Weekly Stewardship Messages July 2025

July 6, 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" Luke 10:2

Many times, we may think of the "laborers" for God's harvest in context of those who are ordained or consecrated in the Church, such as our Diocese's newly ordained priest and seven new permanent deacons. But we are all called to serve. The Holy Spirit has given each of us gifts that we are entrusted to use to help build God's Church. How are you using your gifts as a laborer for God's harvest? Could you be sharing your gifts more? Could you help others to recognize their gifts and use them in service of God's Church?

July 13, 2025

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.' " Luke 10:37

In Jesus' story, he identifies two people who walked by the robbers' victim before the Samaritan came along. In reality, there may have been more – perhaps many more – who walked by or intentionally avoided the injured man. How often do we walk past or avoid reaching out to those in need – especially if they are different from us in appearance, background or beliefs. Examine how you can better follow Jesus' instruction to "Go and do likewise."

July 20, 2025

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"... I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring completion for you the word of God." Colossians 1:25

Of course, we are not all called to minister, convert and spread the Word of God like Paul did – but we are called to show our faith through our words and actions. But, are those already 'converted' the only ones to see and hear our faith? Do we confine our words and actions that reflect our faith to those who know us well, like our families and friends? Consider how you can be more open about sharing your faith through your words and actions on a wider spectrum.

July 27, 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"... ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9

It can be confusing sometimes when we ask God for something that we want and we do not receive it. But there is a difference in our *wants* and our *needs*. We may want something – and society reinforces that we need certain things – however those things may not really be what we need. God knows what we need and He will provide for our needs if we ask. God also provides each of us with special gifts. He wants – and needs – us to share those gifts with others.