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## SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

**May 7, 2017**

**(4th Sunday in Easter)**

- Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.
- **Stewardship Thought:** If we give ourselves to God and let the Lord use our talents to serve others, we will be amazed by the results. Not only will the lives of others be changed but also our own lives will experience change.
- Life insurance policies assigned to a parish can mean substantial gifts. They are easy to assign and avoid taxes and estate complications. Do you have an insurance policy to assign your parish?

**May 14, 2017**

**(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter)**

- "The one who has faith in me will do the works, I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells his disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!
- **Stewardship Thought:** It is important to measure our generosity not by what we give, but by what we have left.
- Don't give away your hard-earned estate dollars through taxes and other administrative costs by not having a valid up-to-date Will. Your Will simply and legally provides a plan for distributing your hard-earned estate. Write one soon.

**May 21, 2017**

**(6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter)**

- Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?
- **Stewardship Thought:** Give of your time, talent and treasure until your heart knows that you have done something for God.
- The Tax Reform Act makes a Will vital and essential for every American. To preserve your hard-earned estate for those you love and have supported in life, distribute that estate legally by a Will.

**May 28, 2017**

**(7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

- In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.
- **Stewardship Thought:** We are all stewards – managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our challenge as Christians is to make good use of those gifts.
- Stocks and bonds, especially if appreciated in value over the years, can cost you a lot of capital gains taxes, but they can also make substantial gifts to (parish). Consider such a gift in your Will.

**June 4, 2017**

**(Pentecost Sunday)**

- In the second reading today, St Paul reminds the Corinthians, "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord." How am I using my gifts "for the common good"?
- **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.
- Who will take your place as a generous benefactor to (parish)? A memorial gift in your Will could continue your generosity after death.