

Family Night Lesson
Happy Thanksgiving!
November 24,2022

This week is a special week where parents do the teaching. This lesson is a wonderful learning experience for both parents and children that will continue through advent.

Materials needed:
1-Die (dice)
Paper to write on

Bible
Crucifix
Candle(s)*

Purple cloth or paper
advent wreath with candles
prayer cards*

*Optional



Part 1: Prayer

This always seem to go better when we start our time out with prayer. Have you encountered this in your daily life?

Dear God,
Bless our family who asks for your grace.
May your Spirit guide our words and
deeds, and lead us to always give You
praise. Let our home be filled with love,
faith, and hope for a bright future. We pray
that we will live happily in good health,
mutual respect, and endless peace.

Amen

Prayables

Part 2: Virtue of Generosity/Gratitude

A few weeks ago we learned that in order to be truly generous we need to have a generous attitude or an attitude of gratitude. We need to see our blessings from God. All that we have are gifts from God. During this part we will be playing a game. You will need the 1-die (dice) and paper. Each family member will roll the die and will talk about what they are thankful for. Then write down the things that all were thankful for. Keep this for now.

Note: You will need either a print out of the Thanksgiving Game or have it up on your phone.

Part 3: Home Altar/Prayer area

If you still have your home altar/prayer area set up wonderful! If this is your first time encountering this or took yours down please find an area that you can put an altar or prayer area up. You will come to this area during Advent for the advent part of the assignment. You will need a Crucifix, Bible (can be a children's bible), purple cloth or paper (advent color), Advent Wreath, **Optional** extra candle(s) which can be used in memory of loved one, Prayer cards which help us teach the saints and the prayers

Note: Please see remind for pictures of examples and put your paper with the things you are thankful for on or by your prayer area.

Part 4: End with a prayer of thanksgiving

This is a spontaneous prayer (not a prewritten one). Start and end with the Sign of the Cross. Use the items you are thankful for that you wrote down.

Advent Portion:

Elementary (K-5) There is a coloring sheet with the Jesse Tree readings on it.
Jr & Sr High (6-10) There is a Names of Jesus sheet. Print outs are in the back of All Saints-St. Mary's (on entrance steps) and the entrance of Immaculate Conception.

There are 25 readings for each one. There are 29 days of Advent so on Wednesdays since we have classes on three of them and are highly encouraged to go the St. Wendel Christmas Program to support them you will not use these four days as family reading days. Once all are filled out put them on or by your home altar/prayer area and take a picture (with or without the children), and send a picture to me by January 1, 2022. **Note I will ask for permission to put the pictures in the Faith Formation area of the bulletin.

Also, keep your Home altar/prayer area up as we will be utilizing this area during lent also. You can change the color of cloth or paper after the Baptism of Jesus (around January 10th) to green as we will be in ordinary time.