



NEWSLETTER



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Welcome CFAC Families

We are excited to begin a new year with Catholic Family Adventure Club. As the summer wraps up, we can begin to look forward to all we have planned for this new year.

To those families who have recently joined our cherished co-op, we extend our most heartfelt welcome. Each person and family brings something unique to our group, and we are excited to walk alongside you in this beautiful adventure of Catholic homeschooling.

This monthly newsletter will serve as a way to recap past events, highlight upcoming programs, feature CFAC families, and share inspiring stories from our community.

Let us journey forward into a new year with open hearts, open minds, and open arms, knowing that in this community, we find strength, encouragement, and a shared love of Christ and His Church.

Blessings and prayers for a fruitful homeschooling year.

– Janae Spencer
Newsletter Editor



Summer Fun

This was our first year summer together, and we made the most of it.

Highlights included our Used Book Sale for the entire homeschooling community, Splash Pad Days for the littles, and a pool party for our tweens and teens. We also hosted a few Roller Skating Parties, which were open to all Catholic Homeschoolers.

Upcoming CFAC Events

We have a lot to look forward to this next month.

Park & Play- Every month we meet up at a park for fellowship and to let the kids play. Come join us!

Sundaes on Sunday - What better way to mark our first time to gather together as families than with ice cream? This event is for the whole family. We will also be passing out Club T-shirts.

Homeschool Blessing Mass- Our first annual Homeschool Blessing Mass and community potluck will be in just a few weeks.

Mom's Coffee - This is a chance for moms to get to know each other in a much more relaxed atmosphere.

Tyler Art Museum - Our first field trip is rapidly approaching.

Members can view more details, RSVP for events, and see the full calendar in the member portal.

HOMESCHOOL BLESSING MASS



11 AM on Friday, September 1st
St. Mary Magdalene Parish
 Flint, TX

All are Welcome!

Open to the entire Catholic Homeschooling Community

Please RSVP at
www.catholicfamilyadventureclub.com

Community Potluck after Mass

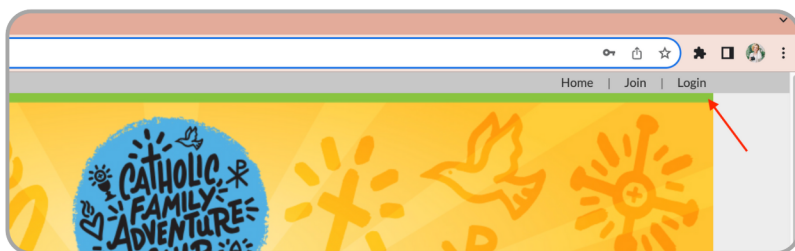
Save the Date!
Mom's Advent Retreat & Lunch
 November 3, 2023
Member's Only

Important Info: Family Forum

Over the summer, our leadership team worked hard behind the scenes to create a new and improved website for Catholic Family Adventure Club. The new site gives us improved ways to interact as a community outside of event attendance, most notable being our forums.

Please take some time to check out this member resource and introduce yourself on the family forum. It will only take a few minutes to make a post, and to assist you, we've provide the following instructions.

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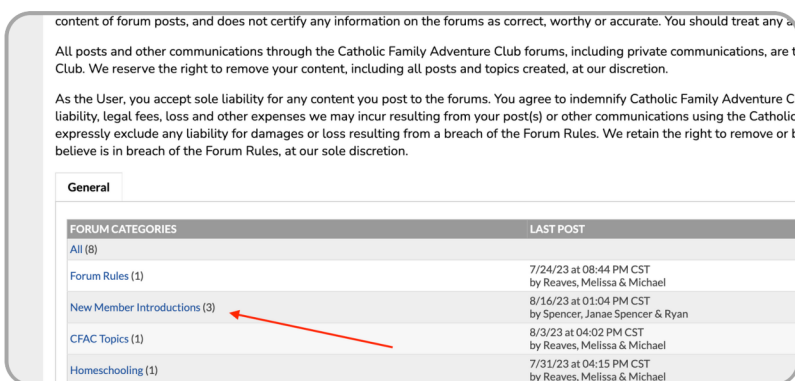
Step 1: Log into your member portal- The member login is located in the top right corner. Be sure to check that "remember me" box when you log in. (You'll thank yourself later!)

