

# St. Catherine ENCOUNTER

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# KINDNESS

## ENCOUNTER KINDNESS

When you think of kindness, what comes to mind? An encouraging note sent by a friend? A caring shoulder to cry on? Or maybe your mom's chocolate chip cookies fresh from the oven? Whatever you think about, it most likely includes a warm fuzzy feeling. Kindness just does that. No wonder it's a fruit of the Spirit. When we're kind, others get to experience that warmth, and whether they realize it or not they're experiencing some of God's character.

We encounter Jesus through our kindness because Jesus taught us "whatever you do for the least, you do for me" (Matthew 25:40). As followers of Jesus we must be kind to the poor, the stranger, the ill, and the imprisoned.

To learn more about helping your children learn to practice acts of kindness, a good article to read can be found at: [www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/14-little-ways-to-encourage-kindness/](http://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/14-little-ways-to-encourage-kindness/)

*"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile" (St. Teresa of Calcutta).*

## HOW WE ENCOUNTERED KINDNESS

Today we encountered kindness through performing Corporal Works of Mercy, such as feeding the hungry and caring for the imprisoned. We made sandwiches for St. Francis Soup Kitchen in downtown Jacksonville. To learn more, visit: [www.stfrancissoupkitchenjax.org/](http://www.stfrancissoupkitchenjax.org/). We made placemats for the Sulzbacher Center in Jacksonville. To learn more, visit: [www.sulzbacherjax.org/](http://www.sulzbacherjax.org/). We also made posters for people who are in prison and are attending a Kairos Retreat. To learn more about the Kairos Ministry, visit: [www.kairosfl.org/](http://www.kairosfl.org/).



## AS SEEN AT ENCOUNTER

Last week, we built mountains in the courtyard to demonstrate the need to build our faith on rock and to form a community to support our faith.

Your picture could end up here next week as we practiced acts of kindness for the hungry and the imprisoned.

## BE KIND! HELP OUR ST. CATHERINE BAZAAR

Each year, our Encounter families help make baskets for the Silent Auction at the Parish Bazaar. Different grades have different themes that form one basket. The themes are as follows:

### **1st Grade and RCIA: Art Basket**

*Content Ideas—crayons, paints, construction paper, play dough, colored pencils, sidewalk chalk, paint brushes, finger paints, finger paint paper, glitter, markers, scissors, stickers.*

### **2nd Grade: Baking Basket**

*Content Ideas-- different chips/morsels, vanilla, sprinkles, frostings, baking powder, baking soda, cookie cutters, measuring cups, spoons, oven mitt, flour, sugar, brown sugar, powdered sugar, oil, baking pans, apron.*

### **3rd and 4th Grades: Pet Lovers Basket**

*Content Ideas-- Gift card to a pet store, dog (or cat) toys, dog (or cat) food bowls, pet jersey or sweater, shampoo and other grooming supplies, a leash.*

### **5th and 6th Grades: Baby Boy Basket**

*Content Ideas— Diapers, diaper bag, onesies, burp cloths, infant toys, board books, teething rings, baby socks, bibs.*

### **7th and 8th Grades: Outdoor Adventures Basket**

*Content Ideas— Sleeping bag, fishing pole, mini lanterns, playing cards, fixings for s'mores (graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate), head lamps, bug spray, citronella candles, gift cards to outdoor stores.*

### **Confirmation Students: Baby Girl Basket**

*Content Ideas—Diapers, diaper bag, onesies, burp cloths, infant toys, board books, teething rings, baby socks, bibs.*

**Youth should bring in items no later than:  
October 16<sup>th</sup> for Tuesday sessions and  
October 17<sup>th</sup> for Wednesday sessions.**

There is still time to volunteer for the Parish Bazaar.  
Sign up at: [bazaar5.wixsite.com/stcatsfallbazaar](http://bazaar5.wixsite.com/stcatsfallbazaar).

Thank you so much for your help.



**Time Travelers (Children's Liturgy of the Word) -**

**Sunday, October 14 at 9:50am**

**Reconciliation Meeting – October 14 at 1:30pm**

**Confirmation Meeting - October 14 at 3:00pm**

**St. Catherine Bazaar – October 19, 20, 21**

**Encounter Rock Concert – October 23/24**

**World Mission Sunday – October 28**

**Trunk or Treat – October 31**

## PRACTICE KINDNESS AT HOME

- ◆ Look up the seven Corporal Works of Mercy on the internet and try to perform each one a different day this week as a family.
- ◆ Practice saying “please,” “thank you,” and “I’m sorry” at home. These five words are easy ways of getting in the habit of showing kindness.
- ◆ Write hand-written thank-you notes to people who have shown you kindness. The notes don’t need to be an essay and people love to receive them. It’s the personal touch.
- ◆ Discuss how to show kindness to someone who is ill, lonely, or being picked out at school. Find a way to perform an act of kindness for that person.

### **Encounter Questions?**

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### **Next Week's Theme:**

# ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

**October 16 & 17**