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SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

February 1, 2026

(4th 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.

February 8, 2026

(5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In the first reading, Isaiah urges us in the name of the Lord to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked. If we do so, he assures us, the Lord will hear and answer *our* cries for help in time of need.
- **Stewardship Thought:** Stewardship involves the conscientious, firm decision, carried out constantly in action, to conduct one's self as a follower of Jesus, regardless of the cost.
- 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.

February 15, 2026

(6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.
- **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.
- 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).

February 22, 2026

(1st Sunday of Lent)

- What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!
- **Stewardship Thought:** In our daily lives, we manage our family and work responsibilities. But to become occupied with these important matters to the exclusion of the needs of others outside our home and work, is a mistake we could carry into eternity.
- 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).

March 1, 2026

(2nd Sunday of Lent)

- "Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails." St Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?
- **Stewardship Thought:** Stewardship is not job-oriented or project-minded. It is a way of life for a lifetime.
- Have you considered a gift in your Will in memory of one of your pastors?