



Saint Andrew

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Faith Formation Newsletter — March 2019

‘What Are You Going to Do Differently?’

Dear Saint Andrew Parents,

Late last summer I was on a silent retreat, and during Confession, the retreat master challenged me to write a letter to my family as penance, admitting my weaknesses and asking their pardon and help in addressing them. I shared the letter with my family, and in September, as we drove my son Gabe to begin a year with NET Ministries, he challenged me: “So what are you going to do differently?”

I hear the echo of that question in my head every time I forget to pray, or fail to bite my tongue when some sharp word comes to mind, or lose patience with my family or my dog. Every time I make the same mistakes and confess the same sins I hear it: *What are you going to do differently?*

Lent is the perfect time to take this question seriously. Many of us have goals to grow closer to Jesus and deeper in faith. We want our children to love the Lord, the Mass and the Church. We want joy. We want freedom. We want peace. But if we truly want to be closer to Christ, we have to follow Him. If we want to rise with Him at Easter, we have to join Him on Calvary and the Cross.

Our sacrifices don’t have to be huge—our faithfulness is what matters. So what are *you* going to do differently? For more on Lent and ideas for embracing the season with your family, visit www.saint-andrew.net and click “Learn more about Lent.”

Blessings to you all —

Jim Thorp

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REBOOT Will Sell Out!

Saint Andrew is proud to co-sponsor **REBOOT Live with Chris Stefanick on Wednesday, April 17, 7:00-9:30 PM, at St. Michael Catholic Church** in St. Michael. Tickets are \$22 each and are on sale now—*registered Saint Andrew families with teens in grades 6-12 can get two tickets (one for a teen, one for a parent) for free!* Contact Jim Thorp at jimt@saint-andrew.net or (763) 441-1483 to purchase tickets!



Important Dates

Wed 3/13 Grades 9-10 Classes, 6:30-7:45 PM (The topic is evolution and creation; all adults and teens are invited.)

Wed 3/20 Grades 1-8 Classes, 6:30-7:45 PM, and 2019-20 Faith Formation Registration in the Cafeteria

Fri 3/22 Stations of the Cross (all grades/families), 6:00-6:30 PM

Wed 3/27 Reconciliation Night (all grades/families), 6:30-8:30 PM, and 2019-20 Faith Formation Registration in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2

No classes Wed 4/3 due to Spring Break.

Wed 4/10 Grades 1-8 Classes, 6:30- 7:45 PM

Fri 4/12 First Communion Retreat, 6:00-8:00 PM (Option 1)

Sat 4/13 First Communion Retreat, 9:00-11:00 AM (Option 2)

Wed 4/17 REBOOT at St. Michael Catholic Church, 7:00-9:30 PM

Thu 4/18-Sun 4/21 Easter Litugies (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Weekend — see bulletin or website for times)

Sat 4/27-Sun 4/28 First Communion Masses, Saturday 5:00 PM (arrive at 4:30 PM); Sunday 10:30 AM (arrive at 10:00 AM) or 12:30 PM Mass (en español; arrive at noon)

This Summer's Gonna Rock!



Totus Tuus ("Totally Yours") is our annual summer program for children and youth of all ages, led by trained young adults from the Diocese of St. Cloud.

When: Sunday, June 23-Friday, June 28, 2019
Grades 1-6: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Grades 7-12: Sunday-Thursday 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Where: Saint Andrew Catholic Church and School

Totus Tuus is everything Vacation Bible School should be: exciting and entertaining, faith-based and fun—but with an emphasis on what's great about being Catholic! The cost is \$30 per student (\$90 family maximum)—registration details coming soon!

Extreme Faith Camp (EFC) is a multi-parish, crazy-fun, week-long Catholic camp for youth currently in 6th-, 7th- or 8th-grade!

When: Saturday, June 29-Wednesday, July 3, 2019
Where: Big Sandy Camp, McGregor, Minnesota

Surrounded by nature and saturated in the beauty of our rich Catholic faith tradition, EFC is without a doubt a life-changing experience for middle-schoolers. (High-schoolers and adults are also invited to join the leadership team, including a pre-camp retreat.) The cost is \$350—for information on registration or fundraising, go to www.saint-andrew.net/extreme-faith-camp/.



Steubenville St. Paul is a weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 8th-12th grade youth to become radical, joyful disciples. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more.

When: Friday, July 26-Sunday, July 28, 2019
Where: University of St. Thomas (campus housing provided)

Teens come to know Jesus more deeply through powerful speakers and music, prayer and the sacraments and more. The cost is \$250—for information on registration and fundraising, go to www.saint-andrew.net/steubenville.