

## *Faith Chest Ministry*

Part of the ministry of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish is to support our families in the living out of the important Baptismal Promises you made today. Receive this Faith Chest as a gift for your child on the occasion of his/her Baptism. It is meant to be a repository for those articles significant to your child's journey with Christ throughout his/her life.

This Faith Chest may be used to store important faith formation materials, certificates, the Baptismal Candle and White Garment, as well as pictures related to your child's Baptism. Over time the Faith Chest may be used to store important certificates, devotional books, study Bibles, faith journals and pictures from the reception of other sacraments like their First Confession, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage. It can also include notes and pictures from you, or their grandparents, teachers, or friends who have been a part of your child's personal Catholic Christian faith experience and formation.

### **Things that could be placed in the Faith Chest**

1. Baptism Certificate, Baptism Candle and Baptismal Garment and Cloth
2. Pictures from the baptism and a written account
3. Video from Baptism and cards received for Baptism
4. List of favorite Bible story books as a young child or adult
5. Meaningful prayers and/or Bible verses
6. First Reconciliation certificate and memorabilia
7. First Communion certificate, materials and photos
8. Confirmation certificate, cards and photos
9. Materials from Youth Retreats, Youth Gatherings, photos and stories
10. Copy of Marriage certificate and Service
11. Letters to your child on special days in their faith journey.
12. A written collection of your own personal faith stories
13. Cards and notes that helped you get through tough times
14. Favorite Faith Quotes

This is just a suggested list as a starting point. Every Faith Chest will be different because each journey will be different. The importance of an item is simply determined if it is meaningful to you or your child. It is always good to keep original certificates in a very safe place-like a Lock Box or safe. Copies are fine for your Faith Chest. It is a gathering place for Faith Milestones as you find them and also as the events happen in your lives. It is the "known" place to keep important faith life materials