

Family Stewardship

Prayer (Time)

Pray with your children frequently, using natural moments: morning, evening, mealtimes, upon returning from school or work. Provide opportunities for both communal and individual prayer. Make sure every member has access to traditional Catholic prayers, and teach basics such as:

- The Sign of the Cross
- Rosary prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)
- Marian prayers (Hail, Holy Queen; Memorare; Angelus)
- The Jesus prayer
- Mealtime prayers (Bless us, O Lord...)

Remember: Prayer is not only spoken and heard but also seen and felt through books, images, objects, and gestures.

Works (Talent)

A life of faith is more than prayers, promises, and personal beliefs. Our Catholic tradition is full of guidance on how to put faith into action through daily deeds:

- The precepts of the Church
- The corporal and spiritual works of mercy
- The Ten Commandments
- The Beatitudes



Money and Giving (Treasure)

Model charity and tithing to your ability. Set aside a small amount for each child to place in the offering envelope or basket, and encourage older kids to allocate a portion of their gifts or earnings toward charitable giving. Teach your children that contributing to the common good is a duty, requires no money, and builds virtue rather than guarantees return. Rather than tying your children's allowance to the completion of chores, which should begin at an early age and be done as an expression of love and generosity, introduce it as a money-management tool and sign of increased independence.

Last Words

Stewardship begins in the home. As your children grow, their talents and treasures will, too, reaching extended family, friends, and the greater community and Church. Look for ways to serve that both play to their strengths and interests and stretch their abilities and understanding.