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## BULLETIN

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Activities throughout the Year*

### Stewardship in the Sunday Gospels

September 20, 2015

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 9:30-37

**“If anyone wishes to rank first, he must remain the last one of all and the servant of all.”**

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October 11, 2015

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 10:17-30

**“Go and sell what you have and give to the poor; you will then have treasure in heaven.”**

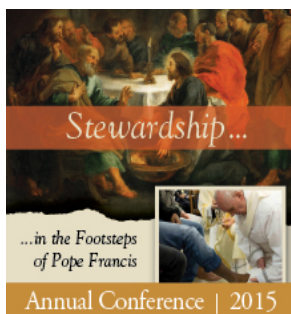


### Back to School Stewardship

School's back in session with new opportunities for giving and helping your children understand the meaning of stewardship.

Here are just a few:

- Are you getting new “back to school” clothes? How about giving your old but gently used clothing to the women and children’s shelter?
- When you buy school supplies, purchase a few extra notebooks, pens and pencils. Give them to your child’s teacher with the intention of sharing them with less fortunate children. Did you know that many teachers buy extra school supplies with their own money?
- Many organizations collect “back to school” supplies for distribution to needy children. Check it out in your local community.



### Plan to Attend the ICSC Annual Conference in Chicago – October 22-25!

- Network with some of the most successful stewardship parishes in the country.
- Get inspiration from great liturgies and energizing keynote talks.
- Bring back materials, ideas and resources that your parish will use for years to come.
- Give your new stewardship committee members the opportunity to understand stewardship at a deeper level.

Register now at <http://catholicstewardship.com/programs-a-events/annual-conference/2015-annual-conference-information>

*On a personal note: Last year was the first time I attended the ICSC Stewardship Conference, and I can honestly say I highly recommend it. I wish I had gone when I was just starting our parish’s stewardship committee ten years ago, and I wish I had gone when I was a parish manager. The information shared is invaluable; and the people in attendance are terrific resources.*

## Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

September 6, 2015  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Stewardship is not job-oriented or project-minded. It is a way of life for a lifetime.

September 13, 2015  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sharing our talents arises from the fact that God has given each of us the ability and gifts to do certain things well, and we are to develop those talents for the good of others.

September 20, 2015  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Christian Stewardship trains us to become aware that God is the ultimate giver of the gifts we have. To give to God should be “from the top” – not what may be left over.

September 27, 2015  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

In a life committed to stewardship we are called to “possess lightly.” Jesus taught about the dangers of clutching to material possessions and pointed to the real treasures available to us in life.

October 4, 2015  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

“No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other or be attentive to the one and despise the other.” (Luke 16:13)

October 11, 2015  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, talent and treasure we have received.

October 18, 2015  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Giving of our time involves being with God in prayer and worship and volunteering our time in the church and community activities that help others.

October 25, 2015  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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## **Stewardship Bulletin Announcements in Spanish**

### **Spanish Translations taken from:**

*“Stewardship by the Book” Scriptural Quotations on Stewardship  
by Sharon Hueckel, published by Our Sunday Visitor*

6 de Septiembre 2015  
23avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

El buen administrador de los bienes de Dios no debe mostrar favoritismo. El rico puede tener muchos dones materiales para compartir, pero Santiago nos recuerda en la segunda lectura que Dios ha elegido a los pobres del mundo para que sean ricos en fe y herederos del reino de Dios.

13 de Septiembre 2015  
24avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

En la segunda lectura de hoy, Santiago tiene palabras severas para aquellos que no ponen su fe en acción. Que nosotros seamos tan buenos administradores de los regalos de Dios, que nunca nos puedan acusar de tener “una fe que en la práctica no hace nada.”

20 de Septiembre 2015  
25avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

La segunda lectura de hoy nos advierte que un corazón consumido por la avaricia y la envidia conduce a los celos, a la discordia, los conflictos y las disputas. Un corazón generoso, en contraste, puede cantar con el Salmista, “Libremente te ofreceré el sacrificio; alabaré Tu nombre, O Señor, por su bondad.”

27 de Septiembre 2015  
26avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Santiago advierte en la segunda lectura de hoy que serán condenados aquellos que acumulan riquezas y viven sólo para sí mismos. Pero en el Evangelio Jesús nos asegura que todos los que dan de sí en Su nombre serán recompensados.

4 de Octubre 2015  
27avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

La frase en el Salmo de hoy, “Que puedas ver a los hijos de tus hijos” es en realidad una oración para una larga vida. El buen administrador de los bienes de Dios sabe que cada día es un regalo de Dios que se debe vivir con júbilo y dando gracias. “Que el Señor nos bendiga todos los días de nuestras vidas!”

11 de Octubre 2015  
28avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús pide al joven rico que regale todo lo que tiene con el fin de poseer un tesoro en el cielo. Pero el joven es incapaz de liberarse de sus posesiones, y se aleja con tristeza. ¿Lo que yo poseo me impide seguir a Jesús?

18 de Octubre 2015  
29avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios no deben discutir sobre quien es más importante. El Evangelio de hoy dice claramente que aquellos que aspiran a la grandeza deben atender humildemente las necesidades de todos. Incluso Jesús no vino a ser servido, sino a servir.

25 de Octubre 2015  
30avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

El Salmo de hoy dice, “El Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por nosotros; estamos llenos de júbilo.” Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios demuestran por medio de su vida y sus donaciones que comprenden que Dios es la Fuente de todo lo que ellos son y de todo lo que poseen.