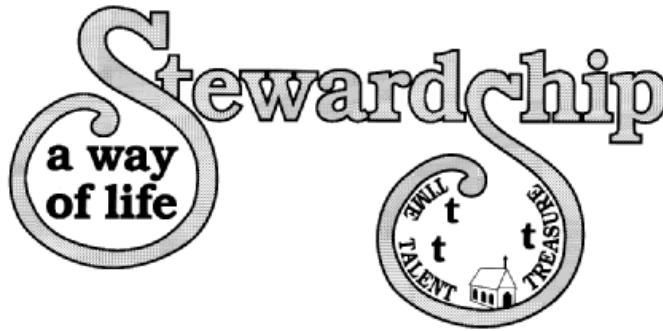


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SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

August 1, 2010 (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Seeing Jesus transfigured made Peter want to *do* something to mark the event. But the Voice from the cloud said clearly that the first task of those who recognize Jesus as Lord is to *listen* to Jesus – and then act!
- Stewardship Thought: Stewardship involves a change of heart, embodied not just in a single action, not even a series of actions, but in one's entire life.
- Many families have willed their homes, vacation homes or other real estate to their parish. Some with the provision of living in those homes until death. Consult an attorney if this gift option would benefit you and your estate.

August 8, 2010 (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Am I waiting for the “right” time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents “later”? Today's Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared – “at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
- Stewardship Thought: “None of those who cry out ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of God, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven”. (Matthew 7:21). Jesus made it clear that being stewards of our time, talent and treasure is part of the will of His Father.
- Over 70% of all adults neglect to make out a Will; many do not keep it up to date. Think about getting yours done or reviewed. You will be doing your heirs a service. And consider helping (parish name) through a bequest.

August 15, 2010 (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.
- Stewardship Thought: Have you ever taken a moment to figure out how much of your time, on the average, you spend a week volunteering in your church or in your community?
- Memorial gifts in your Will can provide for a scholarship in your name or that of your family. The annual income earned on your gift will provide a Catholic education for some student almost perpetually.

August 22, 2010 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself – my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God – is as important as the monetary gift I offer.
- Stewardship Thought: Stewardship is planned giving and does not leave giving to chance. It challenges us to plan. It asks us to appraise – deliberately – what we are doing with our time, talent and our treasure.
- Are you interested in investing in the future of religious education? A bequest in your Will could provide for an even better religious education program for your young people.

August 29, 2010 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!
- Stewardship Thought: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind." (Hebrews 13:16)
- We have drawn spiritual and academic life from our parish and Catholic schools. What return will we make of these gifts? As the good steward of the Gospel, shall we give to God sufficient return for our gifts? Consider a life-culminating gift through your Will.