

# *Shamrock Stewardship Program*

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**Our Catholic faith calls us to be good stewards of the gifts which God has given to us. Here are the ways in which our children can participate in stewardship at Visitation School -**

## *Service Hours – Sharing Time & Talent*

Students are encouraged to share their time & talent with others. Those who participate in the program by logging hours they complete during the year will be recognized with certificates. Students who complete over 50 hours of service will receive the presidential service award medal. Grade level stewardship coordinators will communicate with parents and students about grade-level organized service opportunities. Students are also encouraged to perform service on their own. **Parents will be asked to submit the total number of hours their student performed at the end of April.**

## *Stewardship Classroom Lessons*

Mrs. Burdolski will again visit each class to conduct a stewardship lesson as part of religion classes. Information about those lessons will be sent home to parents following Mrs. Burdolski's visit. You can also watch for stewardship news periodically in the weekly e-letter, in the parish website and online at [www.visitation.org/school/shamrock-stewardship](http://www.visitation.org/school/shamrock-stewardship).

## *All-School Projects & Other Opportunities to Give Back*

This year, students will again participate in several all-school projects to raise funds or goods to help others. Last fall, we collected hygiene & household cleaning products for Giving the Basics and in the spring we held Ropes for Recess for the Strong City Catholic Schools. **We have two fall semester projects planned for 2018:**

**September 17-October 5 – Coins for Kanbe's** – coin drive to support Kanbe's Markets which provides produce to convenience stores in the food desert of KC.

**October 15-November 8 – Little Sisters of the Poor** – supply drive for the elderly residents at the Little Sisters' facility.

Details for our spring semester projects are still being worked out.

In addition to our school-wide semester-long projects, we will continue to hold several drives that return year after year including Sock it to Poverty and Rice Bowl. Our other projects will not overlap with these recurring drives.

*Students received new Shamrock Stewardship t-shirts last year. These shirts can be worn when doing service projects with their classmates, when performing service hours on their own, on spirit days to school and to represent Visitation outside of school. We hope that most students will be able to wear their shirts for 2-3 years.*