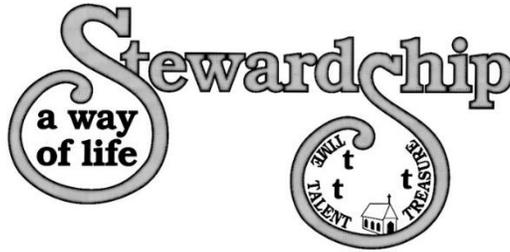


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## SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

### **March 1, 2026**

### **(2<sup>nd</sup> 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?

### **March 8, 2026**

### **(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

- When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!
- **Stewardship Thought:** There is special happiness in returning to God, through gifts to Church and charity, a grateful portion of the time, talents, and treasure God has given to us. Doing so is called stewardship.
- Would you like to establish a permanent scholarship fund in memory of a loved one? Call Fr. \_\_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_\_ to find out how you can make a big difference in educating our seminarian students.

### **March 15, 2026**

### **(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

- The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

- Stewardship Thought: Given a choice between all the riches and power in the world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Heavenly Father. In many ways we are presented with the same choice throughout our lives. Which do you choose?
- Have you made your Will? The State of North Dakota has made one for you – which may not distribute your estate according to your wishes. For your protection and security of your heirs, consult an attorney about making out your Will.

**March 22, 2026**

**(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

- When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded. “This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God’s glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified.” Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for ourselves and others.
- Stewardship Thought: “For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life for many.”
- Does your husband have a Will? If not, you as wife and mother may be risking a great loss of financial security. Get his Will prepared today and write one for yourself.

**March 29, 2026**

**(Passion Sunday)**

- “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” shout the crowds in today’s Gospel. May *we* be always ready to share our blessings when *we* are sent in His name!
- Stewardship Thought: Stewardship of time, talent and treasure is chiefly a way to deepen our spiritual life.
- Does your wife have a Will? In the event of a common disaster, the courts will look to your wife’s Will in the distribution of your estate. Be prepared; get her Will written.