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Pastor's Column

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“Our Family...God's Work of Art” (A Parish Retreat for the Entire Family *: March 18-22)

Please plan ahead, mark your calendars, and commit to participating as a family in these five very special days of retreat.

All other events in the Parish have been canceled for the week so that everyone will have the opportunity to take advantage of these days of retreat.

Two priests and a sister will lead the Parish Retreat. They are from the St. Thomas More Retreat Center in Wisconsin. This team consisting of Fr. Mike Champlin, Fr. Nick Punch, and Sr. Joan Bukrey, gives parish retreats not only in the United States, but also throughout Australia and New Zealand. For more information about our retreat leaders, visit:

www.thomasmorecenter.org.

All sessions will be family centered. There are different topics for each session, and each session stands alone. Come for one or two sessions; come for the entire five days.

Here is a preview of the topics. More information will be forth coming!

Family members, please talk to one another and make a commitment to attend together. Other family members and friends, of course, are always welcome!

Sunday, March 18, 7:00pm

“Living the Good Life...in God!”

How can our family become more spiritual?

Monday, March 19, 9:15am

“Family Nourishment...Some Fresh Looks at the Eucharist”

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as Catholics.

Is my family a Eucharistic family?

Monday, March 19, 7:00pm

“Our God Is an Awesome God!”

Salvation is pure gift. It cannot be earned.

What is my family's response to this gift?

Tuesday, March 20, 9:15am

“Grace...It Is Amazing”

Is my family living in a “state of grace?”

Tuesday, March 20, 7:00pm

A Reconciliation Celebration...Extreme Makeover (Family Edition)

A Family Communal Penance Service.

*Many Confessors will be available to assist
in our private confessions.*

Wednesday, March 21, 9:15am

“Can You Hear Me Now?”

Our family is extremely busy.

How and when do we find time to pray?

Wednesday, March 21, 7:00pm

“Got God?”

“Is Jesus ‘Good News’ for our family?”

Do we share Him with others?”

Thursday, March 22, 9:15am

“Conscience and Freedom...Doing it God's Way!”

“My Way or the Highway...or God's Way?”

Thursday, March 22, 7:00pm

“Mass and Anointing...God's TLC”

“God is food, drink, and balm for the family.”

Fr. Mike

***Sessions are geared for children in Grade 6 and older and, of course, all adults. Childcare will be available at all sessions.**