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Upcoming Events:

- Magnifikid Order Forms due Oct 8th
- K4J Oct 10th (6-8)
- Marriage Enrichment Oct 18th
- All Saints Festival Nov 1st (1-5)
- First Confession Meetings Nov. 5 and Nov. 19

FAMILY UPDATES

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The Creed, Article 2: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord.

A teen wrote me an e-mail this week asking, "How do we know that Jesus is the savior?" I think this is a question that many may wonder, but are afraid to ask.



One answer is the proof of embarrassment and ridicule. Think about it. There were many things that happened in Jesus' life that would have brought shame and embarrassment to him and his followers, the most ob-

vious being his death by crucifixion, the death of a criminal. Yet, even after he died and rose, people flocked to remember Him in the weekly Eucharistic celebration. Why would people follow and die themselves for just any man? His message must have had profound power over them. Now, 2,000 years later, we have those who continue to suffer and die for the sake of Christ.

Those who believe with their whole heart, soul, and mind, in the Pascal Mystery. Are you one of those people? Would you give up everything if he came to you and said, "follow me"?

- How can I grow in my relationship with Christ?
- How can I bring my family into a closer relationship with Christ?

Date Night! Don't Miss It!

This Oct 18th take a break, get a babysitter, and join us for Marriage Enrichment Night in our new parish center after the 5:30 Mass.

Bring your favorite game from home and a potluck snack/appetizer to share and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners.

Call Megan with questions or to RSVP.





A Note from Prayer Man Chris Martin...

Last week at our Parent and Student Orientation Jamie introduced me and talked about how we monitor and test our students for the prayers we expect them to memorize during the Faith Formation year.

For Week #2 we will let the Catechists and the students establish their class routine. Starting Week #3

(October 5th and 7th) I will begin hearing the 5th Graders recite their prayers.

Parents, please review the prayers they already have memorized, then work with them in learning the remaining prayers up to and including their grade level. Those will be the prayers I will be testing

them on. After testing each student will be given a list of prayers they need to study. I will retest the 5th graders in about 2 months.

All Saints Festival

Have you signed up for the All Saints Festival yet?

Megan Shanahan is hosting this great event on Nov. 1st from 1-5pm. She needs your help! Families are needed to host saint tables. These tables will provide information on particular saints from around the world.

My family has chosen saints from Germany since that is part of our heritage. We are going to dress up and make posters telling about the lives of the saints.

What heritage do you have? Can you think of some great saints you would like to share with our Holy Redeemer family? Call Megan to sign up for a table today!



The Role of the Christian Family In the Modern World:

Article 4

Since God's plan for marriage and the family touches men and women in the concreteness of their daily existence in specific social and cultural situations, the Church ought to apply herself to ***understanding the situations within which marriage and the family are lived today***, in order to fulfill her task of serving.(8)

This understanding is, therefore, an inescapable requirement of the work of evangelization. It is, in fact, to the families of our times that the Church must bring the unchangeable and ever new Gospel of Jesus Christ, just as ***it is the families involved in the present conditions of the world that are called to accept and to live the plan of God that pertains to them.*** Moreover, the call and demands of the Spirit resound in the very events of history, and so the Church can also be guided to a more profound understanding of the inex-

haustible mystery of marriage and the family by the circumstances, the questions and the anxieties and hopes of the young people, married couples and parents of today.(9)

To this ought to be added a further reflection of particular importance at the present time. Not infrequently ideas and solutions which are very appealing but which obscure in varying degrees the truth and the dignity of the human person, are offered to the men and women of today, in their sincere and deep search for a response to the important daily problems that affect their married and family life. These views are often supported by the powerful and pervasive organization of the means of social communica-

tion, which subtly endanger freedom and the capacity for objective judgment.

Many are already aware of this danger to the human person and are working for the truth. The Church, with her evangelical discernment, joins with them, offering her own service to the truth, to freedom and to the dignity of every man and every woman.



We are all called to have Holy Families.

Questions to reflect on:

- What are some situations that affect marriage and the family today?
- What is God's plan for my family?

Youth Discipleship Challenge of the Week:

Spreading Joy and Keeping Promises

Do you try to spread joy? Do you notice there are people around who could use your help, even though they don't ask for it?

Try to be especially aware of

these people this week. Offer help to those who need it.

Do you keep your promises? This week turn over a new leaf. Only make promises you are willing to keep.

Write down the promises you

make and put them in a prominent place so you remember what you have agreed to do. (The bathroom mirror might be good.)

Modified from *Magnifikid*,

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Questions and Answers for Week 2: Jesus Christ, Son of God

Kindergarten:

1. Pg 14 Sign off in class or at home.
2. Pg 16 Who is Jesus' mother? **Mary** Draw a picture of Mary.
3. Pg 17 Draw a picture of Jesus' family, label the people.
4. Pg 18 Sign off in class or at home.

First Grade:

1. Pg. 6 What are the two parts of the Bible? **Old Testament and New Testament**
2. Pg. 12 Write your own prayer.
3. Pg. 16 Who is God's only Son? **Jesus** Draw a picture of Him.
4. Pg. 20 How can you show love? **By putting others first, but sacrificing for others.** Draw a picture of Jesus' family. How did they show love? **One possible answer. They showed love by moving to keep Jesus' safe, being patient with Him when he got lost, and supporting Him when others were upset with him.**

Second Grade:

1. Pg. 19 Draw a picture of Jesus' family. What is a savior? **One who saves us for heaven and from death.** Why did God send a savior? **People needed to see what it looked like to really love. Jesus shows us what love looks like. He opened the gates of Heaven with his love for us.** Who is the Savior? **Jesus**
2. Pg. 22 Think of times when Jesus shows he is truly God. **See the miracles,** Think of times when Jesus shows he is truly man. **When he is praying, especially in the garden, and when he is eating.**
3. Pg. 51 Retell what happened during the Annunciation. **Use workbook pg 36 and textbook chapter 10.**

Third Grade: No Pages

Fourth Grade: No Pages

Fifth Grade: No Pages