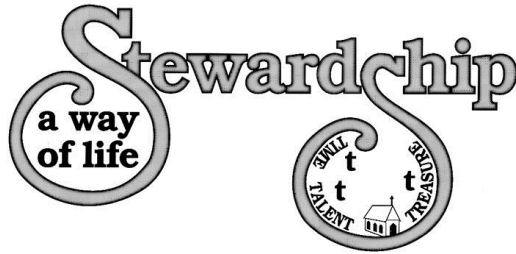


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SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

July 2, 2017

(13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just "a cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest ones will be rewarded.
- **Stewardship Thought:** Christ makes it quite clear that his disciples are called to be different. One of the ways he expects us to respond to his call to discipleship is through stewardship of our time, talent and treasure.
- You can avoid excess taxes by giving certain appreciated securities, art or coin/stamp collections to (parish). This is a very attractive and substantial way to make a memorial gift.

July 9, 2017

(14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- "Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You," says the Psalmist. Stewardship is this "attitude of gratitude" for the many gifts God has given us.
- **Stewardship Thought:** The heart grateful to God needs to find a way to express that gratitude. Some ways to do that are through prayer, service, and giving of one's resources.
- (Parish) will be faced with some major capital improvement to our buildings in the years ahead. You can help us to provide adequate facilities, in good repair, through a gift in your Will for this purpose.

July 16, 2017

(15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred- or sixty- or thirty-fold!
- Stewardship Thought: As Catholics, we are not to focus only on ourselves but are called by our baptism to reach out and share our time, talent, and treasure with our brothers and sisters.
- Have you ever considered purchasing a paid-up life insurance policy naming (parish) as the beneficiary? It could provide a very substantial gift for a small investment on your part. Talk with your agent.

July 23, 2017

(16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Good stewards in a parish are like the yeast in today's Gospel. Their selfless gifts of time and talent help the parish grow and thrive, and their example inspires others to become good stewards.
- Stewardship Thought: Jesus taught about the dangers of clutching to material possessions and pointed to the real treasures available to us in 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.

July 30, 2017

(17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- "The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?
- Stewardship Thought: Your church and community offer many opportunities for sharing your time and talent in God's service.
- 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) through a bequest.