

Parish Bulletin Stewardship Reflections June 2012

June 3rd – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Stewardship and the Holy Trinity: ***God the Father*** ó The single source of who we are and all that we possess, all of which He entrusts to us as caretakers ó not owners; ***God the Son*** ó The supreme teacher and example of stewardship. Jesus shows us the true way to live as stewards; ***God the Spirit*** ó Dwelling within us through our baptism, the Holy Spirit inspires us to use our talents well by living and acting according to God's plan.

June 10th – Body and Blood of Christ

What an incredible gift we are given in the Eucharist! With grateful hearts, on Sunday after Sunday, every one of us brings a different kind of gift to the Mass. *“What do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?”* The answer is *“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.”* 1992 USCCB Pastoral Letter ó Stewardship, A Disciple's Response

June 17th – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's First Reading and Gospel speak of tiny seeds and sprouts that grow and glorify God. Stewardship, like faith, begins as a seed planted in our hearts and minds. Through the grace of God, hearts are changed. It follows that a lived experience of stewardship changes the way we think and the way we live. Like a tiny seed our stewardship then grows into a way of life that magnifies our Lord.

June 24th – Birth of John the Baptist

From the moment of his birth, God had a special vocation planned for John the Baptist. John was indeed a good steward of his calling to *“prepare the way”* for our Lord. We too are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations, particularly our common vocation as Disciples of Christ. A lifestyle modeled on stewardship embraces this vocation in a manner that leads others to Christ.