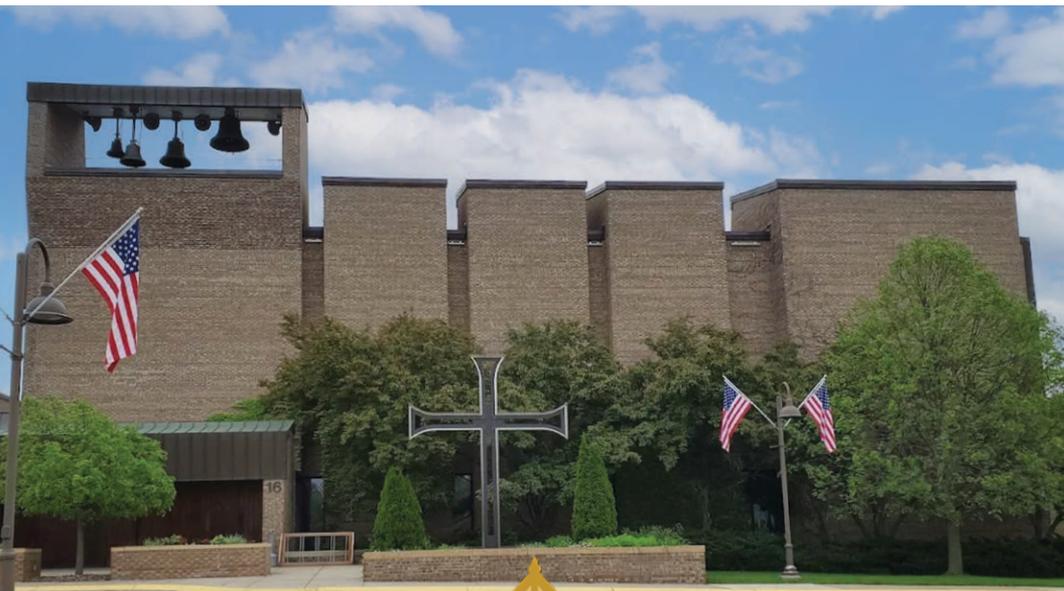


2026 Stewardship CONFERENCE



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THURSDAY
APRIL 16, 2026

LOCATION:

St. John the Baptist,
835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

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WHY ATTEND?

Together we will discover the *transformative* impact of stewardship, and return home *informed, energized, and equipped* to take stewardship to the next level. Participants will gain strategies, spiritual insight, and proven best practices drawn from Catholic Stewardship Consultant's nearly three decades of national experience guiding parishes toward measurable growth by developing stewardship as a way of life.

WHAT ARE THE KEY OUTCOMES?

Participants will:

- Renew their understanding of stewardship as a spiritual way of life
- Learn proven practices to enrich parish culture
- Explore parish success stories from across the country
- Receive practical recommendations to engage parishioners in the four pillars of parish stewardship — hospitality, prayer, formation, and service
- Leave with new confidence to lead their parish in developing a culture of stewardship



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CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

9:15 a.m. Check-in, Coffee and Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Welcome, Prayer and Opening Remarks

10:15 a.m. Eric McArdle

Best Practices in Developing Stewardship

11:15 a.m. Very Rev. Godfrey Mullen, OSB

Overcoming Obstacles to Developing Stewardship

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. Lisa McArdle

Stewardship in the Family

1:30 p.m. Very Rev. Brian O'Brien

Increasing Stewardship Momentum

2:15 p.m. Q&A Discussion

2:45 p.m. Closing Prayer

***There will be a short break after each presentation.*

2026 STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



MR. ERIC MCARDLE

CEO, Catholic Stewardship Consultants

As co-founder and CEO of Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC), Eric McArdle has produced and refined a spiritual-based process of developing stewardship within Catholic parishes. For the past 28 years, Eric and his team have worked with hundreds of parishes and dioceses across the country on stewardship development, transforming parishes into lively communities of faith by communicating, educating, and evangelizing the call of every disciple to be stewards of God's gifts.

Under Eric's leadership and expertise in developing stewardship, he has guided parishes to help them successfully deepen the spirituality and practice of stewardship using CSC's proven processes. Eric and his wife of 31 years, Lisa, have five daughters and four grandchildren, and the McArdle family is active in their home parish in Augusta, St. Mary on the Hill. He also has served in various parish ministries including several key leadership roles.



VERY REV. GODFREY MULLEN, OSB

*Rector, Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville, Ill.
Administrator for the Diocese of Belleville*

Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, is the rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville, Ill. Since May 2025, he has also served as administrator for the Diocese of Belleville following the installation of former Bishop Michael McGovern as Archbishop of Omaha. Professed as a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey in 1989, he was ordained a priest in 1994. After returning to the abbey in 2001, he earned a PhD in Liturgical Studies from The Catholic University of America in 2003. He then taught seminarians, lay students, and deacon candidates for 12 years and held several administrative posts at St. Meinrad Seminary. In 2012, he became pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Huntingburg, Ind., in the Diocese of Evansville, and in 2013 was reassigned as rector of St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville. In 2022, he was appointed rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville and was also assigned pastoral responsibility for Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady Queen of Peace. With his subsequent appointment as diocesan administrator, those additional parish responsibilities were reassigned to allow him to focus fully on the leadership of the diocese while continuing to serve as rector of the Cathedral parish. Across these assignments, he has successfully developed stewardship as a way of life, shaping his pastoral leadership in the parishes entrusted to his care. Also, for more than a decade, Fr. Godfrey has led parish and diocesan retreats and gives presentations on stewardship at parishes across the country.

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LISA MCARDLE

CSC, Vice President of Client Services

Lisa McArdle is one of the co-founders of Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC) and currently serves as Vice President of Client Services. For over 25 years, Lisa and her husband, CSC President Eric McArdle, have worked with hundreds of parishes across the country on every aspect of stewardship development. Lisa and her team at CSC work closely with parishes and dioceses, utilizing a proven spiritual-based process that focuses on increasing the practice of stewardship. Together, Lisa and Eric co-authored the 2019 book *Stewardship Success: A Practical Guide for Catholic Parishes*, and her second book, *Stewardship Starts at Home: Using God's Gifts to Grow as Disciples of Christ in our Domestic Church*, was published in 2022. Lisa has been married to Eric for 31 years, and the couple has five daughters ranging in age from age 15 to 30 years old, along with two son-in-laws and four grandchildren. She is a member of St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church in Augusta, Georgia, where she serves in various parish ministries.



VERY REV. BRIAN O'BRIEN

Rector, Holy Family Cathedral, Tulsa, Okla.

After graduating from Boston College in 1998, Fr. Brian O'Brien began teaching at Bishop Kelley High School in Tulsa, Okla., while earning a master's in education from the University of Notre Dame in 2000. Through prayer and reflection, Fr. O'Brien entered St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana in 2002 and earned his master's in Catholic Social Thought and Life and a Master of Divinity in 2007. Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Tulsa that same year, Fr. O'Brien served as associate pastor of Christ the King Catholic Church, in Tulsa, Okla., and as chaplain of Bishop Kelley High School. In 2009 Fr. O'Brien became the president of Bishop Kelley High School where his tenure lasted 10 years. After leaving the school, Fr. O'Brien was assigned to be the pastor of St. Francis Xavier in Stillwater, Okla., where he oversaw the merger of two parishes and successfully implemented stewardship as an expression of discipleship. In July of 2024, Fr. O'Brien began his current assignment as rector of Holy Family Cathedral in Tulsa, Okla., where they have been actively developing stewardship as a way of life for almost a decade.

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