

Family Page

Always be proud of your faith in Jesus Christ. It is one of the greatest gifts God has given you. It is a sign of God's love for you and your love for God. Take stock this week and identify the signs of your faith that are visible in your family. See if you can answer the following questions with a resounding YES!



1 If someone should come into your home today, would he or she know immediately that yours is a Catholic home? Are there outward signs of your faith in evidence? Do your children recognize these signs?

2 Does your lifestyle reflect your faith in Jesus Christ?

3 Does your family discuss your faith in God?

4 Are there magazines and books available to the children that will help them to grow in their faith?

5 Do the children feel they belong and are comfortable at your parish church? Do you take part in family occasions at the parish?

6 What is one more thing the family can do to let others know that you are proud of your Catholic faith?

YES!



explaining GOD'S WORD

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) † Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 † July 26, 2026

Treasure Map

Follow the dotted line to find your greatest treasure.

I believe...



God made the world for me.

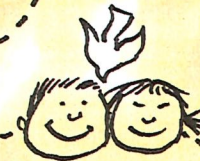


God sent Jesus to teach me to love.

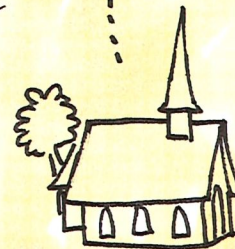
Jesus suffered and died and rose from the dead.



Jesus is truly God.



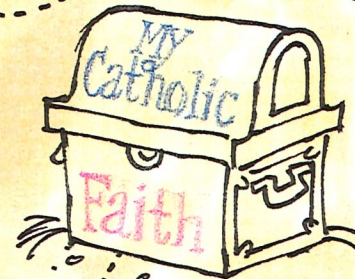
The Holy Spirit lives in me today.



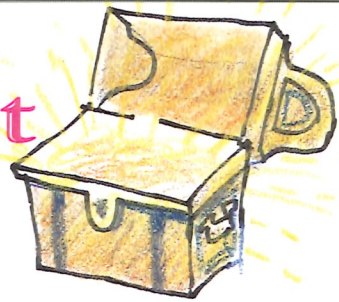
God's Church does Jesus' work on earth.



God forgives me when I do wrong.



Y our Secret Treasure



You have a secret treasure. Can you guess what it is? Your parents and God gave it to you on the day that you were baptized.

Treasures come in all shapes and sizes. Some treasures cost a lot of money and some treasures money can't buy. A letter from someone special is a treasure that can't be bought. A picture of your family is a treasure that can't be bought. Any treasure that reminds you of a happy time or a special person is a treasure that money can't buy, a treasure of love.

Your secret treasure is like that. Jesus calls it "a pearl of great price." Have you guessed what your treasure is?

This treasure of love given to you by God and your parents is your CATHOLIC FAITH!



Locked inside the treasure chest of faith is all of God's love for you, the help of the saints, the Mass, the sacraments, and best of all — Jesus in Holy Communion! And way down deep inside, locked in for safe keeping, is Jesus' promise of great happiness that will be yours someday in heaven with God.

Isn't that the best treasure of all?



GUARDING YOUR TREASURE

Some people lose their faith because they don't know how to take care of it. Listed below are some ways to keep your treasure bright and shining. Fill in the blanks from the word list.

- 1 Listen to God's _____ at Mass.
- 2 Always obey God's _____.
- 3 Go to _____ every week.
- 4 Always be proud to call yourself _____.
- 5 _____ with your family every day.



WORD
LIST

MASS
PRAY

WORD
CATHOLIC

LAWS