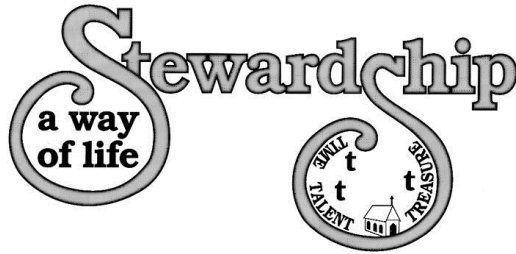


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SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

August 6, 2017

(18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- “The hand of the Lord feeds us,” sings the Psalmist; “He answers all our needs.” Often, though, it is with the open hands of generous stewards willing to share His many gifts that God’s people are fed and their needs met.
- **Stewardship Thought:** Do not think that it is a waste of time to feed the hungry, to visit and take care of the sick and the dying, to open and receive the unwanted and homeless; for this is our love of Christ in action.
- 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 13, 2017

(19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.
- **Stewardship Thought:** “Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.” (Hebrews 13:16)
- 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 our young people.

August 20, 2017

(20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?
- **Stewardship Thought:** Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with others.
- 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.

August 27, 2017

(21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In today's readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans – and us – that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that *all* is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.
- **Stewardship Thought:** All of us are called to be good stewards of our time, but to different causes or activities according to God's specific call. What is God's call to me?
- 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 name/school).

September 3, 2017

(22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to *total* stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."
- **Stewardship Thought:** Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.
- Programs for young adults and senior citizens are important at (parish). Assure the continuation of these programs by a bequest in your Will.