

*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gifts each of you have received.”*

*1 Peter 4:10*

At St. Vivian, we work with families to reinforce in our children the value of giving to others. What God has given to each of us is important, and returning a portion of those gifts as time, talent and treasure in service to others is one way that we show our love as Catholic Christians.

As a special emphasis, Children’s envelopes are made available for our students to use during school masses, beginning in early September. Children enrolled in PSR are also offered the opportunity to fill out envelopes. On each envelope there is space for children to write down what time, talent, or treasure they have given to others that they now offer to God. It is important that your child complete the time and talent portion of the envelope each week, even if no change is enclosed. Periodically, offerings will be listed in the bulletin in a special insert so as to share our children’s faith in action.

We encourage you to discuss your views of stewardship with your children. Teachers will instruct the children on how to prepare of their envelope. Completing the envelope allows them to reflect on the past week, and they will learn that giving to others brings joy and meaning to life. Children also grow by observing your example. By volunteering your time or placing your own envelope in the basket on Sundays, you teach your child that your family is moved to be an active part of the larger faith community,

Together, we will continue to build up the Kingdom of God by teaching our young people that fullness of spirit is gained by humbly serving others. Our parish will thrive as we instill in every generation the joy found in the habit of stewardship!

Sincerely,

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