

Parish Bulletin Stewardship Reflections June 2010

June 6th – Body and Blood of Christ

What a gift we have in Holy Eucharist. We all bring something to the celebration. The 1992 US bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship asks, "*And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?*" They answer: "*Their lives as Christian Disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ.*"

June 13th – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ died on the cross for us. As baptized Christians we no longer live for ourselves, but for Christ who lives in us. It's simple really... discipleship & stewardship means living a Christ-centered life as opposed to a self-centered life. Pray about it, what does this mean in your life?

June 20th – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deny yourself! This is so important in the life of a disciple that Jesus places it as the first step in becoming one of his followers. Acknowledging that we are utterly dependant upon God for all that we have, and are able to do, is one way to deny yourself. This understanding is central to the life of a Christian steward. Putting God and others first when it comes to receiving, using, and sharing our gifts, this too is to deny self.

June 27th – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." It is not easy to be a disciple in Jesus. For anyone who claims to be a disciple of Jesus, stewardship is not an option. Developing the virtues of prayer, gratitude, perseverance, humility, mercy, generosity, trust, simplicity, responsibility and patience helps, and makes it easier for us.