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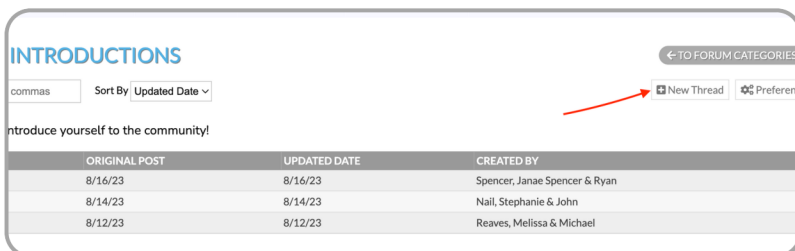
Step 2: Find the Member Resources Tab- This drop-down menu is located on the far right of the dashboard. Choose "Forum" from the drop down menu.

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Step 3: New Member Introductions- The forums button will take you to all forums for our group. From the forums categories, click on "New Member Introductions". This will take you to a new page where you can create your own thread.

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Step 4. Create New Thread- Click the "new thread" button in the upper right corner. Title your new thread with your family name. Feel free to add a picture of your family if you would like and give a brief introduction.

Community Corner

by *Melissa Reaves, Club Administrator*



“A community needs a soul if it is to become a true home for human beings.
You.. the people must give it this soul” - Pope St. John Paul II

A year ago, almost to the day, six friends met for coffee to discuss the possibility of coming together to form a group for Catholic homeschoolers. Each of us had felt the sting of exclusion and wanted a place to belong, and perhaps more importantly, each of us wanted to make sure that regardless of what we did as a group, no one else ever felt that way at our hands. Several coffee dates later, Catholic Family Adventure Club was born.

Today, we are a varied group of 30-plus families. We represent the diversity that is the Tyler Catholic Homeschooling community. We have families from as far south as Rusk and as far North as Golden, and those that come from as far west as Ben Wheeler and as far east as Overton. We have families who attend small mission churches, larger parishes such as the Cathedral, and the chapel in the quickly growing community of Veritatis Splendor. There are families who prefer the Traditional Latin Mass and those who appreciate a reverent Novus Ordo.

Our diversity doesn't end there; if you've been homeschooling for long, you know there are many different options and styles so it should be no surprise to learn that we have families who attend Catholic School House and St. Edward's Academy; there are still others who participate in online programs or utilize traditional curriculums such as Seton or Memoria Press.

It is these differences that often cause division and serve to exclude or make people feel excluded. That is why we hope that all member families take to heart our tag line, Faithful Fun for All. We encourage all members to continue to build friendships with those that you already know, but also be intentional in spending time making introductions and getting to know other families who you might not know as well.

It is important that we model this behavior for each other and for our children. This is critical to living out our identity as Catholics for we are called to know, love, and serve God. It is by loving our neighbor: being welcoming, resisting the urge to focus on differences, and sharing the beauty of our Catholic faith that we can work to build up the Kingdom of God here on Earth.

A true community is greater than the sum of its parts, and it was the hope and vision of those six original families that we could build that type of community here in Tyler. The current leadership team and I feel blessed that you have chosen to be a part of building this community and serving with us as we support all Catholic families who have chosen the homeschooling vocation.

We look forward to getting to know you and your family and welcome your participation and feedback.

