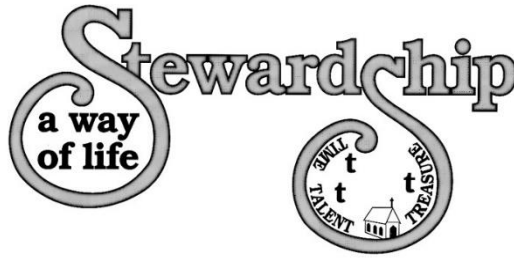


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SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

August 3, 2025

(18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Seeing Jesus transfigured made Peter want to *do* something to mark the event. But the Voice from the cloud said clearly that the first task of those who recognize Jesus as Lord is to *listen* to Jesus – and then act!
- Stewardship Thought: Have you given real thought lately to how good God has been to you? Do you give in proportion to what God has given you?
- 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 10, 2025

(19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."
- Stewardship Thought: Stewardship involves a change of heart, embodied not just in a single action, not even a series of actions, but in one's entire life.
- 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 17, 2025

(20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division is one way to measure our discipleship.
- Stewardship Thought: "None of those who cry out 'Lord, Lord' will enter the Kingdom of God, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven". (Matthew 7:21) Jesus made it clear that being stewards of our time, talent and treasure is part of the will of His Father.
- 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).

August 24, 2025

(21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself – my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God – is as important as the monetary gift I offer.
- Stewardship Thought: Have you ever taken a moment to figure out how much of your time, on the average, you spend a week volunteering in your church or in your community?
- Programs for young adults and senior citizens are important at (parish). Assure the continuation of these programs by a bequest in your Will.

August 31, 2025

(22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!
- Stewardship Thought: Stewardship is planned giving and does not leave giving to chance. It challenges us to plan. It asks us to appraise – deliberately – what we are doing with our time, talent and our treasure.
- Catholic education must continue to be available to young people. Help provide that opportunity by making a bequest in your Will for religious education at (parish name).