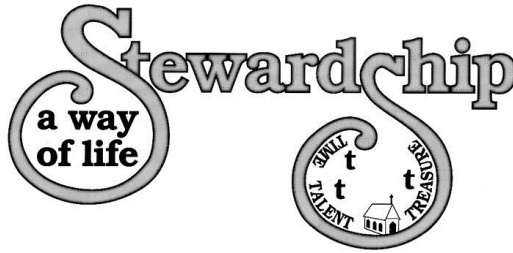


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## SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

### **March 4, 2018**      (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

- “You shall not covet” is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.
- Stewardship Thought: Do for others with no desire of returned favors. We all should plant some trees we’ll never sit under.
- Programs for young adults and senior citizens are important at (parish). Assure the continuation of these programs by a bequest in your Will.

### **March 11, 2018**      (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

- The blind man in today’s Gospel was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?
- Stewardship Thought: We must look upon others through the eyes of God and find the presence of Jesus in them. When we do this, how easy it is to give of our time, talent and treasure in service to others!
- Catholic education must continue to be available to young people. Help provide that opportunity by making a bequest in your Will for religious education at (parish name).

**March 18, 2018**      (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

- When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Every aspect of our lives - our sufferings as well as our gifts – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for ourselves and others.
- Stewardship Thought:    God has taught us that you cannot love without giving. That includes the giving of our time, talent and treasure.
- Have you considered a gift in your Will in memory of one of your pastors?

**March 25, 2018**      (Passion Sunday)

- Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.
- Stewardship Thought:    Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.
- Would you like to establish a permanent scholarship fund in memory of a loved one? Call Fr. \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ to find out how you can make a big difference in educating our seminarian students.

**April 1, 2018** (Easter)

- Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.
- Stewardship Thought:    Jesus asks us to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our treasure as an outward sign of the love and gratitude we have for Him.
- Have you made your Will? The State of North Dakota has made one for you – which may not distribute your estate according to your wishes. For your protection and security of your heirs, consult an attorney about making out your Will.