

Family Card

The December Family Holy Habit Scoop:

This month's habit is about learning the beauty and power of giving away our resources. As we consistently give money, time, talent, and prayer to the parish and to other charitable outreaches, our hearts are changed to become more and more like God's own generous heart. With generous and grateful hearts, we turn our complaints into compliments and praises.



DECEMBER HABIT



MANAGE HEAVENLY RICHES



PRACTICE CONSISTENT STEWARDSHIP TO YOUR PARISH.



MAKE A MONTHLY DONATION TO SOME OTHER CATHOLIC CHARITABLE OUTREACH BESIDES YOUR PARISH.



KEEP A "NO-COMPLAINTS JAR": GIVE UP COMPLAINING AND TOSS MONEY INTO A JAR EACH TIME YOU SLIP UP TO GIVE TO THE POOR.

How Parents Can Lead the Way:

- In our era of electronic transactions, putting currency into a collection plate seems out of date. But, when our children see us doing it, and are encouraged to give as well, it makes a powerful impression.
- Pray and reflect on how your time and money is spent on so many things each week, and ask the serious question: do I really give God enough? As your heart and habits move closer to the level of giving at a sacrificial level, your family members will be inspired with your same spirit of generosity.

Making the December Habit Challenge As a Family:

- The “no-complaints jar” can be one for the whole household, and it does not have to be about getting rid of complaining. Pick any household habit that needs to be adjusted and make that the habit of choice for putting money in the jar.
- Donating to a local Catholic outreach might include taking items to Saint Vincent de Paul, or to a parish supported food pantry. Visit the Saint Vincent de Paul store together, or go shopping for the food that you will give to the poor as a family and talk about why it is important.
- December is the giving season, but it is important to remember that this habit is best practiced year-round.



"EVERY ATHLETE EXERCISES
DISCIPLINE IN EVERY WAY"
1 COR 9:25



"I DRIVE MY BODY AND TRAIN IT"
1 COR 9:27



"RUN SO AS TO WIN"
1 COR 9:24