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***Stewardship Reflections***  
***for the Sunday Bulletin***

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**January 2017 (Cycle A)**

**The Octave Day of Christmas**

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God (January 1)**

Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and answered “yes” to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in God’s providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you and trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

**Epiphany of the Lord (January 8)**

Just as the Magi traveled afar to pay homage to our new-born Savior, we are also called to go out of our way by sharing the gifts of our time, skills, and wages throughout our lives. Consider a resolution to become more involved with your parish community.

**2nd Sunday on Ordinary Time (January 15)**

“Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will” by thoughtfully using my time, my abilities and all the resources you have to place before me.

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 22)**

The disciples woke up to a normal day at work, but immediately responded to Jesus’ invitation to follow Him. Their lives were never the same again. May we answer Jesus’ call as passionately as those first disciple. Our lives will never be the same again.

**4rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 29)**

Good stewards may not earn rewards here on earth, but today’s Gospel assures them that their sacrifices for the kingdom will lead to Eternal Life

**February 2017 (Cycle A)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 5)**

Who are the *hungry*, the oppressed, the *homeless*, and the *naked* in your midst? How can you uncover your gifts so you can become a “light of the word” for them?

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 12)**

Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. May we truly love for love’s sake and love not because of obligation.

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time (February 19)**

The foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others.

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time (February 26)**

A Christian steward is a person who loves both God and neighbor. A steward shares his or her gifts from God in justice and love of others.