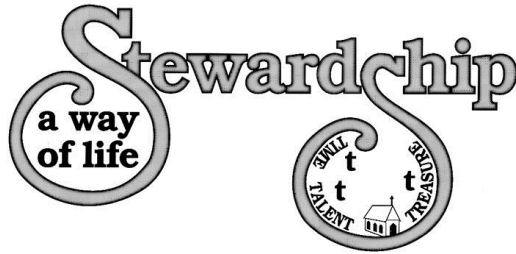


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SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

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.

June 11, 2017

(Trinity Sunday)

- The Gospel today is sometimes called “the Gospel in miniature” because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message. In even more condensed form, “God loved...God gave...” it is the paradigm for stewardship – we give because we love.
- **Stewardship Thought:** God will never be outdone in generosity. No one is ever poorer for giving to our God who is so rich in love, mercy, and goodness.
- Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled (parish) to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of the strength of this community by making a bequest in your Will to (parish).

June 18, 2017

(The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)

- The Scriptures today remind us that “we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf.” How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the body of Christ?
- **Stewardship Thought:** God has given each of us some special abilities. It is important that we use them to help one another, passing on to others the many blessings that God has given us.
- A bequest in your Will is important for the future of (parish). If everyone made a gift, we would be assured of being able to continue our services to the community.

June 25, 2017

(11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In today’s Gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples to meet the needs of others. His admonition to them is the same challenge he makes to us: “This gift you have received, give as a gift.”
- **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.
- You need not redo your entire Will to make a provision for a charitable bequest to (parish). Simply prepare a Codicil (a written change or addition), have it witnessed and attached to your Will. Add a gift to your parish in your Will.

July 2, 2017

(12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- “Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,” Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, “and nothing hidden that will not become known.” May our stewardship of God’s gifts be such that we would not be ashamed if it were seen in the clear light of day.
- **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.