

Dear Families, Children and Catechists,



## Welcome to our Ministry

It was a blessing to see everyone on Zoom this past Sunday. I know you were given a lot of information in a little bit of time. Please know that we are working hard to accommodate and modify our program to best serve our families and children during these difficult times. For those families who were not able to connect with us and for everyone the following is a review;

### Ministry GOALS: EVANGELIZATION, CATECHESIS, AND COMMUNION

#### Ministry OBJECTIVES:

In transformation into evangelizing Families within our parish community our **objectives** are as follows;

- Create an environment for families to encounter Jesus and becoming his disciples.
- Assist parents in forming their children to be disciples of Jesus by supporting them in being the primary catechist of faith.
- Provide a connection between the Sunday Liturgy and Family Formation.
- Provide families the opportunities to experience a spiritual journey within their parish community and beyond.

#### OVERVIEW

- Zoom Monthly Meetings at the end of the month.
- Activities will sent home in the beginning of the month to be done as a family at your leisure.
- Reading Sunday's Gospels as a family.
- Stream or attend Mass on Sundays in order to connect the Gospels readings.
- Saint Project to be done as a family due on November 1<sup>st</sup> on Zoom.
- Calendar of Events are attached Please Note: they are all tentative depending on Governmental orders

- Volunteer opportunities with weekday services and special events. Our ministry host every other week. Please reply to this email for details.
- Registrations forms are attached to be filled out we are offering a discount for pandemic of \$50 per child (non-parishioner fees still apply)

Starting in September we will send a series of activities to be done at home as a family. Then we will meet at our monthly meetings to share and have discussion of the following themes;

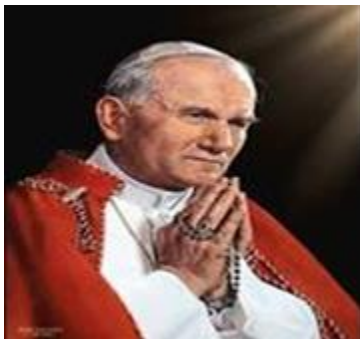
- **August - Introductions and Informational Meeting**
- **September - Baptism with a guest speaker on this theme**
- **October – Rosary (October is The Month of the Rosary our Living Rosary on Zoom on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11 am)**
- **November – Saints (All Saints Day project will be due on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> on Zoom)**
- **December – Advent (Night in Bethlehem/Posada Drive thru in the Lassen Parking Lot on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>)**

### Zoom Etiquette and Rules

We have made some rules to maximize our time together and help our time go smooth.....

1. We must see the family on Screen in order to count as attended. Do not turn off your video we want to see you.
2. Please make sure to go to the bathroom before Zoom Meetings start
3. Please do not use toys or have them around during Zoom meeting
4. Please do not play with your chair, table or computer while we are meeting. Please remain seated for safety reasons.....
5. Please be aware of your screen surroundings we can see behind you.
6. No laying on beds.

### Catholic Families as a Domestic Church



St. John Paul II states: *"The Family is the Domestic Church...the home is the Church in miniature"*

**WE RECOGNIZE THAT PARENTS ARE A CHILD'S FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT EDUCATORS OF OUR FAITH**

In addition, we will be covering each statement below to the themes we will have listed above.

1. Family Life is Sacred (Elaborate in September)
2. Family Activity is Holy (Elaborate in October)
3. Family have a unique Ministry (Elaborate in November)
4. Families are an Evangelizing Community (Elaborate in December)

**September's Family Activities Theme "Baptism"**

**Matthew 4:13-17 "The Baptism of Jesus"**

As a family please share photos, keep sakes and other family memories about the day you and your child/children were baptized. Please complete attached handouts with your child/children you can get creative and use your imaginations. Then at our September meeting you will be able to share with your group. Please contact me if you have any questions.

**Sunday's September 6<sup>th</sup> Gospel Readings from Matthew 18:15-17**

I have attached the Children's Version from Pflaum Publishing. As a family reading this Sunday's Gospels in the New Testament. If your family does not own one please let me know and we will provide one for your family.

**St. John Eudes Parish Mission- Starting this weekend September 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

You are invited to participate with our Parish Mission started this weekend for additional details or to sign up <https://www.sjeparish.net/events/parish-mission-announcement>

**Family Formation Registration Requirement – Form are attached. Please be aware that the forms are for each child in your house hold.**

- Each form must completely filled out signed and dated for each child.
- Copy of Certificate of Baptism (or Birth Certificate for Unbaptized) for each child. For 1<sup>st</sup> Year Families or if needed.
- VIRTUS – Permission Slip signed for each child.
- Program Fees – Check/Cash or Money order payable to St. John Eudes Family Faith Formation memo line: 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Prep
- These **forms and payment can be sent back through mail or drop off in the Office Door slot.** Please remember to address these forms under my attention.

I know this is a lot of information, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions for the above.

Blessings,  
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