

*“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. The gifts God has given to each of us are important, and returning a portion of those gifts as time, talent and treasure in service to others is one way to show our love as Catholic Christians.

As a special emphasis, the students in our parish school and PSR classes are encouraged to think about what they have done each week in terms of giving time or talents to others. At school masses, cards or papers with prayer or service-related items are collected at the offertory, along with any small monetary donations. Homeroom teachers will instruct the students on how to prepare their card or paper.

It's important to talk to your child about age-appropriate ways to make the teachings of Jesus Christ come alive in their lives. We encourage you to discuss your views of stewardship with your children. Children grow by observing your example. By volunteering your time or placing your own envelope in the collection basket on Sundays you are teaching your child that your family is moved to be an active part of the larger faith community of St. Vivian.

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 and school will continue to thrive as we instill in every generation the joy found in being good stewards!

Sincerely,

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