

TRUE STEWARDSHIP: GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION

Each of us, especially as confirmed, fully initiated Catholics, are called to be a steward of God's many gifts. It is with a thankful heart that we always try to share what we have. In following Jesus as disciples, we say "yes" to God's call by giving time, talent, and treasure. Confirmation strengthens our bond with the Church and so part of our responsibility is to participate in the faith life, prayer and worship, ministry and service of the Catholic Church. **Ten credits are needed towards your ten events/service opportunities, etc. which are in addition to the required Confirmation classes.** Attending Sunday liturgy weekly is a minimum basic requirement for any Catholic. See list below for approved activities to help the candidates participate in the life and support of the parish.

Please check those areas of interest to let us know what you may be involved in throughout the year. You can change your mind as the year progresses. Please submit by Nov. 7 class.

- _____ Youth Ministry events, retreats, projects. etc with AXIOM, including ICYC (see AXIOM schedule)
- _____ "Apologhetti": a course in Apologetics for Catholic Teens; This is a reasoned defense of the faith which helps the students to answer questions that concern often misunderstood issues of the Catholic faith. Some examples we hear from non-Catholics would be: "Why do you worship Mary and statues, because you are only supposed to worship God?" "Have you been saved?" "Why do you go to confession when God knows you are sorry?" "How do you know God exists?" These classes are held at the homes of Dave & Susan Davies on the 2nd Sunday of the month, 4-5:30pm, within walking distance from Church. Dinner is served. Please RSVP to the Davies 378-1137. Gina and Rob Sower are also offering an Apologhetti at their home, 1x month, Thursday, 7-9pm. RSVP Sowers at 761-5100.
- _____ Parish Life Events: examples Saints Dinner Theatre, Mardi Gras in which help is needed for Games, Set-Up and Clean Up, Serving, Face Painting, Child Care* (must have safe environment training and be certified) Attendance and Participation in the Event will also be a credit.
- _____ Respect Life Ministry Events: Abortion Crosses; March for Life; Diaper Drive; Chastity Event
- _____ Liturgical Ministry: Training for Families will be offered about 4 x a year at St. Mark's Church Altar Server, Greeter for Mass; Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector (must be already confirmed to be put on the liturgical ministry schedule, but credit will be given for any training for that ministry)
- _____ CCW (Council of Catholic Women) events: fashion show, St. Mark's Feast Day Celebration, sponsored coffee hours
- _____ Catechist Training for Handing on the Faith to young people
- _____ Faith Formation, Teacher or classroom helper for Pre-School or Elementary
- _____ Faith Formation, Liturgy of the Word: Leader
- _____ Faith Formation, Catalyst: Leader
- _____ Good News Puppeteers (6th-12th grade and adults)
- _____ Music: Adult Choir (on a tryout basis) Children's Choir (2nd grade to age 16)
- _____ Perpetual Adoration for one hour
- _____ Attending Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Services
- _____ Vacation Bible School: Group Leaders; Classroom Teachers; Games Team; Music Team

You will need to provide an on-going record of your participation history to your group leaders and to Wendy Sleisher, program coordinator. A final record is due for April 10 class. See report form below.