

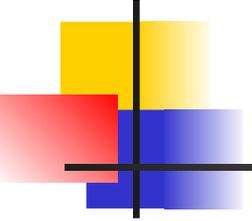
# SALT & MATTHEW 5:13-16 LIGHT

- “You are the salt of the earth;  
you are the light of the world.”



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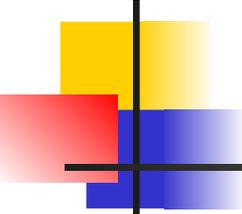
- Jesus gave his life for us so that we might experience God's gift of grace to its fullest.
- We are asking 43 hours a year and we promise if you live out your Church life to its fullest, you will experience a lifetime of God's grace! I am not just up here saying this because it's part of my ministry to you; I am saying this because I am living it and I want it for you and your children. God is so amazing; you must allow yourself to know Him.



# Experiencing Church

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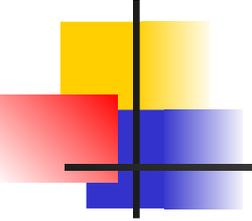
- To fully experience Church, as Jesus intended, we must participate in all aspects of Church.
  - Education- 22 hours
  - Prayer- 7 hours
  - Community- 7 hours
  - Service- 7 hours
  - Total= 43 hours



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# Prayer:

- Parish mission- 1 hour per evening
- Advent series- 1 hour per evening
- Epiphany concert- 1 hour
- Stations of the Cross- 1 hour per evening
- Holy hours- 1 hour per evening
- Daily mass- 1 hour
- Lent series- 1 hour per evening
- Non-Obligatory masses – 1 hour each
- Chrism mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil- 2 hours each
- Testify for Girls- 7 hours
- March for Life- 7 hours
- DME (Age 16 and up)- 7 hours
- Totus Tuus- 7 hours
- NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference)- 7 hours

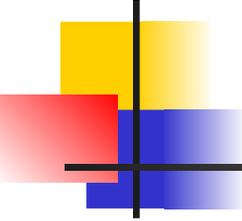


# OLP Opportunities

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## **Community:**

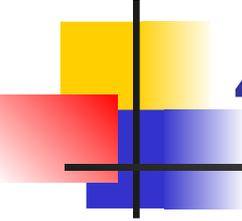
- Olp Bonfires- 1 hour
- Girls/Boys retreat- 7 hours
- Fest- 7 hours
- Scrapbooking-5-7 hours
- Mardi Gras- 1 hour
- Relay for Life- 1-3 hours
- Family Fest- 5 hours
- Attend the Parish picnic



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## **Service:**

- Faithful to the Finish/5k race- 3 hours
- St. Joseph's Table/dinner- 3 hours
- Spring clean up day- 1-2 hour
- Serve Erie- TBD
- City Mission (age 15 and up)- 3 hours
- Emmaus Soup Kitchen (15 and up) – 3 hours
- Altar serving- 1 hour per mass, limit 3 masses per year
- Music Ministry (Spirit Song)- 1hour per mass, limit 3 masses per year.
- Work at the Parish picnic

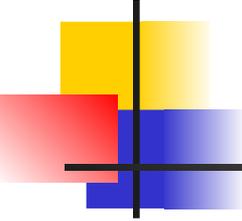


# 43 hours a year=A Lifetime of grace

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- Think how much time you spend watching television, texting, sitting in the car waiting for practice to end, sitting in the drive thru waiting for that perfect cup of coffee. We are asking less than one hour per week to bring yourself into a deeper, fuller relationship with GOD.  
“Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?”  
(Matthew 26:40)
- This is so doable that you would be crazy not to accept the invitation. Give the time, experience His love and mercy, enjoy His salvation! Is one hour a week not worth your eternal life? I also promise you that after giving less than one hour per week you will desire more because your experience of Church will be that much fuller.

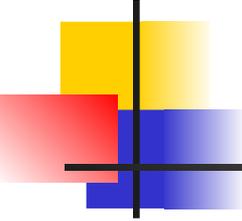
# Pope Francis on the Family — What Makes a Family Holy?

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- First: *the family prays.*

...it is a matter of humility, of realizing that we need God... all of us! We need his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents....praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer.

- Next, *the family keeps the faith.*

We all know that families, especially young families, are often “racing” from one place to another, with lots to do. But did you ever think that this “racing” could also be the race of faith? Christian families are missionary families. ...They are missionary in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith!

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- And finally: *the family experiences joy.*

...the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well... True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God and he teaches us how to cultivate it in family life. But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centeredness prevails and joy fades. **The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world! Please join us on this journey and BE THESE!**