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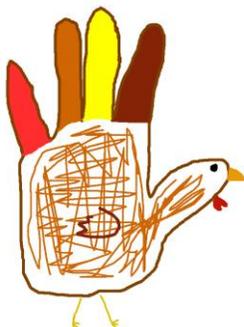
November 2017

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Well, it's that time of year when we quickly move into what is widely known as "the holiday season" - that blur of time between Thanksgiving Day and the New Year. It used to be that Thanksgiving was truly a day to relax (unless you are the one cooking!) with family and friends, watch football, play games, eat a lot, and share with one another what you are particularly thankful for in the past year. One might attend Mass and receive the Eucharist (which literally means thanksgiving) in the morning, and families who don't usually pray before a meal would even join hands and say grace together. It was laid back, no presents required, and no where to go as stores were closed. Now, it seems that Thanksgiving Day has become the first official Christmas shopping day, with "Black Friday" deals beginning before one has finished digesting ones turkey dinner. It is up to you, as parents, to preserve this wonderful day of thanksgiving for your children. Allow them to experience the fun of just being. Chances are they will remember the love they feel that day far longer than they will recall any sale-priced gift bought that day.

And may the incredible gift of Jesus and our beautiful Faith be among the many things we are thankful for this year,

Adrienne



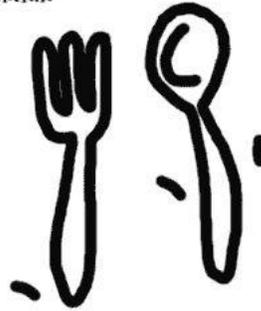
One memory I have of Thanksgiving is each member of our family tracing our hand on construction paper, cutting it out and drawing a face on it. Our name would be written on our "turkey hand" and we would ask five different people to write something they are thankful for about us. You might also have each family member think of 5 things they are thankful for that year and write them on each finger to share with everyone after dinner.

MEALTIME PRAYERS

For What We are About to Receive
For what we are about to receive,
May the Lord make us truly thankful.

God Is Great
God is great.
God is good.
Let us thank Him For our food.

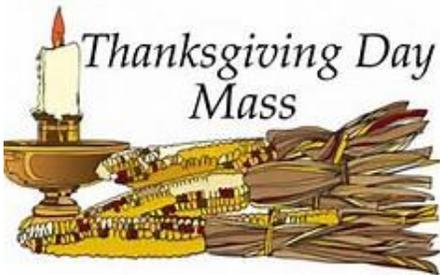
Bless us, O Lord
Bless us, O Lord,
and these your gifts
Which we are about to receive
from your bounty
Through Christ,
Our Lord.
Amen.



Some things going on this month that you might want to know about!



Family Mass - Our next Family Mass will be on Sunday, November 12 at 10:30 AM at St. Theresa Church. All are invited to participate, especially those with younger children. The presiding priest will be providing a child-friendly homily and we will be looking for children to assist in various parts of the Mass. Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the parish hall following Mass. Hope to see you there!



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23 at 8:30 AM at St. Mary Church.

We will have a blessing of bread, so be sure to bring your dinner rolls!



The Mom's Group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM at St. Mary Rectory, and other times as discussed on the Mom's Group FB page. Please contact Katy Oslin at katym.wood@gmail.com for more information and/or to be invited to the Facebook Group!

Christmas Fair



Also, the St. Andrew Christmas Fair will be Saturday, December 2 from 9-3 PM. Wonderful raffles and baked goods, games and crafts for children, photos with Santa and more!