

HOME PROJECTS FOR NOVEMBER

STEWARDSHIP—returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure

Grades Pre-K-2—Saint Elizabeth of Hungary:

1. Think about something you do well—reading, writing, drawing, tying your shoes, etc.—and offer to help someone younger than you develop this skill.
2. Ask your parents if you can put some money in the poor box at church or in the Sunday collection.
3. Sacrifice a treat and give the money to the poor.
4. Practice saying the *Sign of the Cross* first thing in the morning when you wake up, to dedicate all your time that day to God.
5. If you take a dance class, show your latest routine to someone who is lonely or sad.
6. Choose a way to practice taking better care of the supplies and toys entrusted to you at home or school.

Grades 3-5—Blessed Fra Angelico:

1. Be a good steward of class property: offer to one of your teachers your help in repairing books or other classrooms items that are damaged or need cleaning.
2. Draw or paint a picture as a gift for someone who is sick or suffering.
3. Sing in the church choir.
4. Are you a good reader? Choose a fairytale with a good moral or a story about a saint and read it to a younger child.
5. Be diligent about remembering to bring a donation for the offertory at Sunday Mass this month.
6. Choose a new way to conserve resources or recycle.
7. Dedicate to God the time and talent you spend in after-school arts, sports, or academic competitions. Make a point to pray before each practice, rehearsal, game, etc., and as you strive for excellence, do it for Him and for your group/team.
8. Is there a class that is hard for you? Consecrate that time to God. In your prayer before that class, ask God to help you put forth your best effort out of love for Him, since it is His will that you do this activity in the time He gave you.

Grades 6-8—Saint Joseph Moscati:

1. Discuss with a friend what humanitarian cause you are most passionate about, and why. (Examples: clean water, medical attention for the uninsured, the pro-life movement in our country, shelters for local homeless, food pantries/soup kitchens.) Choose a way that you and your friend can promote awareness of this ministry. If you communicate electronically with your friends, could you use the same media to communicate these needs?
2. Discuss tithing with a friend. Why do you think many people have abandoned this practice? Do you think it is important? Do you plan to tithe when you are older? If so, how can you start now?
3. Try out as a cantor for church.
4. Teach your favorite sport to a younger child who doesn't know how to play.
5. When things get busy we forget to pray, but it's when we need prayer the most! If you have a crazy busy day this month, deliberately set apart a few minutes for prayer. Later, reflect on how that impacted your day.