



# Weekly NEWS

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Important Dates

- Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parent Meeting
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Halloween Hullabaloo
- Nov 1 All Saints Day Mass 7pm
- Nov 24<sup>th</sup> NO PSR 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

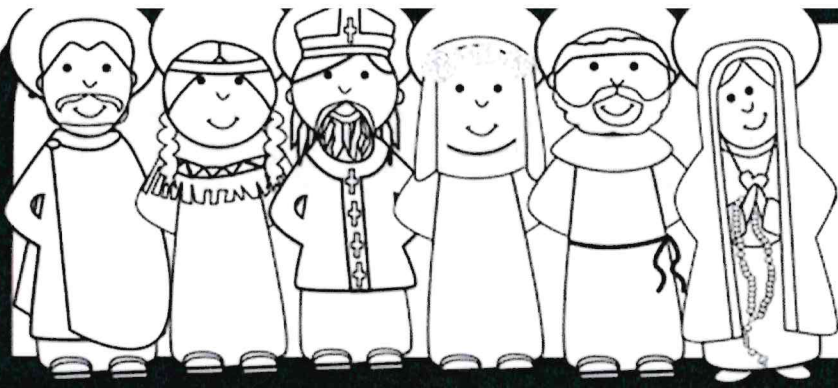
## Reminders

### Pray and Play at Little Church

Little Church begins its new school year in Preschool Room #220 of the Catholic Education & Activity Center on Sundays at 11am. We are looking forward to greeting all our friends and sharing God's love together! (Register through the parish website!) Little Church participants must be 3 (and potty trained) this September, and may participate through kindergarten. The Little Church School Year ends the Sunday before Memorial Day, and takes holiday breaks. For more information, contact Lauren Bernhard at 314-461-3530 or [lbernhard104@gmail.com](mailto:lbernhard104@gmail.com).

## What Are We Learning?

- 1<sup>st</sup> This week we worked on the Glory Be and covered and did a project on the Holy Trinity.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> As we continue with the Old Testament, we learned about who Cain and Abel were- Adam and Eve's first children. We spent time discussing how jealousy and anger can consume a person. Our activities in the classroom revolved around anger and how we can work through this. Prayer is a good way to talk to God about our feelings.



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## Faith Reflection

Sunday, October 6, 2024  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Genesis 2:18-24  
Hebrews 2:9-11  
Mark 10:2 -16

In today's readings, we are invited to reflect on how wonderfully each of us is created, in the fullest picture of the image and likeness of God. As a Church we also celebrate the sanctity of all human life every day, and focus on this message especially during the month of October. Holy matrimony and loving parenting demonstrate the fullness of love we all are invited to share in relationship to God, but the message of sanctity of all human life applies to each one of us, regardless of marital or parenthood status. We are called to see dignity and divinity in ourselves and our neighbors as the best way of demonstrating our love for our Creator.

## Good News

Women's ACTS retreat Oct 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. Register here.  
<https://www.osvhub.com/icc-columbia-il/forms/october2024actsretreat-1>

Halloween Hullabaloo in the Gym  
Sunday, October 27, 4-6pm  
(Hayrides to follow, weather permitting)

## What Are We Learning?

### **When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God**

You know that prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace. What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Join us for *When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God*, beginning **October 7th, 2024**, from **7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.** and continuing every **Monday** for **seven** weeks. For more information or to register for the study, contact **Joe Dent** at **618-210-2003** or by email at [joe@dentsoft.com](mailto:joe@dentsoft.com)

