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SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

November 2, 2025

(All Soul's Day)

- On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for those who have gone before us and stand in judgment before God. May we share with each other the treasure of love's memory, and console one another with the hope of resurrection.
- <u>Stewardship Thought</u>: Sharing of our talents arises from the fact that God has given each of us the ability and gifts to do certain things well, and we are to develop those talents for the good of others.
- 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.

November 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateral Basilica

- In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.
- <u>Stewardship Thought</u>: We are born taking; we must learn to give. It is our responsibility to teach our young people the message of stewardship through the example we set for them.
- 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.

November 16, 2025

(33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.
- <u>Stewardship Thought</u>: Those who commit to stewardship as a way of life look to Jesus as the model of the perfect steward. He spent time in prayer; he used his talents in service to others; and he made the ultimate sacrifice for the redemption of our sins.

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 (<u>parish</u>). Consider such a gift in your Will.

November 23, 2025 (Christ the King)

- Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of *my* life?
- <u>Stewardship Thought</u>: While earning your daily bread, be sure to share a slice with those less fortunate.
- Who will take your place as a generous benefactor to <u>(parish)</u>? A memorial gift in your Will could continue your generosity after death.

November 30, 2025 (1st Sunday of Advent)

- "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.
- <u>Stewardship Thought</u>: Do for others with no desire of returned favors. We all should plant some trees we'll never sit under.
- Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled (<u>parish</u>) 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 (<u>parish</u>).

December 7, 2025 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

- We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
- <u>Stewardship Thought</u>: Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.
- A bequest in your Will is important for the future of (<u>parish</u>). If everyone made a gift, we would be assured of being able to continue our services to the community.