



PSR PARENT NEWSLETTER

Session Five: Faith First

This month we continue our focus on the Sacraments. There are three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist; two Sacraments of Service: Marriage and Holy Orders; and two Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

Points for reflection:

- Share with your children why you chose to have them baptized. Why do you choose the godparents that you did? Perhaps, you could look through their Baptism pictures as you talk with them about their baptism.
- On the day of your child's baptism you promised to lead them in the life of faith. Do you feel you are doing a good job? What would help you to be a better parent of faith to your child?

PRAYER SYMBOL:

All of the symbols that we have are reminders that we have been called by God to be his disciples. We are sent out to others to show them God's love and care in their lives. . . Lots of people live in the dark because they do not know God. To help us remember that we are called to be helpers in letting other people know about God's love in our world you are being given a STAR. It says "You are God's Star" and has a small glow in the dark star taped to it. Put this somewhere to remind you that you are the light of God's love.

Baptism constitutes the foundation for the whole Christian life. As a sacrament of initiation it accomplishes what it implies—it initiates a person into the life of the Church. The word baptism comes from a Greek word which means to “plunge” or “immerse” into water. Thus, when we were baptized, we were immersed into Christ's death and resurrection. The action of the sacrament symbolizes our burial into Christ's death from which we rise as new creations. Baptism has also been described a “washing.” In the waters of Baptism it becomes clear that we are born again and washed clean of our sins in order to become children of God. In Baptism we join a community of others in the Church and

we enter into a permanent relationship with God that helps us overcome sin and resolve not to sin anymore. In Baptism we make promises that we are to live out the rest of our lives. It may be a good idea to read and spend some time thinking about our baptismal promises. Just what exactly is it that we promise to do as baptized members of the Body of Christ? How do we resolve to live in love and to reject what is unloving in our everyday lives?

Confirmation celebrates and confirms the Holy Spirit who we have received in Baptism as a lifelong guide and companion. In Confirmation we receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that like the disciples at Pentecost we may be witnesses to Christ in the world. The anointing with oil

confirms our adoption as sons and daughters of the Father and our mission to bring Christ's life and love into our lives and the lives of the people around us. Confirmation is called the completion of Baptism because in this Sacrament with our strengthened in our faith and commitment to Christ and the Church. **The Sacraments of Service: Marriage and Holy Orders** celebrate our call to holiness. Living a holy life includes serving others as Jesus did. Marriage between a baptized man and a baptized woman is a covenant—a pledge of committed love—publicly declared before the family, friends and community of the Church. The sacrament of Holy Orders consecrates one in Christ for service to the Church.

Sacraments of Healing

The Sacraments of Healing: Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation continue the healing work of Jesus in our lives today. When Jesus walked among us, he forgave sins and restored the health of numerous people he met. This healing now stretches out to all who call upon him for help. Through the Spirit,

Jesus' healing reaches into every corner of the world.

The Anointing of the Sick makes Christ present to us. The sacrament brings with it Christ's compassion and response to our deepest needs. Jesus inspires us with hope and courage and gives us the promise of salvation. But for

our part, we must believe, and we are invited to give our fear over to him and to trust in God's love for us. Next month we will focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS FOR THIS MONTH:

GRADE ONE:
Chapters 13, 15, 18

GRADE TWO:
Chapters 16, 17

GRADE THREE:
Chapters 15, 17

GRADE FOUR:
Chapters 15, 16, 17

GRADE FIVE/SIX:
Chapters 14, 15, 16

Homework help: www.faithfirst.com

**WE'RE ON THE WEB:
STFELICITAS.COM**

**IF YOU LOOSE THIS NEWSLETTER,
YOU CAN FIND IT ON OUR WEBSITE !**

REMEMBER THE PARENT FORUM!!!

Each month at 12:05 pm. Come and meet with other parents to learn how to deepen your child's PSR experience.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT-CHLD MEETING:

January 28th from 7:00– 8:30 pm in the School. This is an essential part of your preparation for First Communion.

FIRST COMMUNION SPECIAL CLASS for students in second grade. January 26th from 9:30—11:00 am. All children enrolled in Communion need to attend!

Baptism Class for expecting parents will be held on Tuesday, February 12th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. If you are expecting in the next few months, please call the Rectory to register.

Coming next month—Annual Lunch and Outreach to Grande Pointe. Details will be sent to you in the mail in two weeks.

Parish Happenings!!!

ST. FELICITAS CARNIVAL Friday, January 25th from 6:30—9:00 pm in the school hall. Admission is \$6.00 . This is an evening of fun, game-playing and chances to win great prizes. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN OF THE PARISH: Saturday, February 2nd from 9:00—1:00 pm. Come and join us for a morning of prayer, learning, and fun. Our theme is Spiritual and Physical Nutrition for Women. Our speakers are

Ms. Maureen Dowd and a representative from a local hospital. We will learn some techniques to nourish our spiritual lives as well as our physical well-being. Light, nutritious refreshments will be served. To register call the Rectory at 216-289-0770. This is a great opportunity for some time just for you!

LOOKING AHEAD: Annual Parish Mission
The dates for our Annual Parish Mission are February 17th,

February 18th, February 26th, March 5th and March 10th. The Theme for the Mission is the beatitudes will be held as a joint mission with all the parishes of Euclid. More information will follow next month.

Annual Father-Daughter Dance: February 10th from 2:00—4:00 pm. Registration is a must. See attached flyer.

ASH WEDNESDAY:
Lent begins early this

SPECIAL THANKS!!! A heartfelt thank you goes to all parents and students of PSR for your overwhelming generosity and response to our Christmas project. The lives of many children at the Beachbrook Children's Home have been enriched by your care! May God bless you and your families in this New Year!