

Hey Kids! Let's get started! It's a Scavenger Hunt!

1)FIND:

- A brown paper bag or shoe box and put the following items into it: --Feel free to decorate the bag or box by writing "My Prayer Space" and add drawings or stickers!--
- A small purple cloth (can even be a purple t-shirt turned inside out so the logo doesn't show)
- A battery operated candle or flashlight
- A cross, crucifix (a crucifix has the image of Jesus on it) or a drawing of Jesus (if you don't have one of these--draw it!)
- Paper and crayons

Found it! Yes! Good Job!

2)Lay the small purple cloth on the floor. Why purple? Purple is the Liturgical Color of Lent. We are currently celebrating the Church Season of Lent. Lent is the 40 days before we celebrate Easter.

3)Place the battery operated candle (or flashlight) on the purple cloth and turn it on. Jesus is our light! It's important to remember that Jesus is our Light even during these uncertain times. God is always with us!

4)Next, place the cross, crucifix or image of Jesus on the purple cloth. The cross, crucifix or the image of Jesus helps us remember that Jesus is our friend and loves us. Jesus is always with us and listens to our prayers!

5)Now that you have created your own prayer space, sit next to your items and say this prayer from Jesus Calling or make up one of your own prayers: *(the prayer and context below is referencing Jesus Calling, 365 Devotions for Kids by Sarah Young--a favorite of mine!)*

Make the Sign of the Cross--In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

From the Bible; Philippians 4:4.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

God, please help me to always have a joyful heart. Amen. Sign of the Cross.

Rejoice! To rejoice in God is to praise God with joy and thankfulness. God loves to hear you rejoicing. You can sing it! You can shout it! You can whisper it softly--or even pray silently. It doesn't matter HOW you do it; it matters only THAT you do it! Make "rejoicing in God" a new habit in your life.

When you rejoice in God, He is lifted up and lifts you up as well. Rejoicing tells God that you know your blessings come from Him and this makes Him want to bless you even more. God does his greatest works through people who have joyful, thankful hearts. So rejoice in Him always. In every situation. As you practice this habit of rejoicing, your life will get better and better.

5)How can you rejoice in God AND help the community? Using the paper and crayons make "happy art" for people who are living in assisted living homes (they live in a special home because they need special care to help keep them safe and healthy). The people who live there are not able to have family and

friends visit them at this time. So to help them rejoice with you, draw things that make YOU happy--this is one way to REJOICE in God!

St. Joe's would like to share your "happy" artwork with others. If your parents give you permission and are willing to help you mail your drawings to St. Joe's, we'll get your "happy" drawings to people who would love to see it! Please mail your drawings to St. Joseph of the Lakes, ATTN: Ms. Kelly, 171 Elm Street, Lino Lakes, MN 55014. You can also send us a photo of your "happy" artwork via email to KellyT@SaintJosephsParish.org.

No worries if you are not able to mail your drawings to St. Joe's! Ask your parents for permission to hang up your drawings in your house for your family to enjoy!

Please remember to clean up your prayer and activity space so that it's ready for next time!

I'm looking forward to next time!

Take care,
Ms. Kelly