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SUMMER STEWARDSHIP FOR CHILDREN

School is out! We hear many children say, “I don’t have anything to do.” Here are a few ideas to help your children grow in their understanding of Stewardship as a Way of Life. Stewardship Committees may want to include one option every few weekends in the “Children’s Corner” of the parish bulletin.

- “Bean a Good Steward”... Give your children several bean seeds and a small pot or plot of ground. Have them prepare the soil, plant the seed, and give it water. Make sure it is in the sunshine! Talk to them about the importance of taking care of God’s seed. (The seeds will sprout quickly in the summer heat!) If they are pole beans, provide something for them to climb. Have a real celebration at harvest time.
- Have a neighborhood “Talent Show.” Talk to your children about how everyone has been given a talent from God, and they could plan a special show to entertain the neighbors, family members, and friends. Encourage them to recruit participants with a variety of talents such as: singing, dancing, showing an art project, telling a story, reading a poem, showing an athletic skill. Decide on a place, date and time. They should create invitations and handle all of the work.
- Plan and carry out a neighborhood clean-up and recycle day. Make one day each week your stewardship of your neighborhood day. Give each child a garbage bag and latex gloves. Make one garbage bag for recyclables and the other for garbage. Go for a walk, picking up the trash and putting it in the proper bag. When you get back to your house, put the material collected in the proper receptacle.
- Write a Litany of Gratitude. Give your children a special notepad and pencil for recording a Litany of Gratitude. Ask them to write down things for which they are grateful all during the day. Some examples might be: a kind word from a friend, a beautiful flower, the softness of a puppy, some help with chores, a favorite song, a refreshing swim, cold lemonade, etc. At the end of the day make the litany part of your night prayer. Have as a response, “Thank you, God, and help us to care for all you have given us.”

Stewardship in the Sunday Scripture

July 10, 2016

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:25-37

Parable of the Good Samaritan

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August 7, 2016

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:32-48

“Wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be.”

Planning Ahead...

In October 2017, the International Catholic Stewardship Council Annual Conference will be held in Atlanta, GA. Please make a note to attend (since it is so close, no need to budget for airfare!)

In order to encourage participation at this conference, we will not hold the Atlanta Province Regional Stewardship conference in Spring 2017. We will however, host a one day Stewardship event for parishes in the Diocese of Charlotte. Stay tuned for more details later this year.

Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

July 3, 2016

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning a portion of the time, talent and treasure allotted to us.

July 10, 2016

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship engenders a spirituality that deepens our relationship with Jesus. Stewardship involves intentional, planned and proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure.

July 17, 2016

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Give and it shall be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will they pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.” (Luke 6:38)

July 24, 2016

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure you have received.” (I Peter 4:8-10)

July 31, 2016

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are you satisfied with the amount of time you spend each week serving God and our community?

August 7, 2016

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Wherever your treasure lies, there also your heart will be.” (Luke 12:34)

August 15, 2016

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Never forget: God Provides. Are you His vessel this week or His recipient?

August 21, 2016

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, our talent and our treasure.

August 28, 2016

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christian Stewardship provides a spirituality that you can take home from church, exercise at work and express through personal involvement in the community and church.

For additional information on parish stewardship resources, training parish stewardship committees, planning a ministry fair, implementing children’s stewardship, or for details on anything mentioned in this

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Stewardship Bulletin Announcements in Spanish

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***“Stewardship by the Book” Scriptural Quotations on Stewardship
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3 de Julio 2016

14avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

“La cosecha es abundante, “dice Jesús a los setenta y dos discípulos en el Evangelio de hoy, “pero los trabajadores son pocos.” La situación es la misma hoy. ¿Cómo puedo yo ayudar en la cosecha de Dios? ¿He sido llamado a cosechar? ¿Soy yo quien podría proveer el alimento, el abrigo o el salario a los que fatigan en los campos de Señor?

10 de Julio 2016

15avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

En buen Samaritano era también un buen administrador de los bienes de Dios, dando su tiempo y su tesoro para satisfacer las necesidades de su prójimo. Al final de esta historia conocida, Jesús anima a sus oyentes – y a nosotros – para que vayamos a hacer lo mismo!

17 de Julio 2016

16avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de hoy nos hablan de la hospitalidad. Abraham, quien alegremente hizo por sus invitados todo lo que la hospitalidad del desierto requería, fue premiado con el anhelo de su corazón – con un hijo. Marta también se ocupaba de los detalles de la hospitalidad pero de mala gana y quejándose. ¿Doy mi hospitalidad con alegría o de mala gana?

24 de Julio 2016

17avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Jesús describe la inconmensurable generosidad de Dios cuando dice en el Evangelio de hoy, “El que pide, recibe; el que busca, encuentra; el que llama, será admitido.” Pero debería ser también la descripción de nosotros como buenos cristianos administradores de los bienes de Dios – los que buscamos seguir a Cristo empleamos nuestros dones al servicio de los demás.

31 de Julio 2016

18avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Al ver a Cristo transfigurado Pedro quiso hacer algo para marcar el evento. Pero la Voz de la nube dijo claramente, que la primera tarea de los que reconocen a Jesús como Señor, es de escuchar a Jesús – y luego actuar!

7 de Agosto 2016

19avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

¿Estoy esperando yo el momento “justo” para volverme un buen administrador de los bienes de Dios? ¿Estoy pensando compartir mi tiempo y talentos “más tarde?” El Evangelio de hoy advierte a aquellos que posponen volverse buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios – que se preparen porque “El Hijo del Hombre vendrá a la hora menos esperada.”

15 de Agosto 2016

Asunción

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo nos anima a no cansarnos, ni desanimarnos sino a perseverar en seguir a Jesús. Nuestra voluntad de dar de nosotros mismos, aún frente a los conflictos y la división, es una manera de medir nuestro apostolado.

21 de Agosto 2016

21avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

La lectura de hoy de Isaías describe a los Israelitas trayendo sus ofrendas al Señor “en vasijas limpias.” El regalo de mí mismo – mi perseverancia y fidelidad a la voluntad de Dios – es tan importante como la ofrenda monetaria que doy.

28 de Agosto 2016

22avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos advierte, que no pongamos nuestras esperanzas en ser retribuidos, pero en el dar generosamente al pobre y necesitado. Esta forma de dar imita la abundancia en que Dios da y Jesús nos asegura, que realmente, es bendecida.