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Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for June / July

June 3, 2007 (Most Holy Trinity)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's Psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts!

June 17, 2007 (11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus forgives the sins of the woman who demonstrated her great love by wiping and kissing His feet and anointing His head with oil. Will our Lord also look favorably upon those that demonstrate their strong faith by sharing their gifts lovingly?

July 1, 2007 (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian Stewardship: "...serve one another through love."

July 15, 2007 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers – and us – to go and do the same.

July 29, 2007 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "...ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you." But it should also be the description of us as Christian Stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

June 10, 2007 (Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might **individually** seek food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is Jesus' powerful reminder that when we **share** our gifts in His name there is always more than enough!

June 24, 2007 (Nativity of Saint John the Baptist)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today the Church celebrates the birth of John the Baptist. John serves as an excellent example of a Christian Steward. He used all of his gifts heralding a baptism of repentance in preparation for the coming of the Savior, Jesus. We, too, are challenged as steward-disciples to use our gifts proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

July 8, 2007 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"The harvest is abundant," Jesus tells the seventy-two in today's Gospel, "but the workers are few." The situation is the same today. How can I help with God's harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

July 22, 2007 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire – a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Bulletin Briefs
June 2007

June 2-3

Worship pleasing to God can never be a purely private matter: it demands a public witness to our faith. Evidently, this is true for all the baptized, yet it is especially incumbent upon those who, by virtue of their social or political position, must make decisions regarding fundamental values, such as respect for human life, its defense from conception to natural death, the family built upon marriage between a man and a woman, the freedom to educate one's children and the promotion of the common good in all its forms. These values are not negotiable.

Pope Benedict XVI, Apostolic Exhortation "Sacramentum Caritatis" ("The Sacrament of Charity"), Feb. 22, 2007

June 9-10

When the value of human life is at stake, ... harmony between the [Church's teaching office] and the committed laity becomes singularly important: life is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future of humanity depends.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the participants in the General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Feb. 24, 2007

June 16-17

The attitude some adopt concerning the legitimacy of sacrificing the (physical and genetic) integrity of human beings at the embryonic stage in order to destroy them, if necessary, in order to benefit other human individuals is likewise totally unacceptable. It is never morally licit to do evil intentionally in order to achieve ends that are good in themselves.

Concluding Communiqué of the Pontifical Academy for Life on the "Ethics of Biomedical Research," Feb. 24-26, 2007

June 23-24

Approximately 40,000 unborn babies with potential birth defects are aborted in this country every year. ... Those who need our loving care and compassion are not merely "burdens." They are here, as part of God's great design, to force us to focus on something more than ourselves, to make us better human beings than we would be without them. They are here to help us get to heaven.

Ken Concannon, "What the Disabled Do for the Rest of Us," Arlington Catholic Herald, Feb. 22, 2007

June 30 – July 1

Mika Gissler and his colleagues analyzed medical records of 1,347 women of reproductive age in Finland who committed suicide between 1987 and 1994. They discovered the suicide rate in the 12 months following birth was a low 5.9 per 100,000 women, while the suicide rate in the 12 months following an abortion was 34.7 per 100,000 women — a rate nearly six times higher.

Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family
Diocese of Youngstown

NFP Bulletin Briefs
June 2007

June 2-3

In the classes I learned the effectiveness of NFP and it's scientific basis. I was amazed. I also loved that from the beginning Mike didn't want me to submit my body to any harmful side effects that the chemical alternatives like the pill might have.

Sharon Phelan, "Escape from Fuddeldom", US Conference of Catholic Bishops Website

June 9-10

The benefits of NFP extend beyond family planning. We'd heard that often times the husband will develop a deeper respect for his wife and the gift of her fertility. In practice, we've found this to be noticeably true. A constant awareness of cycles and phases makes it easier to perceive when to be loving and gentle, extra patient and thoughtful, and when to resume physical intimacy.

