

## Children's Envelope Procedure at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

The use of envelopes is intended to involve our parishioners who are children, in the process of the Mass. They are to teach our children the importance of involving yourself in your Church. They are to encourage an understanding of stewardship, returning a portion of your time, talent and treasure to God in appreciation for all we receive.

- Children are to put 1 envelope each week, the one intended for that day. If they put multiple envelopes in the collection from other days or feasts, they are not counted as being present at Mass, those other days.
- Children are encouraged to write a way they have served God and His people that week on the envelope. They may also put in their own money. They are not to put family money in the envelope; it will not be recorded toward the family donation.
- Children are encouraged to use their own envelopes each week. Envelopes for kindergarten children and younger are given out by the box. If your child does not have a box, please contact the church office. Children in first grade and above receive their envelopes as do parents, in the mail. They are in 2 month cycles. When you join the Church, your child may use the temporary envelopes from the back of the Church until theirs arrive. If your child, who is in first grade or older, is not receiving envelopes, please contact the church office.
- It helps the church office tremendously for your children 1<sup>st</sup> grade and above to use the envelopes that are personalized for them. Deciphering handwriting can be difficult. Please get into the habit of bringing the envelopes from home rather than depending on the ones in the back of the Church.
- Please be sure to use the envelope system for yourselves and your children. You or your children may not be considered active parishioners without their use. For children who are part of sacramental preparations, their envelope use, showing attendance, is periodically reviewed.
- Money in the children's envelopes is not counted in the family offering. Parents are to put their monetary contribution in their own envelopes. Children will not receive an accounting of monies put in the children envelopes.