

Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for November/December, 2007

November 4, 2007 (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too – "that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith."

November 18, 2007 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

December 2, 2007 (1st Sunday of Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.

December 16, 2007 (3rd Sunday of Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

December 30, 2007 (Holy Family)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophesy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best of my talents, too.

November 11, 2007 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.

November 25, 2007 (Christ the King)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

December 9, 2007 (2nd Sunday of Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

December 23rd 2007 (4th Sunday of Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the call of the Holy Spirit.

Bulletin Quotes
November 2007
USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities

Nov. 4th Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The administration of food and water even by artificial means is, in principle, an ordinary and proportionate means of preserving life. It is therefore obligatory to the extent to which, and for as long as, it is shown to accomplish its proper finality, which is the hydration and nourishment of the patient. In this way suffering and death by starvation are prevented.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Responses to Certain Questions Concerning Artificial Nutrition and Hydration*, August 1, 2007

Nov. 11th Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A patient in a “permanent vegetative state” is a person with fundamental human dignity and must, therefore, receive ordinary and proportionate care which includes, in principal, the administration of water and food even by artificial means.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Responses to Certain Questions Concerning Artificial Nutrition and Hydration*, August 1, 2007

Nov. 18th Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right – it is the very opposite. It is “a deep wound in society,” as the late Cardinal Franz Koenig never tired of repeating.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Authorities and Diplomatic Corps, Vienna, Sept. 7, 2007

Nov. 25th Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Whoever wants to keep his life just for himself will lose it. Only by giving ourselves do we receive our life. In other words: only the one who loves discovers life. And love always demands going out of oneself, it always demands leaving oneself. Anyone who looks just to himself, who wants the other only for himself, will lose both himself and the other. Without this profound losing of oneself, there is no life.

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at St. Stephen’s Cathedral, Vienna, Sept. 9, 2007

NFP Bulletin Briefs
Diocese of Youngstown
Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family

Nov. 4th Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Michael and I married after taking a series of Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes offered by our diocese. Our NFP teachers were terrific. We appreciated how they took the time to thoroughly explain the method in our classes. Once married, we happily planned our first pregnancy which unfortunately ended in miscarriage. Our second child was born in 1997, and our next two children were spaced every two years, because I breastfed them into toddlerhood, as we had studied in our NFP classes.

Jennifer Drees

Nov. 11th Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We're both happy to have learned NFP and to be living it. We know that it is enriching our marriage in our every day life and even in ways we probably won't realize until much later. Knowing that we're building a strong foundation of love, mutual respect and faith gives us confidence in our future. We're best friends who love each other enough to want the best for each other and our marriage!

Jennifer and John Campbell

Nov. 18th Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fortunately, I had heard about Natural Family Planning in college, so I was open from the outset to trying it in our marriage. The classes only served to strengthen my conviction that the manly thing to do was to protect my wife from the harm contraception could cause. The couples who taught it also inspired me. Their joy was palpable.

Mike Phelan

Nov. 25th Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Many will tell you that the responsibility of being permanently faithful to one person is too great and that being open to life is too much of a burden. They say contraception brings with it freedom and life; however, we have found that it is in openness to God, to each other, and to new life that true freedom is obtained. This is what living Natural Family Planning (NFP) can help couples to experience.

Michael and Alysha Chambers

DIOCESAN MAILINGS AND COLLECTION DATES – 2008

	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Info sent to parishes</u>	<u>Parish promotion</u>	<u>Collection</u>
VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK January 13-19	Fr. Leo Wehrlin	December, 2007	January	(none)
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY January 18-25	Nancy Yuhasz	August, 2007	January 12/13	(none)
CATHOLIC EXPONENT CAMPAIGN	Lou Jacquet	January	February	(none)
THE CHURCH OVERSEAS	Brian Corbin	January 21	February 9/10	February 16/17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Relief Services Collection • Aid to Eastern Europe • Holy Father/Peter's Pence • Latin America 	Nancy Yuhasz Bro. T.A. Dolan Bro. T.A. Dolan			
RICE BOWL	Brian Corbin	January	February 6	March 20
HOLY LAND	Nancy Yuhasz	February 25	March 15/16	March 21
BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR CHURCH AND CHARITY	Pat Palombo	March	April 12/13	April 19/20 April 26/27, May 3/4: Commitment & Follow-up
THE CHURCH AT HOME	Brian Corbin	May 5	May 24/25	May 31/June 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign for Human Development • Catholic Communications • Catholic University/Newman Apostolate 	Nancy Yuhasz Nancy Yuhasz Nancy Yuhasz			
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY	Barbara Walko	June	September 20/21	(none)
RESPECT LIFE MONTH	Melinda Knight	September	October	(none)
MISSION SUNDAY	Bro. T.A. Dolan	September	October 11/12	October 18/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propagation of the Faith • Home Mission 				
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS	Sr. Joyce Candidi	October	November 15/16	November 22/23

