

FAMILY MINISTRY

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH We Believe



FAMILY TIES PET BLESSING

Monday, October 5, 7:00

October 5 we will celebrate St. Francis - lover of animals and all of God's creation. All families are invited to

celebrate this evening of fall fun and prizes.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED!

A CATECHIST'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me, as I begin the awesome responsibility of walking with families on their journey of faith, to remember that my witness is very important, but that You are God-so I don't have to be. Help me to trust that You are not limited by my limitations, that my ministry is something bigger than myself and that it is my privilege to assist families in nurturing lifelong faith and equipping them to live their faith.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD.

The name Jesus means "God saves". Christ means "anointed one". Lord indicates divinity (not the candy, either!)

So God's Son, the anointed one, was sent to save us. Save us from what? After sin came into the perfect world that God had created, God sent His only Son to show us how to live and to show how much He loved us by dying on the cross for our sins.

Pray together today

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us. Help us to forgive our enemies. Forgive us for the times we are not loving, for the times we are selfish, for the times we forget to pray. Help us to take care of the lonely and the outcast. Amen.

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CATECHIST SUNDAY

Today is Catechist Sunday. Our milestone catechists are:

- 25 years - Martha Monnig
- 5 years - Connie Mann
- 5 years - Sharon Medley
- 5 years - Angie Roustio.

The word catechist means "echo". **Thank you to all the catechists who have echoed the words of the Master Catechist the past 55 years at St. Mark!**

MISSION STATEMENT of ST. MARK CATECHISTS

We, the catechists of St. Mark Catholic Church, called by God, commissioned by the parish community are dedicated to the faith formation of families. We commit ourselves to assist families in their journey of faith by:

- proclaiming the Gospel message;
- being people of prayer;
- fostering Christian community;
- offering service to the needy.

We strive to lay the foundation for a lifelong relationship with God by helping families discover their own sacredness- the presence of God in themselves, each other, the world around them; by teaching the truths of the Catholic faith and the richness of our Catholic heritage and tradition.



REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

It is not surprising that the workers who worked all day complained when those who worked 1 hour earned the same. In Jesus' day unemployed men gathered each morning, hoping to be hired for the day. They are the displaced, unemployed, and underemployed workers of their day.

Those still waiting at five o'clock have little chance of earning enough to buy food for their families that day. So the vineyard owner pays even them a full day's wage out of generosity. In the parable the vineyard owner represents God. From Catholic Answers: "The general idea of the parable is that everyone comes to the vineyard (faith) at different points in their lives. Some people are lifelong disciples of Jesus, and some people convert only toward the end of their lives. In the kingdom of God, both groups are treated the same....because of the generosity of the owner of the vineyard (God)."

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