Melissa

Around the Diocese

Defending our Faith Conference

September 1 & 2

<https://defendingourfaithcatholicconference.com/>

Three to Stay Married

Saturday, September 30

10 AM - 2 PM

St. Mary Magdalene CC

<http://www.stphilipinstitute.org/events>

Study Scripture with Scott Hahn

Saturday, October 14

8 AM - Noon

Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul

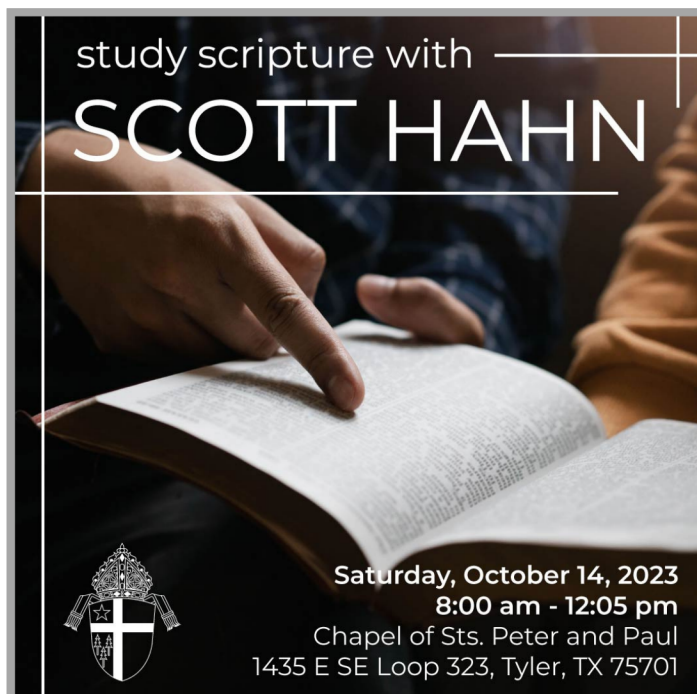
Three to Stay Married - Money Together

Saturday, October 21


9 AM - 1 PM

St. Mary Magdalene CC

<http://www.stphilipinstitute.org/events>



study scripture with
SCOTT HAHN



Saturday, October 14, 2023
8:00 am - 12:05 pm
Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul
1435 E SE Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75701

Event sponsored by Family Life Office in the St. Philip Institute



THREE TO STAY MARRIED

Saturday, September 30th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church (18221 FM 2493, Flint TX 75762)



Childcare available (pre-registration required). Lunch provided.

Couples desire marriages that are holy, happy, and healthy. In addition to celebrating the sacraments, they must continue developing skills that strengthen and nurture the spousal relationship. In this Three to Stay Married Workshop, join Maribel Laguna, MA, LPC-S as she presents Habits That Keep Couples Married & Habits that Destroy or Build Your Marriage. She will review the importance of trust and commitment, as well as the daily habits that can harm or strengthen your marriage.



Contact Deanna Johnston (Director of Family Life):
djohnston@stphilipinstitute.org (903) 630-5055 Ext 120

Presentations by Maribel Laguna, MA, LPC-S



For More Information and to Register please visit:
www.stphilipinstitute.org/events

Cost: **\$35/couple**



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Three to Stay Married
MONEY TOGETHER

Saturday, October 21 | 9 am - 1 pm
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Are you and your fiancé or spouse ready to embark on a journey that will deepen your connection, align your goals, and unite your financial future? Join us for Money Together, a one-of-a-kind 3-part workshop thoughtfully designed for couples seeking to get on the same financial page.

\$40/couple

Childcare available (pre-registration required).
Light Breakfast & Snacks provided.

Featuring: Jonathan & Amanda Teixeira of **WalletWin**



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Jonathan and Amanda Teixeira




LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT:
<http://stphilipinstitute.org/events>



Please Join Us on September 1st and 2nd, 2023

A Two-Day Spiritual D-Day. Shattering the supply line of the enemy through authentic teachings, our reparation of sins and the power of the Eucharist.

**W.T. Brookshire Convention Center
2000 W. Front St. Tyler, Texas 75702**

- Five Inspiring Talks • Holy Hour with Traditional Hymns
- First Saturday Mass • Confessions Available
- Closing Ad Orientem Mass Offered by His Excellency, Bishop Strickland



Keynote Speaker, His Excellency, Bishop Joseph Strickland

"Proclaiming the Apostolic Faith with Clarity and Boldness"

Mother Miriam, OSB
"Obedience, as a True Act of Faith"



Father Paul Weinberger
"The Triumph of Our Lady of Victory in the Final Battle"



Terry Barber
Master of Ceremonies



Dr. Janet Smith, Ph.D.
"The Current Crisis in Our Mother Church"



Father Thomas Hoar, SSE
"How to Pursue a Life of Holiness in This Diabolically Oppressive World"

- ◆ Mass with Bishop Strickland on Saturday is Open to Everyone at 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Friday Check-in starts at 4:00 p.m. Event starts 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday event starts 8:00 a.m.

For inquiries please email us at docftyler@yahoo.com

****Conference Program is Tentative and Subject to Change****

TICKETS

Adult
Pre-Registration
\$60
Pre-packed lunch provided

Adult
On-Site Registration
\$75
No lunch provided

Children/ Students
(Children 10 and over)
Pre-Registration
\$30
Pre-packed lunch provided
On-Site \$30
No lunch provided

Priests and Religious
Pre-Registration Required
Free
Pre-packed lunch provided

Pay it Forward
For a Priest, Religious and Students
\$30

Fees are Non-Refundable

Register at:

<https://defendingourfaithcatholicconference.com>

