

Stewardship Messages August 2026

August 2, 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus said to them, ‘There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves’.” - Matthew 14:16

Surely the disciples must have been confused and worried. Those in the huge crowd were hungry and restless. They had asked Jesus to dismiss the crowd so the people could go find food. They could not have imagined what Jesus had in store – yet when they trusted him and did as Jesus told them, their problem was solved. Do we trust that Jesus has a plan, even when things are difficult?

August 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He said, ‘Come.’ Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ ” - Matthew 14:29-30

Peter initially jumps right out of the boat when Jesus tells him to do so. He does not question Jesus' word and invitation to come to Him. But then Peter notices the danger and uncertainty around him and he loses focus on Jesus and begins to sink. Do you tend to "sink" when you lose your focus on Jesus? When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing?

August 16, 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” - Romans 11:29

God has given us all unique gifts. But those gifts are not for our own use alone. We are called to be good stewards of those gifts and use them to serve others and build His kingdom on Earth. Ask yourself if you are using your God-given gifts as He planned for you.

August 23, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” – Romans 11:35

Since all that we are and all of our possession and talents are gifts from God, we cannot “give” Him anything. We can – and are called to – be generous with our gifts in service to others. How we use the gifts he gave us are our gifts back to Him.

August 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - Matthew 16:26

It may be easy to get caught up in lure of the “things” of the material world – and use much of our God-given gifts to attain more of those riches. But we are called to use our gifts God's priorities, not the world's.