Get families involved in charitable activities:
 - o Local: www.catholiccharitiesaz.com
 - o International: <http://crs.org>

