

FAMILY GIVING OF GIFTS AND TIME

TIME (1/5/2016)

Give the gift of time to the outdoors. ADOPT-A-TREE! On November 14th volunteers planted 60 Native Trees at the rear of the property in an area that has been mowed for decades. You and your family can adopt one or more of the trees. We would like parishioners to take a gallon of water to your tree when we have less than an inch of rain a week for the first few years of their lives. Feel free to decorate your trees for the seasons. Contact Chris Gordon christophergordon@verizon.net.

MERCY (10/29/2015)

There are two types of works of Mercy: The Corporal and the Spiritual. These are actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need. The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs (feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead). The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs (counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offenses, bear wrongs patiently and pray for the living and the dead).

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful". Luke 6:36

GENEROSITY (10/13/2015)

Emphasize Christian generosity and the tradition of Catholic social justice by encouraging your children to "trick or treat for UNICEF" (United Nations Children's Fund.) For over 50 years, UNICEF has encouraged children to collect pennies on Halloween to enhance the quality of life for the world's underprivileged children. There is also a program with Mercy Corps (www.mercycorps.org) or Catholic Relief Services (www.catholicrelief.org.)

CHARITY (9/28/2015)

Charity is the traditional Christian word for love, and an Act of Charity is an expression of our unselfish love for God. God calls each and every one of us to a life that will honor Him. It is important that we serve God by helping others.

Suggestion: Sit down with every member of the family and review you options for charitable acts during the year – by giving of your time, gifts or money. Have everyone chose which activity they

would like to participate in or which donation they would like to make. Write in these choices on the family calendar and give yourself/family time to save and prepare.