



Ignite the F.I.R.E.



Families Involved in Religious Education

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FATHER CRAIG'S HOMILY MESSAGE

3 -Get Involved - We need not look far to find a need for people to help. Most of us do it everyday. Some out of commitment or obligation, some out of special interest, and some because there's just nobody else to do the work. Sometimes we approach volunteer work as a hurdle and one more thing to add to our busy lives, but most who offer up their time and talents find that in the long run, doing something for the good of another makes a difference in their life because they made a difference in someone else's.

One of the "requirements" that Confirmation students have before they are confirmed is to do acts of service for the church and community. It's not something that is asked of them just to make them work, but the hope is that they find something they are passionate about and encounter others that will help them on their journey and show them how to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. It hopefully affects them to continue to work to be a part of something bigger well after they are confirmed and strive to make decisions with their Catholic faith in mind.

Sometimes to get a start, we only need to look as far as the bulletin to find out where help is needed. (This week alone has Hurricane relief efforts, Pro-life event benefits, helping around the parishes, assisting the Sisters, the list goes on!) As parents and families, we can show our children, and those around us, that even though we are serving those around us, we can also take away something that money cannot buy when we generously give of our time and talents for the sake of promoting God's kingdom here on earth.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAYS

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. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states, "Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ..." (CCC 957) Families can make "figure 8" pretzels to represent saints or martyrs to remind us of those who generously gave their lives bringing Christ to the world.

November 2nd is The Feast of All Souls, where we “pray for all members of our faith community. We pray for those who have died in faith. We pray for “poor souls” that don’t have anyone to pray for them” (The Catholic Home, p. 125). CCC 958: “Our prayer for them [the dead] is capable of not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.” We can use this time to reminisce, with reverence and delight, about friends and family no longer with us and hope they are experiencing the fullness of God’s glory in heaven with Christ.

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. *More Saint information can also be found on www.catholic.org.*

- 10/22 St. Pope John Paul II - This modern-day Pope encountered so many individuals, more than any other previous popes - If you would like to see a movie made about his life, go on to the FORMED.org website, and watch it for free by using the code on the bulletin.

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

