

Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for September / October

September 3, 2006 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

“Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves **using** those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

September 17th, 2006 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having “faith that does nothing in practice.”

October 1st, 2006 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

October 15th, 2006 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

October 29th, 2006 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's Psalm says, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

September 10th, 2006 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

September 24th, 2006 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, “Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.”

October 8th, 2006 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The phrase in today's Psalm, “May you see your children's children,” is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. “May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!”

October 22nd, 2006 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

Respect Life Bulletin Briefs
USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities

September 2-3

Since most Americans continue to believe that Roe allows for meaningful restrictions on abortion, it bears repeating: Abortion — for virtually any reason, throughout all nine months of pregnancy, with no significant legal barriers — is the law of our land.

Deirdre A. McQuade, Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, USCCB, Life Issues Forum, April 21, 2006

September 9-10

Hence, as well as the words of the Church, the witness and public commitment of Christian families is very important, especially in order to reassert the inviolability of human life from conception until its natural end.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address To The Participants in the Ecclesial Diocesan Convention of Rome, June 6, 2005

September 16-17

There are those in the scientific community who deny by their actions and their advocacy what they know from science and reason – that from conception onward, a human embryo is a member of the human species, deserving the same protections under the law that you and I and even the scientists themselves enjoy.

Cardinal William H. Keeler, Homily for Pro-Life Vigil Mass, January 22, 2006

September 23-24

God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1:26) in each one. He makes no distinctions because he perceives in all of them a reflection of the face of his Only-begotten Son, whom "he chose...before the foundation of the world... He destined us in love to be his sons...according to the purpose of his will" (Eph 1:4-6).

Pope Benedict XVI, "The Human Embryo in the Preimplantation Phase", February 27, 2006

Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

Certainly we come from our parents and we are their children, but we also come from God who has created us in his image and called us to be his children. Consequently, at the origin of every human being there is not something haphazard or chance, but a loving plan of God.

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily on The Occasion of The Fifth World Meeting of Families, July 9, 2006

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

September 2-3

Catholic marriage -- exactly like Jesus Himself -- is not about scarcity but abundance. It's not about sterility, but rather the fruitfulness which flows from unitive, procreative love. Catholic married love always implies the possibility of new life; and because it does, it drives out loneliness and affirms the future. And because it affirms the future, it becomes a furnace of hope in a world prone to despair.

Archbishop of Denver Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. Pastoral Letter "Of Human Life" July 22, 1998

September 9-10

Natural Family Planning

Cost to practice \$0.00

Side effects: Improved physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

For more information visit www.ccli.org or call (330) 744-8451

September 16-17

To experience the gift of married love while respecting the laws of conception is to acknowledge that one is not the master of the sources of life but rather the minister of the design established by the Creator.

Pope Paul VI Encyclical Letter "Of Human Life" July 25, 1968

September 23-24

Why isn't every married couple learning and using Natural Family Planning? Good question. Perhaps it is because too many people simply don't know the truth about it. NFP is not a repackaged version of the old calendar-based "rhythm method"-a misconception even doctors have today. Unfortunately, medical training in this area, in most cases, is often nonexistent or inadequate.

Jose R. Fernandez, MD

Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

Searching for a joyful heart?

Couples who practice Natural Family Planning report greater joy and happiness in their marriage and family life. "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart."

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Intercessions for Life

SEPTEMBER 2006

September 3rd TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For every man and woman who sits on death row:
that they may have the courage of repentance,
and that God might give us the wisdom to preserve the life
of every human being;

We pray to the Lord:

September 10th TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all who have grown very old:
that we might cherish their wisdom,
give thanks for their presence,
and remind them daily of how much we need them;

We pray to the Lord:

September 17th TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those who suffer from the effects of abortion:
for mothers, fathers, children, and friends:
that God might wipe the tears from their eyes
and heal their broken hearts;

We pray to the Lord:

September 24th TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That ever ready for the coming of Christ in glory,
we might work to preserve all human life,
from conception to natural death;

We pray to the Lord:



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Come, let us adore...

the Bread of Life!

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown

Celebration of

Respect Life Sunday

Annual

Eucharistic Procession

WITH

Solemn Vespers

Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin

Diocesan Administrator

Celebrant and Homilist

Sunday, October 1, 2006

2:00 P.M. *Exposition/ Adoration/Sacrament of Reconciliation*

3:00 P.M. *Recitation of the Rosary*

3:30 P.M. *Outdoor Procession*

4:30 P.M. *Solemn Vespers & Benediction*

Saint Dominic Catholic Church

77 East Lucius Avenue

Youngstown, Ohio

*Security provided at St. Dominic's and during the Procession

*Complimentary Spaghetti Dinner following Benediction at St. Dominic's Parish Center
sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