Jennifer and John Campbell, "Connections", US Conference of Catholic Bishops Website

June 16-17

So that is what natural family planning is all about - love of God, thanksgiving for his gift of fertility, love between husbands and wives, love for the child and ultimately the gifts of the Holy Spirit moving from the security and stability of happy families into society, those gifts of Charity, Joy and Peace.

Dr. J.J. Billings

June 23-24

Of course, human fertility involves more than just biology. It is relational, involving a man and a woman, the children they may conceive, their extended family, the wider community, and God. Contraception harms all these relationships.

Theresa Notare, Assistant Director for Natural Family Planning, US Conference of Catholic Bishops

June 30 – July 1

Humanae Vitae represents a call to celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality. It reminded us that we are stewards of God's gifts of marital love and procreation. It sounded a prophetic message for people to live chastely, to welcome children and protect families, and never to treat human life as a commodity. Ultimately, it challenged the people of God to grow in Christian maturity.

"Human Sexuality from God's Perspective", USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, 1993

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PARISH FESTIVALS – 2007

<u>DATES</u>	<u>PARISH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>
May 31-June 3	St. Joseph the Provider	633 Porter Ave., Campbell	rides; games; Chinese auction; 5K race; fun walk; Polish ethnic foods; live bands nightly
June 6-10	Immaculate Heart of Mary	4490 Norquest Blvd., Youngstown	dinners in parish center Friday, Saturday & Sunday; ride matinee Sunday afternoon - all day one price; polka Mass Saturday 5 pm, music & dancing 8-11 pm; music & dancing Friday and Sunday 8-11 pm; \$5,000 grand prize raffle Sunday evening; flat screen TV, computer and lawn mower; 50/50 raffle each night; fireworks Sunday 10:30 pm
June 7-10	St. Clement	216 E. Wooster St. Navarre	entertainment nightly; rides, family fun; home-cooked meals; Friday & Saturday bingo
June 13-17	St. Nicholas	64 Fifth Street, Struthers	\$10,000 grand prize raffle; lots of homemade food
June 21-24	St. Charles	Market Street at Rt. 224, Boardman	6-11 pm Thursday & Sunday, 6-midnight Friday & Saturday; entertainment Friday, Saturday, Sunday at 7 p.m.; fireworks 10 pm Sunday
June 21-24	St. Pius X	1401 Moncrest Dr., NW, Warren	6-11 pm Thursday & Friday, 5-11 pm Saturday, 4-11 pm Sunday; \$1000, \$500, \$250 raffle; Chinese auction casino every night; Texas Hold'em tournament Friday & Saturday nights; live entertainment nightly

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June 22-23	St. Barbara	2813 Lincoln Way, NW, Massillon	6-10 pm Friday, 12-10 pm Saturday; live shows; 7 pm Friday, 2 & 7 pm Saturday; live 8 pm Saturday; games of chance; beer garden; social area; inflatable attractions and games for children of all ages
July 12-15	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	1200 E. 21 st St., Ashtabula	music, food, games, raffles, fireworks
July 12-15	St. Luke	5235 South Ave., Youngstown	entertainment every night
July 13-15	St. Louis	300 N. Chapel, Louisville	casino, music each night, bingo, beer garden
July 13-15	St. Joseph	2643 Waterloo Rd., Mogadore	music nightly; "chosen" meal each night plus other fair food; children's games every evening; special children's competitions Sunday afternoon
July 15	Sts. Peter & Paul	Strossmayer Picnic Grounds Belmont Ave. & Smith Steward Road	
July 20	St. Joseph	11045 St. Joseph Blvd., Mantua	Ox roast fair: food; live entertainment; rides, games, contests & giveaways; church-run kids games & play area; tractor, pick-up & semi pulls; \$7,000 main raffle; big midway; dining hall; indoor & outdoor casino games
July 26-29	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	343 Via Mt. Carmel, Youngstown	continuous entertainment on 2 stages; 14 food vendors; children's section
August 2-5	St. Patrick	325 N. Main Street, Hubbard	music nightly; Ford Mustang raffle; blackjack/bingo on the weekend
August 10-12	Little Flower	2040 Diamond St., NE, Canton	music