



Ignite the F.I.R.E.



Families Involved in Religious Education

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OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

F.I.R.E. is a desire to involve more families in the investment of teaching our children to live and love the Catholic faith, through education, family events and opportunities to build up our relationship with Christ and His Church. This bi-monthly newsletter is an invite to all to be a part of F.I.R.E. in their own homes on a regular basis so that we can work up to more events as a community. If you have ideas, please contact the RE Coordinator.

FATHER CRAIG'S HOMILY MESSAGE

At a Mass last month, Father talked about 5 simple things that, if done by our parishes, would transform our Church. (FYI: You can listen to any of Father's homilies from the St. Ed's Church Facebook page.) Last newsletter, we went over #1 DAILY PRAYER. This newsletter will touch on #2 MASS.

When we teach our kids something we want them to be good at, like preparing for driving a vehicle, playing a sport, or an instrument, what do we do? We coach them, we practice with them and help them get more experience. The same concept can be used with Mass. We need to show them the importance of it in our adult lives by making it a regular (but extraordinary) part of our lives by putting our faith into practice.

We can come up with many reasons why it's easy not to get to Mass, but when it comes down to it, we show up out of love. We sacrifice our time to make it to so many things, and when we show up to Mass out of love and pay attention, sometimes we are amazed at what we will experience.

Even if you are away from your home parish, you can attend Mass anywhere! You can make visiting different Catholic Churches a part of the experience! Visit www.masstimes.org the next time you are traveling and find a Mass near you.

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HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Speaking of Mass, November 1st, The Feast of All Saints, is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means, it is just as important as our Sunday Mass celebration. There are day and evening Mass times on both Weds and Thurs, so make sure to check the bulletin and plan ahead to find a time that fits into your family's schedule. NOTE: Public school kids can be excused from school for the time to attend Mass on Holy Days, if their schedule does not allow them to attend at another time.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

Feast Days are days that we remember and celebrate the lives of those who have made a great difference in the life of the Church. There are so many Saints and the list can be daunting to keep up with, so the newsletter will inform you of upcoming feast days so you can participate, or ask for their help, through prayers and intentions. *More Saint information can also be found on www.catholic.org.*

- 10/13 - St. Edward the Confessor - *Interesting video on the Saint website!!*
- 10/15 - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- 10/17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- 10/18 - St. Luke, Evangelist
- 10/19 - Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

ALL HALLOWS EVE

“Although Halloween has been secularized since the 19th century, Catholics have a long history of observing evening vigil before the Feast of All Saints. Put in this context, Halloween shifts from being a commercial holiday to All Hallows Eve, a commemorative holy day. You can offer silent prayer along with candy” for little trick-or-treaters that come to your door.

*Cited from “The Catholic Home”, pgs. 120-121, Meredith Gould.

MOTTO MESSAGE

This quote stood out when trying to define what F.I.R.E. is trying to accomplish. It also happens to be a Saint that Father Craig has a great devotion to, so it seems even more fitting that this is the time and place for us to “Ignite the F.I.R.E.” in our parish communities.

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!” ~ St. Catherine of Siena

