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# Stewardship BULLETIN

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*Spring*  *into new life with your stewardship efforts!*

Are you planning to have a springtime stewardship effort? This is a great time of the year to invite parishioners to renew their commitment to stewardship.

- If you are having your parish stewardship renewal this spring, make sure you have everything in place...mailings, brochures, lay witness speakers, commitment cards, and ministry leaders prepared.
- If you have your primary stewardship effort in the fall of the year, you might want to take advantage of this season of “new life” and have a recognition event in the spring.
- Consider using Pentecost Sunday as a time to remind parishioners that the Holy Spirit has given each of us unique spiritual gifts to be given away for the sake of the Kingdom.
- Plan a family-oriented, community-building event such as a parish picnic, a spring-fling, a softball game (We once had a youth ministry softball game of catechists vs. students.)
- Host a hospitality welcoming event for new parishioners. It does not have to be elaborate...even an ice cream social is fun and welcoming. Make sure your ministry leaders are present to share experiences of their particular ministry.
- Celebrate Mother’s Day and Father’s Day with a small Thank-You gift for Moms and Dads on their special day. Remind them that their children are truly gifts from God, and they are called to be good stewards of their relationships.
- Honor your high school and college graduates with a small reception. Remind them that they are to be good stewards of their vocations as they begin a new phase of their life journey.

## *Stewardship Messages in the Sunday Gospels*

**May 3, 2015**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**“He who lives in me and I in him will produce abundantly.”**  
John 15:1-8

**May 10, 2015**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**“This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you...  
it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit.”**  
John 15:9-17

**May 31, 2015**  
**Most Holy Trinity**  
**“...go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.  
Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”**  
Matthew 28:16-20

## Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

May 3, 2015  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Do we ever take the initiative in giving our time, talent and treasure, or do we always wait to be asked?

May 10, 2015  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

"In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts." (Sirach 35:7)

May 17, 2015  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.

May 21, 2015  
Pentecost Sunday

All of us are called to be good stewards of our time, but to different causes or activities according to God's specific call. What is God's call to me?

May 31, 2015  
Most Holy Trinity

Stewardship of time, talent and treasure faces certain obstacles: greed, selfishness, irresponsibility and a lack of trust.

June 7, 2015  
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

It is important that we budget our hours as we budget our income so we are able to give our time to be involved in church and community activities.

June 14, 2015  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship of treasure is based on giving a percentage of our income. If we have little income, we will give little. If we have greater income, we will give more. Whether we are poor or rich, we can each give a percentage of our income to church and other charities.

June 21, 2015  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why not keep a record for one week of how you spend your time? How much do the church and community organizations get of that time?

June 28, 2015  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"With each contribution, show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy." (Sirach 35:8)

*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 mayo 6 2015

5to. de Pascua

El buen administrador de los bienes de Dios vive según el consejo de San Juan, amando con los actos y en verdad, en vez de hablar de ello nada más.

10 de mayo 2015

6to. de Pascua

El mandamiento de Jesús es que sus discípulos se amen los unos a los otros, incluso hasta el punto de ofrecer sus vidas si fuera necesario. ¿Que dones de mi mismo-mis habilidades y talento, mi tiempo y recursos-demostrarán mejor me amor por el pueblo de Dios?

17 de mayo 2015

7mo. de Pascua

Jesús es el perfecto administrador –mira cuidadosamente a todos los que han sido encomendados a El por el Padre y después a los envía a todos para que sirvan por el mundo. ¡Que de igual forma yo proteja y use sabiamente los dones que se me han encomendado!

25 de mayo 2015

Pentecostés

San Pablo nos recuerda hoy que todos nuestros dones tienen su fuente en el Espíritu Santo, y que esos dones nos han sido entregados para el bien común. ¿Cuáles son mis dones que debo compartir?

31 de mayo 2015

Santísima Trinidad

La segunda lectura de hoy nos recuerda que somos hijo e hijas adoptivos de Dios –sus herederos. Somos buenos administradores de nuestra herencia cuando compartimos nuestra fe y cumplimos con el mandamiento de Nuestro Señor “Id y haced discípulos de todas las naciones.”

7 de junio 2015

La Sangre y el Cuerpo de Cristo

La carta pastoral de los obispos sobre la Administración de Nuestro Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro como Bienes de Dios pregunta: “¿Y que traen los cristianos a la celebración eucarística para juntarlo allí con la ofrenda de Jesús?” La respuesta es: “Sus vidas como discípulos cristianos; sus vocaciones personales y la administración de los bienes de Dios que has ejercitado en lo que a ellos se refiere; sus contribuciones individuales para la gran obra de restaurar todas las cosas en Cristo.”

14 de junio 2015

11avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Como el sembrador en el Evangelio de hoy, yo esparzo como semillas mis dones de tiempo, talento y recursos; y confío en que, por la gracia de Dios y a la hora de Dios, estos pequeños dones míos crezcan, florezcan y ayuden a traer el reino de Dios.

21 de junio 2015

12avo. Del Tiempo Ordinario

San Pablo nos recuerda que Cristo murió para que “aquellos que viven puedan vivir no solamente para ellos mismos.” ¡Lo que damos y hacemos por los demás, lo damos y lo hacemos por Jesús!

28 de junio 2015

13avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

La Lectura de hoy de San Pablo explica “la economía divina” de la administración de los bienes de Dios – “La ayuda a los demás no debe empobrecerlos; tiene que haber cierta igualdad. Vuestra abundancia en el presente debe satisfacer las necesidades de aquellos, para que algún día los excedentes de ellos puedan a su vez satisfacer vuestras necesidades.”