

Serving Christ in One Another



"The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'" Matthew 25:40 (NASB)

*This month we focus on what it means to be loved by God and then how to respond with gratitude to that love by serving Him as Christ's presence in one another. All children who go to Holy Family Catholic School or attend our parish's Religious Education program receive offering envelopes at the beginning of the year. **These envelopes are a powerful stewardship tool!** Let's take a closer look at them and what they mean. On the other side of this worksheet, we ask families to reflect on what it means to identify as "children of God" and how this identity causes us to act out Christ's love for all of us. **Children: don't forget to hand in your offering at Mass each Sunday!***

What do the envelopes teach us?

	<p>My Time: _____</p> <p>My Talent: _____</p> <p>My Treasure: \$ _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p>
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- Saint picture. Did you know that all people in Heaven are saints?! The Church holds up some special people as examples for us. In this case, it is St. Joseph, who is Jesus' father on earth and one of the patrons of our parish. St. Joseph, pray for us!
- My Time: How do you spend your time? Time is a gift from God just like everything else. Do you make time to pray: to thank God and to ask Him to help you and others? Do you use your time serving others or do you only do things that help yourself?
- My Talent: Everyone has a special thing that they can do. Do you use your talent to help others? Something simple as holding a door open for someone before Mass and smiling can make a big difference to a fellow parishioner.
- My Treasure: Material resources (money and things that money can buy such as houses, food and toys) are gifts from God. As with our time, we are called to share our money and resources helping others. How does your family do this? Supporting recent victims of natural disasters and contributing to our parish's Capital Campaign are two things to consider.
- My Name: Who you are is important! See the other side of the page to find out more.

Who Do You Think You Are?



"The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God, and God never ceases to draw man to Himself." Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) # 27

Identity is just a fancy way of saying "who we think we are" or what is our self-image. How do you see yourself? The activities below provide some suggestions for families to discuss.

Activity #1: Children: Unscramble the words to complete the sentences.

I am so OLDVE _____ by God! We are all HRDCILNE _____ of God. This makes us all SBORHETR _____ and ISSSTRE _____ in Christ.



Activity #2: Children: Bible passage scavenger hunt! Find the passage below in your Bible or in the Mass Readings for this weekend. (HINT: It is part of the Second Reading for this Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time!) Fill in the missing words and talk to your family about what it means to you.

