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SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

September 6, 2026

(23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"
- Stewardship Thought: The heart grateful to God needs to find a way to express that gratitude. Some important ways to do that are through prayer, through service and through giving of one's resources.
- Would you like to establish a permanent scholarship fund in memory of a loved one? Call Ron Schatz at the Diocese to find out how you can make a big difference in educating our seminarian students.

September 13, 2026

(24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants."
- Stewardship Thought: If we accept the challenge of putting God first in our time and treasure, our attitudes, priorities, and spiritual lives will definitely change.
- 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.

September 20, 2026

(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?
- Stewardship Thought: Christian Stewardship provides a spirituality that you can take home from church, exercise at work and express through personal involvement in the community and the Church.
- 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.

September 27, 2026

(26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?
- Stewardship Thought: Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, he calls us to share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with others.
- 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.

October 4, 2026

(27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?
- Stewardship Thought: If we give ourselves to God and let Him use our talents to serve others, we will be amazed by the results. Not only will our lives be changed but so will the lives of others.
- Have you remembered the good works of the Church in your Will? A bequest of part of your estate or for a stated amount of \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 or more will ensure that the works of the parish will continue after your death.