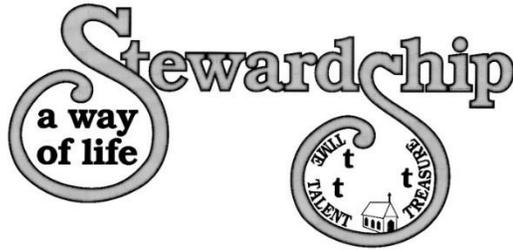


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SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

November 3, 2019

(31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too – "that our God may make (us) worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith."
- **Stewardship Thought:** Stewardship is opening our hearts, schedules, and hands to others – being available and willing to listen and give our time and our love. Those we give to can be neighbors, fellow parishioners, as well as those who are hurting.
- Don't give away your hard-earned estate dollars through taxes and other administrative costs by not having a valid up-to-date Will. Your Will simply and legally provides a plan for distributing your hard-earned estate. Write one soon.

November 10, 2019

(32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.
- **Stewardship Thought:** Sharing of 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.
- The Tax Reform Act makes a Will vital and essential for every American. To preserve your hard-earned estate for those you love and have supported in life, distribute that estate legally by a Will.

November 17, 2019

(33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.
- **Stewardship Thought:** We are born taking; we must learn to give. It is our responsibility to teach our young people the message of stewardship through the example we set for them.
- Stocks and bonds, especially if appreciated in value over the years, can cost you a lot of capital gains taxes, but they can also make substantial gifts to (parish). Consider such a gift in your Will.

November 24, 2019

(Christ the King)

- Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of *my* life?
- **Stewardship Thought:** Those who commit to stewardship as a way of life look to Jesus as the model of the perfect steward. He spent time in prayer; he used his talents in service to others; and he made the ultimate sacrifice for the redemption of our sins.
- Who will take your place as a generous benefactor to (parish)? A memorial gift in your Will could continue your generosity after death.

December 1, 2019

(1st Sunday of Advent)

- "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.
- **Stewardship Thought:** While earning your daily bread, be sure to share a slice with those less fortunate.
- Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled (parish) to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of the strength of this community by making a bequest in your Will to (parish).