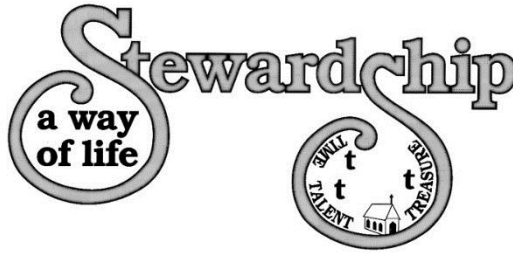


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SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

June 3, 2018 (Body and Blood of Christ)

- The bishops' stewardship pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?" The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ."
- Stewardship Thought: "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life for many." Mark 10:45
- Who will take your place as a generous benefactor to (parish)? A memorial gift in your Will could continue your generosity after death.

June 10, 2018 (10th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden because of their disobedience. But Jesus says in today's Gospel that when we are obedient to God's will – when we use our gifts to serve one another – we become part of His family. "Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me."
- Stewardship Thought: Those who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all that they have and all that they are.
- 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 17, 2018 (11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Like the sower in today's Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent, and resources; and I trust that, by God's grace and in God's time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the Kingdom of God.
- Stewardship Thought: "Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means." (Sir: 25)
- 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 24, 2018 (Nativity of Saint John the Baptist/12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died "so that those who live might live no longer for themselves." What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!
- Stewardship Thought: How much you have has nothing to do with generosity to God. If you don't give of your time, talent, and treasure with what you already have, you most likely won't do it if you have more.
- 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 1, 2018 (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Today's reading from St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship – "The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."
- Stewardship Thought: We are accountable for the gifts God has given us on Earth – our time, talent and treasure. One day each of us will be asked by God what we did with those gifts. How will you respond?
- 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.