



# NEWSLETTER



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As we enter the month of May—traditionally dedicated to our Blessed Mother—we're invited to pause and reflect on the life and virtues of Mary: her quiet strength, her unwavering faith, and her tender, nurturing love. In a special way, she reminds us that the work of forming young hearts and minds is sacred, even in the midst of ordinary days.

This month's newsletter is a joyful celebration of that work. We're shining a spotlight on the children of our community—their growth, their accomplishments, and the many ways they've shared their gifts this year. May their stories remind us of the beauty of this journey we're on together. And through it all, may we continue to turn to Mary, asking her to walk beside us, encourage us, and help us lead our families with grace and love to her Son, Jesus.

-Janae Spencer  
Newsletter Editor



3rd Annual

# Used Book Sale

**Homeschool Curriculum, Books & Materials**



Saturday • May 10th • 10 am - 1 pm

**St. Mary Magdalene**

18221 FM 2493

Flint, TX 75762

## **Sellers**

Registration extended  
until May 5th

Seller Fee  
\$10 for members  
\$15 for non-members

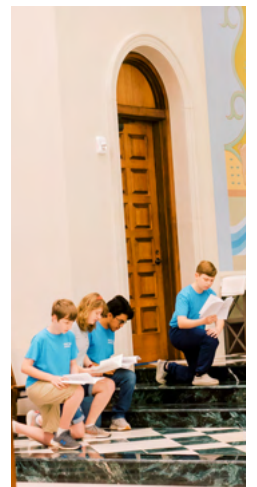


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## Reflecting on April

April was packed with all the good stuff—Mass, park days, hiking adventures, and plenty of time to pray and play together! From planning for the year at our Annual Planning Retreat to praying the Stations of the Cross together, it was such a sweet month of community and connection.



## Upcoming CFAC Events

Check out the exciting events planned for May!

**First Friday Mass-** Start the month with Mass, then head to the park for lunch and playtime with friends!

**Battle for Jefferson Field Trip-** Step back in time at this Civil War reenactment and explore hands-on learning stations about life in the 1860s.

**Quest SweetHEART Treasure Hunt-** Tweens will team up for a fun treasure hunt, enjoy a sweet treat, and dive into a short lesson on the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**3rd Annual Used Book Fair-** Clear out the old and hunt for treasures at our used book and curriculum sale—open to all local Catholic homeschoolers!

**Voyages May Meeting: Vocations-** Teens will hear from a seminarian and a sister as they share their vocation stories and encourage us to seek God's call.

**Mom's Game Night-** Moms, it's your turn for a night of laughter and fun. Bring your favorite interactive games and join us!

**End of Year Celebration-** Let's wrap up the year with a big family celebration as we honor our graduates, sacrament milestones, and community wins!

**Tiny Tot Tuesday-** Little ones (and their big siblings) are invited to meet up for playground fun, friendship, and fresh air!

**Discovery Science Place Field Trip-** Get ready for hands-on science fun with interactive exhibits designed for ages 3-11.

**Student Vision Screenings-** A free, quick, and easy way to get your child's vision checked before summer kicks off!

**Waterpark Fun Day-** Celebrate the end of the year with splashes, slides, and lazy river lounging at the Villages Waterpark!

**Voyages Movie Night-** Teens will gather to watch *The Two Towers* (Lord of the Rings) with a full nacho bar and chill time with friends.

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



# Celebrating Our Kids' Big Wins!



This semester has been full of exciting milestones for our CFAC kids! We're so proud to celebrate their achievements, big and small. Take a look at what some of our amazing members have been up to!"

## Academic Acheivements



### GRADUATING SENIORS

Congratulations to our graduating seniors, [Ian](#), [Leandro](#), [Mario](#), and [Eva](#)!

We're so proud of all you've accomplished and pray that the Lord continues to guide your steps as you begin this next exciting chapter.

# Senior Spotlights



## MARIO

Mario celebrated his 18th birthday this April and achieved the incredible honor of becoming an Eagle Scout on Divine Mercy Sunday! He will also be graduating from high school this summer. Congratulations, Mario!



