



NEWSLETTER



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Welcome CFAC Families

How is your Lent going? Are you sailing right along or does sticking to your goals seem difficult?

My kids created a Lenten prayer chain (with ideas for prayers, fasting or almsgiving written on each slip of paper). On the first day it quickly became a battle over who would get to take off the link and a debate on how to do it the “right” way. When I explained to them that the activity doesn’t have to be done perfectly and that it could look differently each day, I realized I need that same mindset in my own Lenten commitments. I can still have a fruitful Lent even if I do it less than perfectly, and I can live this Lenten season with patience and grace.

We will have many opportunities to journey through Lent together as a group with more service projects for Tweens and Teens and children’s Stations of the Cross. We also have a fun feast day to look forward to this month, and members of our community are putting together a dinner in St. Joseph’s honor. Can’t wait to see you there!

- Janae Spencer
Newsletter Editor

Reflecting on Last Month

Last month we shared family fun at the St. Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras Dinner Potluck, enjoyed a relaxed Mom's Lunch, and explored the Oil Museum in Kilgore on a field trip. We're grateful for the shared moments in our community and looking forward to all we have planned in March.



Upcoming CFAC Events

Tween + Teen Service Projects- In a spirit of camaraderie and good old-fashioned manual labor, our tween and teen members will join forces to assist with projects such as raking and cleaning out trails at Elijah's retreat. Elijah's Retreat holds a special place as a haven for families navigating autism, offering a safe space for camping, horseback riding, and outdoor time together. Tweens and teens will also have another service project opportunity later in the month to assemble hygiene bags. The bags assembled in past months were greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Tyler State Park- Join us for a fun filled morning with Ranger Sanders as he leads our group on a guided exploration of Tyler State Park, and we enjoy the great outdoors.

St. Joseph Feast Day Dinner- We are switching up our regularly scheduled Tuesday Mass in order to celebrate the St Joseph Feast. There will be Mass and dinner to follow. Be sure to wear RED in his honor and get ready to eat with your hands!

Children's Stations of the Cross- Join us on Good Friday as we prayerfully participate in the story of Jesus' Passion. While the reflections are geared towards elementary students, we look forward to our older students' active participation in reading the scripture passages and leading the prayers.

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

The new programming year is around the corner

Help us make this the best year yet for our CFAC families!

How can you help?

1. Program Survey Spring 2024- please fill out [this survey](#) by the end of March!

Remember-

CFAC's mission is to provide support and community to Catholic homeschooling families and those considering the vocation of homeschooling. We cannot do this without your input and support; your feedback is vital!

2. Attend the Mom's Planning Retreat **APRIL 13.**

We are a community!

YOU are what makes it possible for our community to grow and support one another in our vocation as Catholic Homeschooling families.

Please join together for a day of camaraderie, prayer, and planning so that we can benefit from YOU.

This event is open to all CFAC families and is sure to be a relaxing getaway for our mamas who often bear the brunt of the planning- we can at least make it fun.

Please make every effort to attend- we will take care of the rest, including treating you to breakfast and lunch! More information and registration found [here](#).

Signal Group

We now have a Signal group for last-minute park meetups, masses, reminders, prayer requests, and recommendations. It is not required, but is a convenient option for families who do not log into email or the portal regularly.

Our primary method of communication will remain our website portal (www.catholicfamilyadventureclub.com). The portal is the BEST source for updates, including upcoming events, sales, and similar fun opportunities. For help accessing the portal, contact Chelsea at chelsea.lockman@gmail.com



Craft Fair

A promotional poster for a Student Craft Fair. The top half has a light purple background with the title 'Student Craft Fair' in large, bubbly, white letters with purple and pink outlines. Below the title, the date 'May 4th' and time '10am - 2pm' are centered. The location 'Cathedral Center' and 'Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception' are listed below. A decorative horizontal line separates the location from the registration information: 'Vendor Registration is \$7 for CFAC Members and \$10 for non-CFAC Members'. The bottom half of the poster features a photograph of two crocheted mugs, one purple and one pink, both with faces and filled with brown powder. To the left of the mugs are balls of purple and pink yarn. A logo for 'CATHOLIC FAMILY ADVENTURE CLUB' is in the bottom left of the photo, and the website 'www.catholicfamilyadventureclub.com' is at the bottom center.

**Student
Craft Fair**

May 4th
10am - 2pm

Cathedral Center
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

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and \$10 for non-CFAC Members

**CATHOLIC
FAMILY
ADVENTURE
CLUB**

www.catholicfamilyadventureclub.com

Special thanks to the Craft Fair Committee: Kristina Christian, Rubi Garcia, Jennifer Pacheco, Vanessa Jones, Janae Spencer, Brynn Turner, & Cheyenne Mojica

Book Sale



**HOMESCHOOL
BOOK SALE**

June 1st, 10^{AM} - 2^{PM}

Free and open to the public

- At St. Mary Magdalene in Flint
- Registration for **sellers** is \$7 for CFAC members and \$10 for non-members
- Registration for **sellers** closes on May 24th

To learn more and register, please visit
www.catholicfamilyadventureclub.com

Special thanks to the Used Book Sale Committee: Christina Squires, Vanessa Jones, Janae Spencer, Brynn Turner, & Cheyenne Mojica

Around the Diocese

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-FEED#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f49a4ac2da57-feed#/)



Stabat Mater Foundation
Advancing the Culture of Life Through Prayer and Art

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 26th Adult Art Class
Saturday, May 18th Teen art class and family potluck

Location

Stafford's Meadow Farm
The Vogeler Cross
15500 Anderson County Road 2418, Montalba, TX 75853

Contact

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they that *Wait* a women's retreat

they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. they shall mount up with wings like eagles. they shall run and not be weary. they shall walk and not faint.
Isaiah 40:31



Heather Khym
National Speaker, Author of "Abide," Co Host of the "Abiding Together" podcast



Rachel Bulman
National Speaker & Author of "Becoming Wife" & "With All Her Mind"



Regina Boyd
Licensed Counselor, National Speaker & Author of "Leaving Loneliness Behind"

Save The Date: March 23, 2024
Location: W.T. Brookshire Conference Center
2000 W Front Street, Tyler 75702
Visit stphilipinstitute.org/events to stay up to date



Noelle Garcia,
Emcee & Worship Leader
International Catholic Speaker