

## **Bulletin Stewardship Reflections**

*June 2011*

### ***June 5<sup>th</sup> - Ascension of the Lord***

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us our walking orders, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.*" Jesus commissions his disciples and us, to continue his ministry. Good stewards follow this command by using and sharing their time, talent & financial resources to glorify God and build the Kingdom. Good stewards can be confident in their call, and ability to evangelize, because Jesus reminds us that he will always be with us!

### ***June 12<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday***

Our Second Reading today contains an obvious stewardship message. We have all been given different gifts, and a variety of ways to serve. It is important to remember that stewardship is not limited to serving in the Church. When a person serves as a coach for a little league team, and they do it with the love and compassion of Jesus, then they are more than volunteering. It could be said that they are ministering. Think about how you serve others and name it so you are being a good Christian steward.

### ***June 19<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Sunday***

The Gospel today is sometimes called the "*Gospel in Miniature*", because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message. In even more condensed form, "*God so loved.... God gave...*" This is the paradigm for Christian stewardship so to give because we love.

### ***June 26<sup>th</sup> – Body & Blood of Christ***

*And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering? 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. Disciples give thanks to God for gifts received and strive to share them with others. That is why, as Vatican II says of the Eucharist, "if this celebration is to be sincere and thorough, it must lead to various works of charity and mutual help, as well as to missionary activity and to different forms of Christian witness"* (Presbyterorum Ordinis, no.6) Taken from the 1992 USCCB Pastoral Letter so Stewardship A Disciple's Response