



NEWSLETTER



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Welcome CFAC Families

Happy Easter! (Yes, it is still Easter!)

What a JOY it is to embrace the Easter season and celebrate Christ's resurrection for the full 50 days. The Church now gives us an entire liturgical season to keep celebrating the joy and hope of the Resurrection.

In this edition, we're thrilled to introduce a special addition to our newsletter: our brand-new Liturgical Living Corner! Dive into the richness of our Catholic tradition as we explore the beauty of living out the liturgical year in our homes and hearts. From feast day celebrations to seasonal devotions, our Liturgical Living page will inspire and guide you in nurturing a deeper connection to our faith as a family.

Alongside this exciting debut, our May Calendar is jam-packed with activities designed to foster fellowship, learning, and fun.

Thank you for being an integral part of our CFAC family. Together, let's make the most the rest of this year and the exciting adventures that lie ahead for the summer!

- Janae Spencer
Newsletter Editor

Reflecting on Last Month

Last month was a whirlwind of excitement and community connections, highlighted by our unforgettable Eclipse Party! We marveled at the wonders of the creation together, soaking in the awe-inspiring sight of the eclipse. Additionally, we held our Annual Planning Retreat, where we collectively shaped the future of our club. Our Teen Social and enriching Field Trip to the Palestine Railroad and Sacred Heart Parish brought us closer as a community. Wrapping up the month, our moms enjoyed a well-deserved night out at The Grove. It was a month filled with memorable moments! We can't wait for all that's planned for this month and the summer.



Upcoming CFAC Events

Student Craft and Entrepreneur Fair- Get ready to support our talented students and young entrepreneurs at our upcoming Craft Fair. It is FREE to shop, and we invite anyone from the community to come out and 'shop till you drop' in support of our youth entrepreneurs this Saturday.

Tween and Teen Bingo Night-What's more fun than an evening with friends? An evening with friends that also includes dessert and the possibility of winning prizes based on sheer good fortune. Join us for a fun filled evening of games and prizes.

Zoo Field Trip- Embark on a wild adventure with us as we explore the wonders of the animal kingdom at the Tyler Zoo. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy after and wear your CFAC shirts.

Pentecost Party- Join us at the park for our end-of-year family celebration! Let's rejoice as a community and commemorate the birthday of The Church. We'll also honor our graduates and those who received Sacraments from May 2023 to May 2024.

Waterpark Day- Beat the heat and make a splash with us at our exciting Water Park Day! This event was just added to the calendar and will be a great way to kick off summer!

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

Embracing Community: Transitioning from 'Co-op' to 'Community'

This month, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in our annual Mom's planning retreat! We are excited to implement the valuable feedback gathered at the retreat into our programming calendar and budget decisions.

At the retreat, we unveiled an important update to our mission statement, emphasizing our commitment to community. We embraced the diversity of our group and the overlap between many of our members with local co-ops, both social and educational. Catholic Family Adventure Club is for all regional Catholic homeschooling families; a community of believers united in mission- a community!

Therefore, you will find we are making a conscious shift from using the term "co-op" to "community," reflecting our inclusive approach to serving all Catholic homeschoolers in the Tyler area.



New! Liturgical Living Corner

Welcome to our new section of the newsletter! We want to bring resources, ideas, feast day reminders, and liturgical living right to you in our monthly newsletter.

This month is the month of Mary. Catholics have long honored Mary throughout the month of May. There are some special feast days this month honoring Mary whose example of patience, peace, and trust can inspire all of us.

Below you will find some ideas to help you live liturgically as a family!

1. **May crowning-** This can take place at a parish or your home. All it takes is a statue of Mary and a crown to place on her head, usually made of flowers.
2. **Our Lady of Fatima-** Our Lady's main message was to return to prayer. Pray a family rosary or make your own rosary on this feast day.
3. **The Ascension-** You can fly a kite, look at the clouds, take a walk outside, or make a sweet treat with meringue that looks like clouds.
4. **The Visitation-** Pray the Magnificat as a family or visit a pregnant friend.

At a Glance

5/9 The Ascension

5/13 Our Lady of Fatima

5/19 Pentecost Sunday

5/20 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

5/26 The Most Holy Trinity

5/31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Mother's Day Blessing

to pray as a family this Mother's Day

God, bless our mother's mind -
She is very wise and always tries to teach us
important lessons about life.

God, bless our mother's eyes -
She always sees the best in us
and believes the best in us.

God, bless our mother's mouth -
Her smile, words, and laughter
bring joy to our lives.

God, bless our mother's ears -
May she always be able to hear
how much we love her.

God, bless our mother's heart -
She loves us so much, and is always
trying to help us love each other better.

God, bless our mother's hands -
She always has them so full as
she helps take care of us.

God, bless our mother's feet -
May every step she takes lead her
and the rest of our family closer to You.


God, thank you for the gift of our mother
and choosing her for our family.

Amen.



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Around the Diocese



Eucharistic Revival

Tyler, Texas

Save the Date

Sunday June 9, 2024

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#/)

VBS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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JUNE 10 - 14, 2024
8:45AM-12:15PM

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Arts & Crafts
- Check In Crew
- Station Leaders
- Snack Helpers
- Stage Hype
- Outdoor games
- Crew Leaders
- Decorating

AGES 6TH GRADE TO ADULTS!

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To sign up fill out the Volunteer Clipboard in Peaches Hall or Email us at Communications@catholicflint.org



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

Upcoming Events
Saturday, April 27th 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

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Bishop Thomas K. Gorman
Catholic School
Tyler, Texas
July 14-19, 2024

"I SHALL SHOW YOU A STILL MORE EXCELLENT WAY." *St. Paul*

EAST TEXAS PRO-LIFE
Teen Leadership Camp

where teens strengthen in love, knowledge, and virtue

Early Registration
Deadline May 1st