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Upcoming Events:

- K4J Oct 10th (6-8)
- *NO RE for 11/12 grade this Sunday (10/12)*
- Marriage Enrichment Oct 18th
- All Saints Festival Nov 1st (1-5)
- First Confession Parent Meetings Nov. 5 and Nov. 19

FAMILY UPDATES

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The Creed: I Believe in The Holy Spirit

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Who is the Holy Spirit? Do you remember your Confirmation preparation when much time was spent trying to understand the Holy Spirit and how you can recognize God's presence in your life?

For young children, the Holy Spirit is the most challenging person of God. Some ways that I have heard

the Spirit describe to children are:

- The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son.
- The Holy Spirit is like a wind blowing over us that we breathe in to receive grace in our hearts.
- The Holy Spirit is like a fire that sets us aglow with desire for all that is good, true, and just.



Is prayer to the Holy Spirit a part of your daily life? Do you think about how the Spirit is leading and guiding you? Here is a short prayer you can add to your daily routine asking the Holy Spirit to be with you.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

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.



October is the Month of Mary



Our Lady of October

Our Lady of October!
How fitting such a name,
Now when the woods in grandeur
Put on their cloaks of flame.

It is to do you honor,
Before woods come to die;
They celebrate love's token:
Your holy Rosary.

We seem to see you standing
Down each dim, golden lane,
By the harvest moon enhaloed,
In nature's forest-fane,

While mellow earth soft raises
Its evening prayer on high,
And we repeat the Aves
Of your dear Rosary.

O Lady of October,
When death's autumn time is nigh,
May our golden key to Heaven
Be your holy Rosary.

Charles J. Quirk
Robert, Cyril. *Mary Immaculate: God's Mother and Mine.*
Poughkeepsie, New York: Marist Press, 1946.



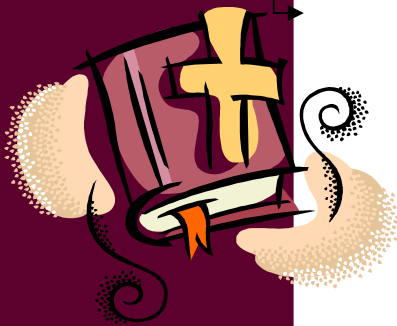
Repeat: All Saints Festival

We Want You!!

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 5

The discernment effected by the Church becomes the offering of an orientation in order that the entire truth and the full dignity of marriage and the family may be preserved and realized.

This discernment is accomplished through the sense of faith,(10) which is a gift that the Spirit gives to all the faithful,(11) and is therefore the work of the whole Church according to the diversity of the various gifts and charisms that, together with and according to the responsibility proper to each one, work together for a more profound understanding and activation of the word of God The Church, therefore, does not accomplish this discernment only through the Pastors, who teach in the name and with the power of Christ but also through the laity: **Christ "made them His witnesses and gave them understanding of the faith and the grace of speech (cf. Acts 2:17-18; Rv. 19:10), so that the power of the Gospel might shine forth in their daily social and family life."**(12) The laity, moreover, by reason of their par-

ticular vocation have the specific role of interpreting the history of the world in the light of Christ, in as much as they are called to illuminate and organize temporal realities according to the plan of God, Creator and Redeemer.

The "supernatural sense of faith"(13) however does not consist solely or necessarily in the consensus of the faithful. **Following Christ, the Church seeks the truth, which is not always the same as the majority opinion. She listens to conscience and not to power, and in this way she defends the poor and the downtrodden.** The Church values sociological and statistical research, when it proves helpful in understanding the historical context in which pastoral action has to be developed and when it leads to a better understanding of the truth. Such research alone, however, is not to be consid-

ered in itself an expression of the sense of faith.

Because it is the task of the apostolic ministry to ensure that the Church remains in the truth of Christ and to

lead her ever more deeply into that truth, the Pastors must **promote the sense of the faith in all the faithful, examine and authoritatively judge the genuineness of its expressions, and educate the faithful in an ever more mature evangelical discernment.**(14)

Christian spouses and parents can and should offer their unique and irreplaceable contribution to the elaboration of an authentic evangelical discernment in the various situations and cultures in which men and women live their marriage and their family life. They are qualified for this role by their charism or specific gift, the gift of the sacrament of matrimony.(15)



We are all called to have Holy Families.

Questions to reflect on:

- What gifts has God bestowed on you?
- How does the power of the Gospel shine forth in your daily life?
- How do you seek the truth?
- How do you grow in faith?

Youth Discipleship Challenge of the Week:

How Can You Serve the Church?

Are you an active member of your parish? Do you help out at Mass? As an altar server? As a lector (high school students)? What about being an usher or helping with K4J? There are lots of things the

youth can do in a parish and what better way to explore the church than to be an active member. See what you can do to become more active.

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Questions and Answers for Week 3: Holy Spirit

Kindergarten:

1.No Pages

First Grade:

- 1.Pg. 21 What prayer names the three persons of the Holy Trinity? **The Sign of the Cross and/or the Glory Be.**
- 2.Write the names of the three persons of the Trinity.

Second Grade:

- 1.Pg. 23 There are three persons of the **Trinity**. Jesus Died on the **cross**.
- 2.Draw a person and put a cross on their body each place they would touch when making the Sign of the Cross.

Third Grade: No Pages

Fourth Grade: No Pages

Fifth Grade:

- 1.Pg. 14 What does sanctify mean? **To make holy.**
- 2.How do sacraments sanctify people through God's action and Grace? **Sacraments make people holy because the minister of the sacrament calls the Holy Spirit down to give special graces to the person receiving the sacrament.**
- 3.Pg. 16 What is an epilcesis? **The epilcesis is the time during the sacrament when the minister of the sacrament calls the Holy Spirit down to be a part of the sacrament.**
- 4.What are the forms of the sacraments?
Baptism—"I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
Eucharist—"Take this all of you and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you..."
Confirmation—"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."
Reconciliation—"I absolve you from your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
Anointing—"Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."
Marriage— **The free exchange of consent to marry.**
Holy Orders— **Three separate prayers of consecration for each of the rites of Holy Orders.**