



Month: October: Ordinary Time continues

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is October 7, and the best way to celebrate the month is to pray the Rosary. Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St. Dominic by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary. This year Holy Rosary Parish will celebrate fifty years of service to the Edmonds community. Mary, our Heavenly Mother, is the patroness of Holy Rosary Parish.

Theme: Stewardship-Giving, sharing and caring for others.

Why do children need to learn stewardship? The reasons are many, but here are just a few.

Stewardship helps build self-esteem. Children learn that God has blessed them with all the wonderful and unique gifts they need in order to accomplish the special work God has put them on Earth to do.

Stewardship brings joy and contentment. A life of giving is a rewarding life. In giving, children learn to share the gifts God has entrusted to them. After your family has shared their gifts with others, have your child spend time in reflection on the giving experience. These reflections help reinforce that giving to others can make us feel better than buying for ourselves.

Stewardship connects children more deeply with God. Turning to God for guidance is an important part of good stewardship. In using and sharing their gifts, children learn to place their trust in God. We need to ask God for guidance on how best we can share our gifts with others.

Sacrament: Reconciliation: ...”imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: ‘Be reconciled to God.’ He who lives by God’s merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord’s call: ‘Go; first be reconciled to your brother”” (CCC # 1424). Reconciliation has four parts:

- Contrition: a sincere sorrow for having offended God.
- Confession: speaking our sins out loud to a priest.
- Penance: an important part of our healing.
- Absolution: the priest imparts the words which reconcile a sinner to God through the merits of the Cross.

Family Activity:

Talk about the importance of reconciliation and being, “in communion with God”. Research the history of Holy Rosary Parish, take a tour of the church with your children and discuss faith signs and symbols found in the church.

Saint Information: St. of the Month: St. Luke: Feast Day, October 18.