



PSR PARENT NEWSLETTER

Session Two: Faith First

This month we continued the focus on our Creed—our basic beliefs! Jesus entered our world to fulfill the Father’s promise to rescue us from evil. The Spirit is Jesus’ promise to be with us!

Family Blessing.

You are invited to share this prayer as a family throughout the coming month:

Spirit of God, who came in wind and fire, fill our hearts with courage and strength. Help us grow closer to you and to one another. Amen!

PRAYER SYMBOL:

During this month’s prayer service we focused on God’s promise to send the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit gifts us with all that we need to live as God’s children. Each child has received a Spirit bracelet. We hope this will become for them a reminder that the Holy Spirit is always with them to guide and direct them through all the ups and downs of their lives. We are called to bring the love and care of Jesus to others—may the Spirit empower us to do that!

At the heart of our faith as Christian is not a creed or a moral code but a person, Jesus Christ. In Hebrew the name Jesus means “God saves,” and those two words contain all of salvation history in a nutshell.

The mystery of the Incarnation—the fact that the Son of God became human without giving up his divinity, reveals the infinite love of God for us. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. In him God’s promises are fulfilled. Jesus’ whole life on earth proclaimed God’s love and care for all of us.

For most of his life on earth, Jesus was not a recognized

public figure. He lived a life similar to that of most of his contemporaries and gave little evidence of his greatness. He lived in Nazareth, obeyed Mary and Joseph, and observed the laws and traditions of the Jewish religion. After John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, Jesus began his public life and ministry. All Jesus’ deeds and words reveal God’s saving love and invite us to follow him and become his disciples.

Jesus is a model for our holiness. Through the example of his own loving kindness, Jesus showed us how to love God and one another

His teachings and actions

eventually led to his Passion and death. The suffering of Jesus was not without purpose. Though Jesus was without sin, he suffered willingly for all of us. In accepting his death on a cross, Jesus placed his life in complete conformity with the divine plan. His Resurrection opened the way for us to new life. Joined to Christ and his death and Resurrection through our Baptism, we share in the Paschal Mystery and are empowered to live our new life in Christ.

Questions for Reflection: From what kind of suffering do I hope to be rescued?

How does Jesus show me the way into God’s life?

The Holy Spirit and Prayer

The Holy Spirit is the master of prayer. “In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groaning” (Romans 8:26) When we make even the slightest effort to pray, the

Holy Spirit, like a fountain of water, springs up inside of us. When we don’t know what to say, the Spirit gives us the words. When we feel inadequate about our ability to pray, the Spirit teaches us how to pray. In a world that often seems to prize greed and selfishness, the fruit of the

Spirit at work in our life is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness of self-control. May we learn to trust that God has been true to His Promises to send His Spirit in our lives and pray often **COME HOLY SPIRIT!**

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS FOR THIS MONTH:

GRADE ONE:
Chapters 4, 6, 7

GRADE TWO:
Chapters 5, 6, 7, 9

GRADE THREE:
Chapters 5, 7, 8

GRADE FOUR:
Chapters 4, 5, 6

GRADE FIVE:
Chapters 5, 6, 8

GRADE SIX:
Chapters 5, 6, 8

Homework help: www.faithfirst.com

THE BEST WAY

to get something done

IS TO BEGIN

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.

Annual P.T.U. Halloween Bash:

Friday, October 26th 6:30—8:30 PM

An evening of safe Halloween fun and games shared with other parishioners. Check out the attached flyer for complete information!!!

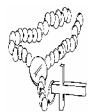
St. Felicitas Booster C.Y.O. Basketball registration is taking place this week. Please use the sheet your child brought home today. Final turn in date will be on Tuesday, October 16th. **Please return the form to the Collection Basket or Rectory THIS WEEKEND!** Open to boys and girls grades 4-8. Please complete the attached form as soon as possible. Registration deadline is October 18th. Cost for the season: \$85.00

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

Parish Happenings!!!

Respect Life Month:

The month of October focuses our attention on our need to respect life at all stages of development: from womb to tomb. As a sign of our parish's commitment to Respect for Life we have planned:



**A ROSARY
FOR
LIFE**

On Sunday, October 21st immediately following the 11:45 am. We will have Coffee and Donuts in the

Gathering Area and then form a rosary chain on the sidewalk on Richmond Rd. in front of the Church. Together we will pray the Rosary and witness our commitment to upholding the dignity of life. Please join us! This is a wonderful witness to life for both you and your children.

LADIES REVERSE RAFFLE. This is a fun evening for women only. Come and enjoy a great meal, chance to win \$1000.00. In addition we will have a Chi-

nese raffle and side boards. Your \$32.00 ticket covers everything and supports St. Felicitas in the process! Only 200 tickets sold and they go fast.

Church Rededication and 50th Anniversary as well as Fr. Bober's Funeral DVD's are available for purchase at \$10.00 each. If you would like to reserve a copy, please contact the Rectory Office to place an order.

BLANKET SUNDAY

is this weekend. When you come to Mass please bring your new or like-new blankets, sheets, pillowcases, towels or washcloths OR you can make a cash donation. Your money will go further through bulk purchase of blankets or other items for families, children, the elderly, homeless and other needy individuals in our area.