

Upcoming Events

11/26: Turkey Connection

11/27-11/29: Parish Office Closed

11/28: Thanksgiving

12/1: First Sunday of Advent

Calendar

11/3: Regular Class

Confirmation Class: 2:00 PM, FLC Room #3

11/10: Regular Class "Snack Sunday"

First Reconciliation Class: 2:00 PM, FLC Room #3

11/17: Regular Class

Youth Ministry: 5-7 PM, FLC

11/24: Regular Class

12/1: NO CLASS

12/7: First Reconciliation, 10:30 AM Church

12/8: Regular Class "Snack Sunday"

"All Sacraments Retreat" 2:00 PM, FLC

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Saint Michael Parish Youth Faith Formation November 2023



From Miss Fessler:

One of the neat things about the additional responsibilities of my job is that I have the joy of teaching topics to adults that I haven't taught in years. Most recently in OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) and adult Confirmation class, I taught the basics of prayer. You are probably thinking: "don't you do that all the time?". Honestly, it has been years since I taught the basics of prayer to adults.

I pulled out the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* and Joe Paprocki's *A Well-Built Faith* to dive into the why and how of prayer. It was so much fun! What stuck me the most during all my preparations was that I had forgotten that God is always present to us. Sorry Margaret, we don't need to start our prayers with "Are you there God?". God is always there, always present to us and for us. Prayer is our response to God who is waiting on us to chat, so to speak.

Our prayer flows in response to knowing God and all we have experienced in and through God. Even when we are asking something of God, we think we are initiating the prayer, but the reality is we are responding to the love and mercy God has given to us and we know is there. Our God truly is awesome!

The winner of the "Best Class" for October is: Second Grade! They have been working hard on their disciple power words of respect, goodness and faithful. The children have been putting their disciple power into action with their catechists and classmates. They were determined to win for October and worked hard to be the "goodest class" of YFF for the month, and they succeeded. I am so proud of them and all the children in YFF for working hard to not only learn our faith but putting into action what they are learning in class. Congratulations Second Graders!

God bless,

Miss Fessler



Spotlight on: New Volunteers

Anna Tieche: “I live in Canfield Ohio with my mom, dad, older brother, and two younger sisters. I also have a dog named Bolt and two cats. I said yes to helping out in kindergarten this year because I love helping kids! I also want to continue my love and relationship with God and the church! I am a freshman in high school this year and was on the golf team and hope to be on the softball team come spring! “

Sylvia Cupp: “Hi! I’m Sylvia Cupp and I teach YFF 3rd and 4th grade. I’m a pediatric emergency RN and have 3 wonderful kiddos, Olivia 8, Evie 6, and Caleb 4. I said yes to YFF to be more involved in the wonderful community here at Saint Michael. I have loved getting to know all the great kids.”

Erin Davies: “Hello! My name is Erin Davies and I am excited to join the catechist team. This year I have been placed with second grade and they are so much fun! I reside in Boardman with my husband, daughter, and son. I look forward to celebrating the sacraments of first Reconciliation and Eucharist with my son and your children!”

Reminder: If your child has a folder for class (grades 1, 3-4, 5-6) be sure to bring it to class each week. Thanks so much!

Saints of November

The Catholic Church calendar is filled with feast days and Saints. Here are *some* of the Saints on the calendar this month:

November 4: Saint Charles Borromeo

November 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 11: Saint Martin of Tours

November 13: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

November 15: Saint Albert the Great

November 16: Saint Margaret of Scotland

November 22: Saint Cecilia

November 24: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

November 30: Saint Andrew

Youth Ministry

November 17 and December 15 are the next two Youth Ministry gatherings. We will be “Stuffing the Stockings” in November and baking Christmas cookies for residents in nursing homes in December. Be sure to share these dates with anyone in high school. More dates will be announced in mid-December.

Monthly Prayer

Our Monthly Prayer is: Blessing Before Meals
(aka: Grace Before Meals).

Bless us o Lord

And these thy gifts

Which we are about to receive

From thy bounty

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please pray the Blessing Before Meals with your children throughout the month at home. We will be praying it during class time.

It may seem odd to pray this prayer during class, but what if we looked at our entire day as being filled with gifts from God, big or small? What if we started our day praying this prayer as a reminder that our day is a gift from God? Maybe peace, joy, and happiness would grow even more in our hearts allowing us to proclaim:

“God is good...all the time!”

Service Project: Stuff the Stocking!

It’s time for our 4th Annual “Stuff the Stocking” service project. This year we are adding a twist: our Youth Ministry teens will be stuffing actual Christmas stockings with the donations from our YFF families! The bag to be filled is included with the newsletter. All donations must be returned to your child’s classroom by November 17th so our Youth Ministry teens can get the stockings filled. Catholic Charities will be picking them up during the following week. Thank you in advance for helping to spread the Christmas joy to those who need some extra help this year.