



Family Faith Nights 2015-2016

Dear Parents,

Our Family Faith Nights will be connected to our school theme: ***Servants of Christ; Stewards of God's Gifts***. God each gave us unique gifts and we are to share them. Everything we have, we have because of God.

October 14, 2015

Tonight's discussion will focus on showing gratitude. We can show gratitude by sharing our gifts with others and being stewards. Last week, the family "Stewardship Renewal" went home in the brown envelope. We hope you were able to spend some time deciding how you will share your gifts as a family. If you haven't had a chance, tonight would be a great opportunity to renew your promise to be good stewards by sharing your gifts with others.

In the classroom tomorrow, students will participate in a follow-up activity. These letters of promise, in gratitude for the gifts God has given us, will be offered at Mass on October 16, the feast of St. Hedwig.

Opening Prayer:

All powerful God, may the prayers of St. Hedwig bring us Your help and may her life of remarkable humility be an example to us all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Read Aloud:

Last month, we discussed how we are all friends of Jesus Christ. By being Jesus' friend, we are asked to do as he did and show kindness, compassion and love to others. St. Hedwig, our patron saint, is a wonderful example of someone who was Jesus' friend and shared his love with people around her. God gave her many gifts and she used those gifts to help other people. She shared her money with people and bought them food and built monasteries, places for priests and nuns to live. She helped the poor, visited the sick, and shared her time, talent and treasure with others. We too are called to be good stewards of God's gifts. We can give to God

and be stewards of his gifts by sharing our time, talents, and treasures with others. We are called to do this at home and at school.

Talk About It:

- ❖ *What talents or gifts did God give you?*
- ❖ *What things/people are you grateful for?*
- ❖ *How can I show my gratitude for these things by sharing my time? my talents? my treasure?*

Write About It:

How can I share my time with others?

How can I share my talent?

How can I share my treasures?

Closing Prayer:

Almighty, God,

We thank you for all the gifts you have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank you for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him.

May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources

