

## Saint Clement Fund for the Homeless

Stewardship is a way for us to change the world with love. One way to show love is to share what we have with others. The money that children share goes directly to our fund for the homeless. The homeless fund is used in a number of ways.

- We buy additional items to go into the sack lunches that are distributed each week.
- We purchase hats, gloves, socks and personal care items to be shared.



# *Children's Stewardship*

*pray*

*serve*

*give*



*Saint Clement Parish*

# Pray ♦ Serve ♦ Give

## Children's Weekly Offerings

The children's offering envelopes include a weekly home activity where the children can write down how they've given time to Jesus in prayer, service and giving during the week. This is a great way to prepare for prioritizing weekly Mass attendance and to further the stewardship lessons being taught in our parish school and religious education classes.

### Which Basket?

The children's basket will be at the altar for each Mass, and the children will now be able to choose if they'd like to place their offering in the children's basket or if they'd prefer to place it in the regular offering basket. All children's offering donations will go toward our Homeless Fund.

### Children's Voices:

*"Homeless people need clothes, food, and money. We can help by giving money at church and give them some clothes and food, especially when it's cold outside. It makes me feel good when I do things for others, like making sack lunches for the homeless."*

- Lauren, 8 years

This week at Mass, I offer to Jesus all the ways I Pray, Serve & Give...

*"When I asked my children what they liked about helping to prepare the lunches Kaitlyn replied "eating them!" When I prompted her for a deeper answer, she said, "helping all the hungry people."*

- Mom of 5-year-old Kaitlyn

Watch the bulletin for monthly articles featuring more insights on Pray, Serve & Give from our parish children

### Where will we get envelopes?

- **Additional envelopes will be available in your child's classroom, in the Parish Office, and in the back of Church.**



## Living a life of Gratitude...

One of the greatest lessons we can impart upon our children is that of embracing a life of stewardship – showing gratitude for the gifts given to us by God, and joyful sharing of these gifts with others.

- **Stewardship helps build self-esteem**

God has already blessed our children with all the wonderful and unique gifts they will need to do the special work God has put them on Earth to do. They do not need all of the material goods that advertising tells them they need to be "cool".

- **Stewardship brings joy and contentment**

A life of giving is a rewarding life. When children learn to share the gifts God has entrusted to them, they will naturally find joy, fulfillment and contentment.

- **Stewardship connects children more deeply with God**

Children learn to place their trust in God when they are taught to ask God what he wants them to do, instead of always telling God what they want.

- **Children have the ability and the natural longing to give**

Social scientists believe most children learn their attitudes about giving between the ages of 6 and 10. If young children learn to find joy in giving, they will become lifelong givers instead of maintaining an immature attitude of entitlement - that the world should be for and about them. (Source: *Today's Catholic Teacher*, October, 2012)