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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.
- 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 6, 2018**

**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 27, 2018**

**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

**June 10, 2018**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**“Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”**

Mark 3:20-35

## Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

May 6, 2018  
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 13, 2018  
The Ascension of the Lord

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

May 20, 2018  
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 27, 2018  
Most Holy Trinity

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

June 3, 2018  
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 10, 2018  
10<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 17, 2018  
11<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 24, 2018  
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

"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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6 de mayo 2018

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. ¿Qué dones de mi mismo-mis habilidades y talento, mi tiempo y recursos-demostrarán mejor mi amor por el pueblo de Dios?

13 de mayo 2018

Ascensión

Jesús es el perfecto administrador –mira cuidadosamente a todos los que han sido encomendados a El por el Padre y después 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!

20 de mayo 2018

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?

27 de mayo 2018

Santísima Trinidad

La segunda lectura de hoy nos recuerda que somos hijos 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 “Ven y haz discípulos de todas las naciones.”

3 de junio 2018

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 unirnos a la ofrenda de Jesús?” La respuesta es: “Sus vidas como discípulos cristianos; sus vocaciones personales y la administración de los bienes de Dios que han ejercitado en lo que a ellos se refiere a sus contribuciones individuales para la gran obra de restaurar todas las cosas en Cristo.”

10 de junio 2018

10avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Adán y Eva fueron desterrados del jardín por su desobediencia. Pero Jesús dice en el evangelio de hoy que cuando somos obedientes a la voluntad de Dios – cuando usamos nuestros dones para servirnos unos a otros – nos convertimos en parte de Su familia. “Quien hace la voluntad de Dios es hermano y hermana madre mía”.

17 de junio 2018

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 en el tiempo de Dios, estos pequeños dones míos crezcan, florezcan y ayuden a traer el reino de Dios.

24 de junio 2018

La Natividad de St. Juan el Bautista

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!