St. Joseph's Catholic Church

**As a Catholic community, we witness to the love of Jesus Christ in the world.**

## Sharing Our Gifts, Living The Gospel

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds... But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as God wishes."

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

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150 Years

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*Gratitude, Discipleship, Hospitality*

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*Celebrating 150 years as a Community of Faith. 1860–2010*

## The Greatest Gift

Every day, in every way, in every place and person, Jesus Christ gives us the greatest gift – *Himself*. He knowingly, willingly, and lovingly sacrificed His life to save us for eternal life with God.

Jesus wants us to love God and each other, sharing who we are, what we can do, and what we have.
These are the greatest commandments.
This is God's covenant with us.

# Sharing Our Gifts & Living The Gospel

## The Gift Of Time

Time is a universal gift. Everyone is blessed with time. Each one of us encounters different demands on our time. We all prioritize time differently.

As Christians, we all must make a conscious decision to invest time in our relationship with God. Ask yourself...

> *How much time do I devote each day to prayer, reflection, being still? Am I committed to attending Sunday Eucharist every week?*
>
> *How much time do I invest in helping friends, neighbors and parishioners? How much time do I invest in reaching out to the broader community, to build the Kingdom of God on earth?*

We are invited, we are urged by Christ to live faith-filled lives, using God's precious gift of time.

There are many ways to share God's gift of time—start by understanding the strengths God gave you for service.

## Gifts Of Strength

Gifts from God are evident in the areas of our lives where we recognize our own strengths; where others recognize our talents; and in the things that energize, excite, stimulate, and reward us. Gifts from God are meant to be shared in the service of God, our parish family, and our community.

Have I taken time to pray about how God is calling me to share my gifts? How can I venture one step further in my journey of faith?

We share by doing. We share by helping others do what needs to be done. We share by planning. We share by inspiring, coaching, and teaching. We share by spending time with those who are sick or lonely.

We share in visible ways, and we share in quiet, but very important ways. Each of us shares based on who we are, what we have been given, what we are willing to give back to God and others.