

Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for April / May 2008

April 6, 2008 (3rd Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst.

April 20, 2008 (5th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

“Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than those,” Jesus tells His disciples. That’s quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

May 4, 2008 (7th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus prays, “I glorified You on earth by accomplishing the work You gave Me to do.” Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

May 18, 2008 (Most Holy Trinity)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The Gospel today is sometimes called “the Gospel in miniature” because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message. In even a more condensed form, “God loved...God gave...,” it is the paradigm for stewardship – we give because we love.

April 13, 2008 (4th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus says, “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

April 27, 2008 (6th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today’s Gospel, are the ones, who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

May 11, 2008 (Pentecost)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s second reading, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” How am I using my gifts “for the common good?”

May 25, 2008 (Body and Blood of Christ)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The Scriptures today remind us that “we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.” How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the body of Christ?

Repect Life Bulletin Quotes
April 2008
USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities

April 6th – Third Sunday of Easter

Thirty-five years ago, the Supreme Court imposed a change on our nation that is at odds with our history, our Constitution and our humanity. And it is time to change *Roe v. Wade*.

Abortion is wrong because it hurts everyone.

It takes the life of an innocent unborn child.

It victimizes the mother and father.

It compromises doctors and nurses.

It undermines respect for judges.

It implicates the taxpayer who pays for it.

It coarsens the society that tolerates it.

No woman should feel she must have an abortion. We can find a better way. We can build a society in which every woman and child can find the support and care they deserve. We can build a culture of life. We can give hope to every woman and every child.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Knights of Columbus, Remarks at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

April 13th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

The new frontiers reached in bioethics do not require us to choose between science and morality: rather, they oblige us to a moral use of science.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Diplomatic Corps, January 7, 2008

April 20th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

With artificial insemination outside the body, the barrier protecting human dignity has been broken. When human beings in the weakest and most defenseless stage of their existence are selected, abandoned, killed or used as pure “biological matter,” how can it be denied that they are no longer being treated as “someone” but as “something,” thus placing the very concept of human dignity in doubt.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, January 31, 2008

April 27th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

An independent Ontario study revealed that in the first 3 months after abortion, a woman falls victim to:

--a 4-times rate of hospitalization for infection

--a 5-times rate of hospitalization for another surgical procedure

--a 5-times rate of hospitalization for psychiatric care, in a health-care system when only the most dire psychological cases can get a hospital bed.

The world literature is replete with the reported increased risk of infertility, breast cancer, and subsequent premature delivery and its associated higher rate of cerebral palsy after an earlier abortion.

Will Johnston, President, Physicians for Life

Natural Family Planning Bulletin Quotes
Diocese of Youngstown
Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family

April 6th – Third Sunday of Easter

Couples who practice NFP find that by discussing and prayerfully discerning their aspirations and concerns about the size of their family, they find it more easy to discuss and handle other issues in their marriages: finances, "in-law" strategies, how to rear their children, etc.

Couple to Couple League Website, www.ccli.org

April 13th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Periodic continence, that is, the methods of birth regulation based on self-observation and the use of infertile periods, are in conformity with the objective criteria of morality. These methods respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them and favor the education of an authentic freedom.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2370

April 20th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Parents should regard as their proper mission the task of transmitting human life and educating those to whom it has been transmitted. They should realize that they are thereby cooperators with the love of God the Creator, and are, so to speak, the interpreters of that love.

Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes

April 27th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

The fact that some methods of NFP can be 99% effective in the avoidance of pregnancy seems unknown to most of the general public--including many health care professionals...Many health care professionals are uninformed about the modern methods of natural family planning. Therefore, they group various natural methods that are entirely different together under the title of "rhythm". On the contrary, it is absolutely necessary to distinguish between different systems of natural family planning.

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Office of Worship

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Please select one of the following announcements to include in your bulletin on two of the following weekends: April 20 and 27 and May 4, 2008.

The Night to Honor Mary will be held on Friday evening, May 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown. Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. will preside at this devotional service which will include scripture readings, a homily, hymns and recitation of the rosary. Bishop Murray will also preside at another Night to Honor Mary on Friday evening, May 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Parish, North Canton.

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