## EVA

Congratulations to Eva, one of our graduating seniors this year! We're so proud of all she's accomplished and can't wait to see where God leads her next.



## LEANDRO

Leandro completed his homeschool journey with Mother of Divine Grace Catholic Homeschool in January 2025, graduating a semester early with High Honors. He mastered Spanish as a second language and pursued his passion for history by taking all honors-level courses in the subject—earning A's across the board!



This fall, Leandro will begin working toward a business degree at Tyler Junior College before entering the trades.

This year also marks a decade of faithful service as an altar server—ten years of showing up, serving the Lord, and blessing the community through quiet dedication. Congratulations, Leandro!



# New Skills + Hobbies



**PIA**



**MIGUEL**



**CHIARA**



**JOSE**

These siblings have been learning guitar this year—and they're rocking it!



# Faith + Formation



**ELIZABETH**

Elizabeth recently learned to make the Sign of the Cross and now loves leading her family in prayer before meals—such a beautiful step in her faith journey!



**SACRAMENT RECIPIENTS**

We're also celebrating several students who received sacraments this year. Join us in praying for them as they continue to grow in their faith!



**PILGRIMAGES**

James and Hazel are growing in their faith by visiting the medieval sites of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. They are participating in the Mass at the oldest and most beautiful cathedrals and touring the burial sites of some of the earliest Church martyrs.



# Sports + Athletics



## JACOB

Jacob is thriving on his soccer team and loving every moment with his dad as coach.



## AVA

One of our students won a medal at a local archery competition! Way to go, Ava!!



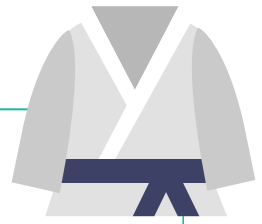
## ABRAHAM

Abraham is in his second year of t-ball and has really stepped out of his comfort zone! He's grown in confidence, looks forward to every game, and takes pride in being a helpful teammate and listener to his coaches.





# Martial Arts



**ATHAN, CYPRIAN, + EDITH**

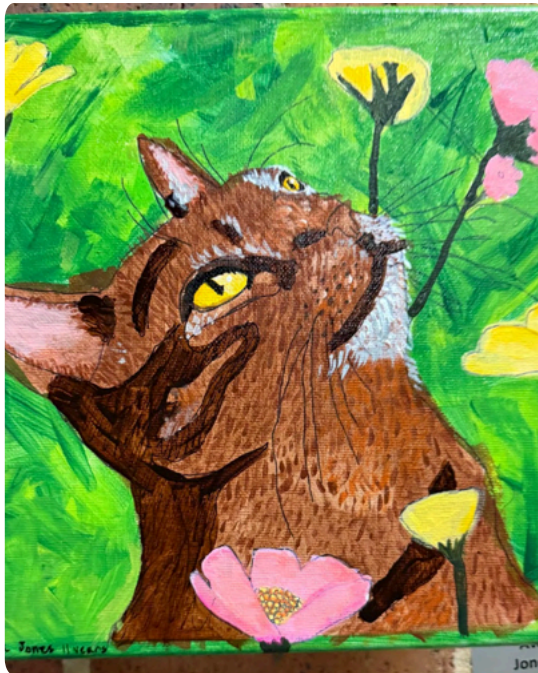
Congratulations to these hardworking athletes and siblings who each earned a new stripe on their jiu jitsu belts! Your dedication and grit are inspiring — keep it up!



**LIAM, JACK, EVAN + JULIA**

Four of our CFAC students recently earned new belt colors in Taekwondo! Hard work, discipline, and lots of practice paid off — way to go!

## VISUAL ARTS



**AVA**



**ANDREW**

Ava and her brother, Andrew, are showing off their creative talents with artwork currently on display at the 'Art in the Garden' exhibit at the Tyler Rose Garden. Way to go!

## PERFORMING ARTS



**JULISSA + JOCELYN**

Julissa was a mouse and Jocelyn was St. Lucia in *The Nutcracker*.



