

Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for July / August 2008

July 6, 2008 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

“Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You,” says the Psalmist today. Stewardship is this “attitude of gratitude” for the many gifts God has given to us.

July 20, 2008 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Good stewards in a parish are like the yeast in today’s Gospel. Their selfless gifts of time and talent help the parish to grow and thrive, and their example inspires others to become good stewards, too.

August 3, 2008 (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The message of stewardship is that God’s gifts, *shared*, will always be more than enough.

August 17, 2008 (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, “For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

August 31, 2008 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to *total* stewardship. Brothers and sisters, He urges, “...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.”

July 13, 2008 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred-or-sixty-or thirty-fold.

July 27, 2008 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

“The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces,” says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

August 10, 2008 (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

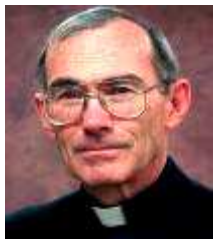
August 24, 2008 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s second reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans – and us – that all things come from God: “For from him and through him and for him are all things.” Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent and treasure with which they’ve been blessed.

Diocesan Stewardship Day

Presented by the Diocese of Youngstown Stewardship Commission

Featuring:



Bishop
Robert Morneau

Bishop Robert Morneau is recognized throughout North America as one of the most popular speakers on stewardship. He serves as Auxiliary Bishop in the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin where he was ordained a bishop in 1979. Bishop Morneau was one of the authors of *Stewardship: A Disciples Response*, the U.S. Bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship. He is a noted speaker, author and poet. Bishop Morneau's published works range from numerous books on prayer to children's literature including *The Gift* and *A Tale from Paleface Creek*. His collection of poetry is entitled,

Poems

Thrown Into the Wind.

Bishop Morneau will make you smile as he challenges you to be a disciple of our Lord Jesus

Thursday, September 18, 2008 at two locations

Blessed Sacrament Parish
3020 Reeves Road
Warren, OH 44483
330-372-2215
12:00 Noon Registration & Lunch
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Presentation

St. Louis Parish
300 N. Chapel Street
Louisville, OH 44641
330-875-1658
6:00 p.m. Registration & Supper
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Presentation

PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY... Includes lunch at Blessed Sacrament or a supper at St. Louis.

Individual Fee: \$15.00 --- Three or more from a parish: \$10.00 per person.

Religious Education Certification Hours: two

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, September 12, 2008 (Please duplicate if necessary)

Name(s):

Address:

_____ Zip: _____ Phone (Day): _____

Parish: _____

Parish City: _____

Please check:

_____ Blessed Sacrament (Day Session & Lunch) _____ St. Louis (Evening Session & Supper)

_____ Amount Enclosed

Parish Ministers who have paid their annual fee please check here.

Please mail completed registration form along with check made payable to Diocese of Youngstown and mail to: Diocese of Youngstown, Stewardship Office, 144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503

Respect Life Bulletin Quotes
July 2008
USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities

July 6 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The dreams and longings that young people pursue can so easily be shattered or destroyed. I am thinking of those affected by drug and substance abuse, homelessness and poverty, racism, violence, and degradation—especially of girls and women. While the causes of these problems are complex, all have in common a poisoned attitude of mind which results in people being treated as mere objects—a callousness of heart takes hold which first ignores, then ridicules, the God-given dignity of every human being.

Pope Benedict XVI, Meeting with Young People and Seminarians, St. Joseph's Seminary, April 19, 2008

July 13 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

America's brand of secularism poses a particular problem: it allows for professing belief in God, and respects the public role of religion and the Churches, but at the same time it can subtly reduce religious belief to a lowest common denominator. Faith becomes a passive acceptance that certain things "out there" are true, but without practical relevance for everyday life. The result is a growing separation of faith from life: living "as if God did not exist." This is aggravated by an individualistic and eclectic approach to faith and religion ... each person believes he or she has a right to pick and choose, maintaining external social bonds but without an integral, interior conversion to the law of Christ. Consequently, rather than being transformed and renewed in mind, Christians are easily tempted to conform themselves to the spirit of this age. ... We have seen this emerge in an acute way in the scandal given by Catholics who promote an alleged right to abortion.

Pope Benedict XVI, Responses to the Questions Posed by the Bishops, April 16, 2008

July 20 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children deserve to grow up with a healthy understanding of sexuality and its proper place in human relationships. They should be spared the degrading manifestations and the crude manipulation of sexuality so prevalent today. They have a right to be educated in authentic moral values rooted in the dignity of the human person. This brings us back to our consideration of the centrality of the family and the need to promote the Gospel of life. What does it mean to speak of child protection when pornography and violence can be viewed in so many homes through media widely available today? We need to reassess urgently the values underpinning society, so that a sound moral formation can be offered to young people and adults alike.

Pope Benedict XVI, Celebration of Vespers and Meeting with the Bishops of the United States of America, April 16, 2008

July 27 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church ... is called to proclaim the gift of life, to serve life, and to promote a culture of life. ... The proclamation of life, life in abundance, must be the heart of the new evangelization. For true life – our salvation – can only be found in the reconciliation, freedom and love which are God's gracious gift.

Pope Benedict XVI, homily at Votive Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, April 19, 2008

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

July 6 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Interwoven among the aspects of responsible parenthood is the understanding that the two great meanings or values of marriage--the unitive and procreative--are never separated. A love that is complete and faithful, a love which holds nothing back from the other, will remain open to God's creative plan. After all, it is God's love in the first place.

Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain, Bishop of Little Rock

July 13 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Two years after joining the Catholic Church, my wife and I began practicing Natural Family Planning (NFP). I found that the chastity required to get through the periods of abstinence caused profound changes in me. I stopped daydreaming of other women, wealth and fame. I became grateful for all God had given me, most of all for my wife. My appreciation for her and all that she gives me grew, improving an already good 20-year marriage.

Fletcher Doyle

July 20 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Those who use natural family planning to plan their family size develop the virtues needed to be good parents; they develop sexual self-control and patience and generosity – and they almost never divorce.

Janet E. Smith, PhD

July 27 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It may sound like an exaggeration, but from the first day we began using NFP everything immediately felt different. Frank would set the alarm, take my temperature, and record the numbers on the chart. I felt so taken care of. I felt a tenderness that I hadn't felt in a long time. I liked that he was learning about my body. It was helpful that he knew where I was in my cycle, especially during difficult days. I came to understand this total love and acceptance in a deeper way.

Jennifer Ricard

