



Ignite the F.I.R.E.

Families Involved in Religious Education



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OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

F.I.R.E. was an idea that started a few years back with 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 as families and as a community. This bi-monthly newsletter will be a way to get out information as well as invite 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 RE Coordinator, Tina Myhre.

FATHER CRAIG'S HOMILY MESSAGE

Two weeks ago, 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.) To touch on the first one in this newsletter: #1 DAILY PRAYER. This one small effort will make a difference in your day, your faith and your family. Whether it's starting with one prayer each day, or 10 minutes in Adoration or daily Mass, commit this year to beginning with this first step.

If you look in the bulletin (also posted weekly on the parish websites) there are many opportunities to pray as a community, whether it's Adoration or Mass, (as mentioned above), praying with the Mass readings at home, as well as the Rosary. If you struggle to pray on your own, there is a Radio Rosary each day on 1400 AM. Our diocese has a "Traveling Rosary" that is scheduled for Oct 14-20 and will make "stops" along our diocese, with one being in Marshall.

The parish bulletins are a huge resource for all of the opportunities to find just ONE to add DAILY PRAYER to your life.

We will once again have Adoration during RE class time from 6:30-7:30pm in the St. Ed's Church, so if you have children attending class, please feel free to come over and pray and enjoy the silence to listen to the voice of God.

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.

- 9/27 - St. Vincent de Paul
- 9/29 - St. Michael and the Archangels Gabriel & Raphael
- 10/1 - St. Therese of Lisieux
- 10/2 - The Guardian Angels
- 10/4 - St. Francis of Assisi
- 10/7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

ARCHANGELS

“Angels are appointed messengers of God, and St. Michael the Archangel is considered the most powerful among them and is the guardian of Israel as well as the ‘Defender of the Catholic Church.’ St. Michael is charged with rescuing souls from evil and leads the battle against Satan as well as escorting all souls to eternity.” This year, our catechists have been asked to add “The Prayer to St. Michael” to their class prayers for the protection from evil. You can also add the prayer to your DAILY PRAYER. A fun way to celebrate this feast day (or the Feast of The Guardian Angels) by enjoying angel food cake as a treat!

-quotes cited from “The Catholic Home”, pgs. 108-109

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

