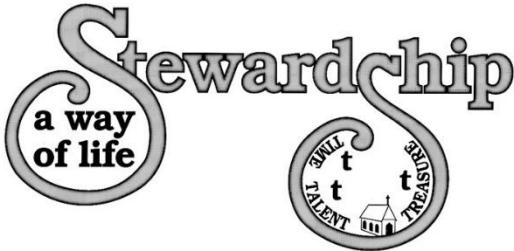


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## SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

### January 4, 2026 (Epiphany)

- Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring – our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.
- **Stewardship Thought:** Do for others with no desire of returned favors. We all should plant some trees we'll never sit under.
- 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.

### January 11, 2026 (Feast of the Baptism of the Lord)

- Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "... there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."
- **Stewardship Thought:** Christian stewardship trains us to become aware that God is the ultimate giver of the gifts we have. Our gift to God should be "from the top" – not what may be left over.
- 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.

**January 18, 2026**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

- Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward. "Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.
- **Stewardship Thought:** Stewardship involves a change of heart, embodied not just in a single action, nor even a series of actions, but in one's entire life.
- 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.

**January 25, 2026**

**(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

- The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!
- **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.
- 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.

**February 1, 2026**

**(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

- Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom *will* be rewarded!
- **Stewardship Thought:** Develop your talents to the fullest so that you can use them to benefit your church and community. Your abilities will grow with use; unused, they may wither away.
- 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.