

A Pumpkin Prayer

(while carving a pumpkin)



We will open our minds so we can receive God's message. (carve the top opening of the pumpkin)

We will clear our thoughts of any mean thoughts and prejudices. (clean out the innards)

We will open our eyes so we can see all the good in God's world. (carve the eyes)

We will awaken ALL of our senses so we can be aware of all the goodness around us. (carve a nose)

We will share God's message with our friends and family. (carve a mouth)

We will let our light shine for all to see. (put a light inside the pumpkin)



Dates To Remember

October

10/1 Blessing of Animals

Johnson Park, Scottsville 2:00pm

10/15 Family Faith Formation Gathering
Hartmann Hall 9:00am

10/21 Trick Your Table

Hartmann Hall 6:30pm

November

11/1 All Saint Day Holy Day Mass

8:30am SV 12:10pm SC 7:00pm SM

11/3 St. Martin de Porres Feast Day Mass
7:00pm SC

11/5 Remembrance Mass 4:00pm SM



We had a great first monthly gathering. The children and parents discussed the Liturgical Year. The kids put together a Liturgical Wheel and began their "Liturgical Seasons" folder. The parents started putting together their Faith Formation Family Binder which included information on the Liturgical Year, prayers you should know, and a topic list for the remainder of the year. Then, as a family we discussed the First Commandment and our Saint of the Month, St. Vincent de Paul. All the informational handouts will be kept in their binders for future use by the family. If you missed Septembers gathering please contact Anna Steele and collect the materials from her.

Looking ahead, October will be filled with fun and learning! At our gathering on Sunday, October 15th we will learn about the Mass and what is on the altar and the significance of everything. October 21st will be our first Trick Your Table event, please see reverse side for details.

Hope everyone is enjoying the unseasonably warm weather.

Questions? Please contact Anna Steele: Anna.Steele@dor.org

Activities for the Family

- ♥ Spend a day doing little things for God and others in honor of the feast day of St. Therese "The Little Flower" (October 1st)
- ♥ Enjoy angel food cake (or another angel themed treat) for feast of the Holy Guardian Angels (October 2nd)
- ♥ For the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, find your favorite angel craft to complete as a family. You can also work on memorizing the guardian angel prayer together.
- ♥ Do something nice for animals to celebrate the feast of St. Francis (October 4th), such as building a bird feeder, putting out bread with peanut butter and bird seeds, take a dog to the park.
- ♥ Go to a local farmers market and buy everything you need to make a meal as a family. Talk about blessings of harvest time.