

Parish Bulletin Stewardship Reflections

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May 3rd – 4th Sunday of Easter

Good stewards are like good shepherds. Jesus, the good shepherd willingly offered his own life for us. The perfect model of Christian stewardship is found in the example of Jesus. What are you prepared to offer? It is in our willingness to give of ourselves that we discover a life filled with purpose and meaning – a life of significance.

May 10th – 5th Sunday of Easter

Jesus is the vine; all the nourishment for us to bear good fruit is found in Him. As we gather Sunday after Sunday at the Eucharistic table, we are nourished and called to bear good fruit. Good stewards know that Jesus, especially in the gift of His body and blood, is the vine that sustains us as we strive to be good stewards.

May 17th – 6th Sunday of Easter

Jesus' commandment to us is that we are to love one another, as He loves us. As stewards, we respond to Jesus' love in a life of generous giving. Being a Christian steward is not about '*giving to the needs*' of others – it's all about '*needing to give*' in gratitude to God who so graciously gives to us.

May 24th – Ascension of the Lord

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he reminded us that he will always be with us! How are you being present to others? Being a Christian steward is to always have a disposition of extraordinary hospitality, ensuring that every person feels the presence of Christ in the community, where ever and when ever we gather.

May 31st – Pentecost Sunday

We celebrate Pentecost as part of the three days that changed our lives forever – Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Today is the Church's birthday. When you go to a birthday party, you usually bring a gift. We come to Mass each Sunday not to get something but to give... to give of ourselves in praise and thanksgiving to God.