**JOCELYN**

Jocelyn performed as a poppy in *The Wizard of Oz*.- Amazing job, girls!!





# Liturgical Living Corner: May

May is the month of our Blessed Mother Mary. She is the “Queen of May,” and she holds a special place in hearts for the entire month. Parishes usually host crownings or ceremonies in her honor, but it’s always special to make her the center of our homes too!

Below are a few ways to make sure we remember her with our families.

## Create a Marian Garden

- Statue
- Table
- Flower or paper crown
- Special hymns to Our Lady



## MARIAN CRAFTS TO PRINT!

## PRAY THE ANGELUS DAILY



## MIRACLE OF THE SUN CRAFT HERE!

Month of  
**The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**MAY 2025**

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

1 St Joseph the Worker  
11 Mother's Day  
13 Our Lady of Fatima  
21 St Christopher Magallanes and companions, martyrs  
21 Memorial Day

**Catholic Family**  
**ADVENTURE CLUB**

[Download phone wallpaper](#)

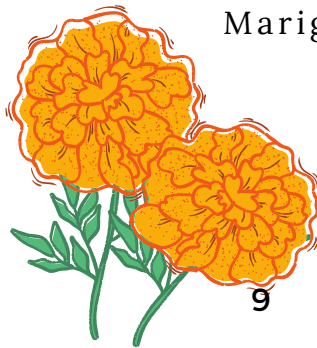
# PLANT A MARIAN GARDEN

Below are a few flowers that represent Our Lady and the virtues she shared with us throughout her life on earth. To make a Marian Garden, you can find a quiet spot in your yard or garden, decorate an area with a statue, rocks, and plant a few of these little flowers. Some herbs have a special meaning attached to them as well. The sky is the limit!

**READ MORE ABOUT THE  
HISTORY OF MARIAN  
GARDENS [HERE!](#)**



Carnation: "Mary's Love Of God"



Marigold-"Mary's Gold"



Dandelion:  
"Mary's Bitter  
Sorrow"



Bleeding Heart- "Mary's Heart"



Iris:"Mary As Queen"



Rose-"Mystical Rose"



Tulip:  
"Mary's  
Prayer"



Rosemary: "Mary's Nosegay"



Baby's Breath: "Lady's Veil"





# MAY

Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## **May 1: St. Joseph the Worker**

- **Attend Mass**
- **Tackle a hands-on house project**
- **Pray for laborers**
- **Make a St. Joseph and tool craft**

## **May 13: Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima**

- **Attend Mass**
- **Miracle of the Sun craft**
- **Watch Fatima movie**

## **May 29: Ascension of Our Lord**

- **Attend Mass**
- **Begin Pentecost Novena to the Holy Ghost**

# Around the Diocese



## STABAT MATER FOUNDATION

*Advancing the Culture of Life Through Prayer and Art*

### TEEN BOTANICAL PAINTING WORKSHOP & FAMILY DAY

*Join Other Families for a Day on the Farm!*

**May 17**

Stafford's Meadow Farm

1500 Anderson CR 2418, Montalba, TX 75853



Bring the whole family for a day of art and fun on the farm! Your middle and high school students can participate in a botanical painting workshop while you and your little ones enjoy a day of outdoor games and fellowship.

### HOMESCHOOL FAMILY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

## FEED MY LAMBS

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."  
Matthew 25:40

**THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
CATHEDRAL CENTER  
10:30AM-12:30PM**

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/\\_/GO/8050F49A4AC2DA57-50699369-HOMESCHOOL-#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/_/GO/8050F49A4AC2DA57-50699369-HOMESCHOOL-#/)



# Be Light

[witness2love.org/belight](https://witness2love.org/belight)  
A MARRIAGE MOVEMENT

Join us for five special evenings in deepening your relationship with your beloved and building community with other married couples in our parish  
**Sign Up and Learn More Here**

*Upcoming Dates:*

May 24, 2025 6:30pm- 8:30pm

June 28, 2025 6:30pm- 8:30pm

July 26, 2025 6:30pm- 8:30pm