

Stewardship Bulletin



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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 ... be 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, 2022

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:25-37

Parable of the Good Samaritan

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August 7, 2022

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:32-48

"Wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be."

International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) Annual Conference

There is still time to register for the upcoming annual conference.

This year the conference will be held in Anaheim CA, October 2 - 5, 2022

Please go to their website for more information:

<https://catholicstewardship.com/icsc-2022-annual-conference/>

Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

July 3, 2022

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The harvest is rich,” Jesus tells the seventy-two in today’s Gospel, “but the workers are few.” The situation is the same today. How can I help with God’s harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

July 10, 2022

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and treasure to meet his neighbor’s need. At the end of the familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers – and us – to go and do the same!

July 17, 2022

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart’s desire – a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

July 24, 2022

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is describing God’s immeasurable generosity when He says in today’s Gospel, “Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted.” But it should also be the description of us Christian stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

July 31, 2022

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seeing Jesus transfiguration made Peter want to do something to mark the event. But the Voice from the cloud said clearly that the first task of those who recognize Jesus as Lord is to listen to Jesus – and then act!

August 7, 2022

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am I waiting for the “right” time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents “later”? Today’s Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared – “at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will.”

August 14, 2022

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

August 21, 2022

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord “in clean vessels.” The gift of myself – my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God – is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

August 28, 2022

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give openly-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

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Stewardship Bulletin Announcements in Spanish

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3 de Julio 2022

14avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

“La mies es abundante”, dice Jesús a los setenta y dos en el evangelio de hoy, “pero los obreros son pocos”. La situación es la misma hoy. ¿Cómo puedo ayudar con la cosecha de Dios? ¿Soy llamado al campo? ¿Soy alguien que podría proporcionar alimento, techo o salario a los que trabajan en los campos del Señor?

10 de Julio 2022

15avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

El buen samaritano también era un buen mayordomo, dando su tiempo y dinero para satisfacer las necesidades de su prójimo. Al final de la historia familiar, Jesús insta a sus oyentes, y a nosotros, ¡a ir y hacer lo mismo!

17 de Julio 2022

16avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de hoy hablan de hospitalidad. Abraham, quien alegremente hizo por sus invitados toda la hospitalidad que requería el desierto, fue recompensado con el deseo de su corazón: un hijo. Martha también se ocupó de todos los detalles de la hospitalidad, pero de mala gana y con queja. ¿Soy un dador alegre o a regañadientes?

24 de Julio 2022

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 usamos nuestros dones al servicio de los demás.

31 de Julio 2022

18avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Ver la transfiguración de Jesús hizo que Pedro quisiera hacer algo para marcar el evento. Pero la Voz desde la nube dijo claramente que la primera tarea de aquellos que reconocen a Jesús como Señor es escuchar a Jesús, ¡y luego actuar!

7 de Agosto 2022

19avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

¿Estoy esperando el momento “adecuado” para convertirme en un buen mayordomo? ¿Planeo compartir mi tiempo y mis talentos “más adelante”? El Evangelio de hoy advierte a aquellos que están postergando la mayordomía que estén preparados: “a la hora que no esperéis, el Hijo del Hombre lo hará”.

14 de Agosto 2022

20avo. Del Tiempo Ordinario

En la segunda lectura de hoy, san Pablo nos anima a no cansarnos ni desanimarnos, sino a perseverar en el seguimiento de Jesús. Nuestra voluntad de dar de nosotros mismos, incluso frente al conflicto y la división, es una forma de medir nuestro discipulado.

21 de Agosto 2022

21avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

La lectura de hoy de Isaías describe a los israelitas trayendo su ofrenda al Señor “en vasos limpios”. El regalo de mí mismo, mi paciencia y fidelidad a la voluntad de Dios, es tan importante como el regalo monetario que ofrezco.

28 de Agosto 2022

22avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos advierte que no demos con la esperanza de recibir un pago, sino que demos generosamente a los pobres y necesitados. ¡Ese tipo de ofrenda refleja la generosidad de Dios, y Jesús nos asegura que es una bendición!