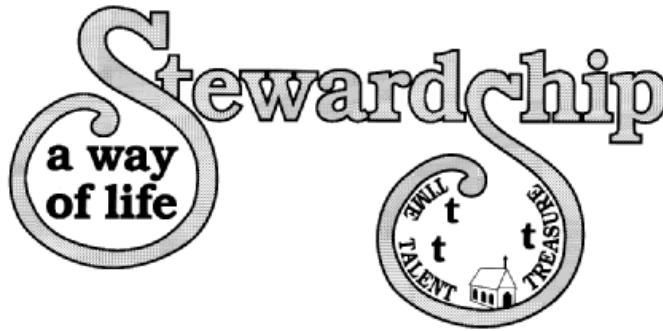


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SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

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.

September 5, 2010 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be his disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.
- Stewardship Thought: In a life committed to stewardship we are called to “possess lightly.” Jesus taught about the damages of clutching to material possessions, and pointed to the real treasures available to us in life.
- Religious education of young people is vital to the strength of the church for tomorrow. Make a provision in your Will for religious education at (parish/school).

September 12, 2010 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: “You are with me always, and everything I have is yours.” What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

- Stewardship Thought: Those who practice stewardship see themselves as caretakers of God's gifts. They are grateful for what they have received and are eager to share their gifts out of love for God and one another.

- Programs for young adults and senior citizens are important at (parish name). Assure the continuation of these programs by a bequest in your Will.

September 19, 2010 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

- Stewardship Thought: "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other or be attentive to the one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and money." (Luke 16:13)

- Catholic education must continue to be available to young people. Help provide that opportunity by making a bequest in your Will for Catholic education.

September 26, 2010 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in our out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

- Stewardship Thought: Stewardship calls us to generously share what we have with others as members of one Christian community. Stewardship focuses on our dependence on God which goes against society's focus on independence.

- Have you considered a gift in your Will in memory of one of your pastors?

October 3, 2010 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- When will I have given enough – of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only *total* stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

- Stewardship Thought: Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all of the Lord's blessings by returning to God a portion of the time, talent, and treasure we have received.

- Would you like to establish a permanent scholarship fund in memory of a loved one? Call Father _____ to find out how you can make a big difference in educating our seminarian students.