

## Encountering Christ, putting Faith in Action

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### Personal Encounters

Personal encounters with Christ happen when you are in a relationship with Christ.

A personal relationship with Christ happens when you seek Him out. Start Seeking!

- Reconciliation
- 3:6Teen Events
- retreats (Colorado Leadership, Green Bay Youth)
- silent retreats (TEC teens encounter Christ/ Norbertine Abby/ Elizabeth Ministry)
- scripture (bible in a year/daily readings/venture)
- Adoration (St. Nicholas/St. Pius/other churches, visit the tabernacle)
- Pray (rosary, written prayers, spontaneous prayers, meditative, contemplation) pray with someone
- books on Catholic Faith/teachings, saints, study groups
- video studies (Fr. Mike Schmitz, Chris Stefanick, Christopher West, Jason Evert)
- CampTex
- watch/listen to virtuous shows movies (PureFlix, 90.1/90.5, Lifest)

### LIVING THE LITURGY: AT MASS

Mass is the Source and Summit of our faith. It can be a great experience if you know why you're there!

Eucharist means thanksgiving, we go to Mass to give thanks to God.

- read the scripture readings beforehand (listen to Catholic Commentaries, BIY, Catholic Productions)
- Go to Mass (go early, stay after)
- Participate, (follow the missile, respond, sing, watch) \*use worship notes for guidance/journal
- invite someone to Mass with you
- go to a different church, see what differs/is same
- Mass Greeter/usher
- Altar Serve
- Sacristan
- Lector
- Music (choir, cantor, piano, guitar)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- lead or participate in prayers before or after Mass
- bulletin articles/ artwork

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## BUILDING UP THE CHURCH

### MY PARISH & COMMUNITY

Sharing encounters with others. Being the hands and feet of Christ.

- 3:6Teen Events
- join St. Nicholas Committees
- RE leader, aide, witness
- church environment/ decorate/ clean
- tutor
- Rosary Processions
- bible studies
- RE Family Nights (usually 11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- RE Events (childcare, meals, setup)
- St. Nicholas School (events, sports)
- Parish Events (fall fest, country fest, winterfest)
- bulletin (add article, illustrate front cover)
- Freedom Food Pantry (donate, help)
- Country Villa (visit, make cards)
- acts of kindness
- shovel/rake/ cut lawns
- clean cemetery
- Pray with others/ share prayer

## WORKS OF MERCY

Outside these walls and beyond

### The 7 Corporal Works of Mercy

1. To feed the hungry.
2. To give drink to the thirsty.
3. To clothe the naked.
4. To shelter the homeless.
5. To visit the imprisoned.
6. To visit the sick.
7. To bury the dead.

### The 7 Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Instruct-share & teach faith
2. Counsel the doubtful
3. Admonish the sinner
4. Bear wrongs patiently
5. Forgive offenses willingly
6. Comfort the afflicted
7. Pray for living & dead

- Volunteer at homeless shelter, animal shelter, soup kitchen,
- Go on March for Life
- Participate in 40 Days for Life
- Attend Love Begins Here
- Help at Fr. Carz's Place
- invite someone to reconciliation
- Bring someone to Mass
- go to Lifest
- tutor someone
- organize a food or clothing drive
- participate in intercessory prayer/ praying for others
- acts of kindness

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