

Good News Notes for Nov 20

Gospel for Nov 26: Matthew 25:31-46 (p. 438 in Golden Bible)

God wants us to both count and SHARE our blessings!

Focus activity: Works of Mercy crossword puzzle (resource room)

After Proclaiming Gospel, can read assign readers and read together (p. 4).

What Church Believes and Teaches: p.45 Spiritual and Corporal (Body) Works of Mercy -- We are to help others both physically and spiritually since people are BOTH body and soul.

Brainstorm practical ways we can perform works of mercy.

Mercy =treat others as God treats us, better than we deserve.

Service Option: color/decorate the water bottle labels with colored pencils. These labels will eventually be attached to water bottles and used as a way to **raise funds to dig a well in Uganda.** St. Max RFY has chosen this as its service focus for the year. Clean water is a basic right and many people are without this basic need or must travel far to obtain it. Our goal is to raise \$4000 to provide for 1 well. More information forthcoming.

This goes along with our Catholic Social Teaching: **Rights and Responsibilities.** Read more at : <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/rights-and-responsibilities.cfm>

Please encourage students to do their best work. Return labels to baskets when complete.

Game option: We do works of mercy (p. 2-3 in weekly)--pennies/markers in baskets

Journal option: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40 *Draw one way you can do an act of mercy for someone this week.*

Prayer Option: Take time to THANK God for all the blessings He bestows upon us each day. Give everyone a chance to tell what they are thankful for. Can use Litany of Thanksgiving (in baskets) as a guide.

Song Option: *Good to me* by Audrey

Assad <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZkhOENZZ10>

Thanksgiving is in 3 days---Take time to THANK GOD for all our blessings!