



Dear Parishioners of Saint Michael Parish,

I am in search of people to help me with two projects. I was accepted to participate in two initiatives through the National Community of Catechetical Leaders (NCCL). I believe these four-year initiatives have the potential to help guide our parish in the areas of child & family worship and prayer.

Beginning in January, I am putting together a Children's Worship Team and a Children's Prayer Project Team. Or possibly one team to work on both initiatives. What will these teams be responsible for? What will they be doing? Both will be working with me as a team to complete an initial assessment of our parish in these two areas. From there the team will host a variety of listening sessions with CHILDREN of the parish to learn more about their experiences in Mass and how they experience prayer in their daily life. From there we will discern what we heard in these sessions and begin developing a plan to improve these areas for children and their families.

As the leader accepted into this initiative, I will also be attending online meetings to learn and receive guidance in the process. I will also be participating in several specialized webinars to gain knowledge that will better equip our parish at providing meaningful liturgy for the children and ways to enrich their prayer lives away from church. In other words, we will not be inventing the wheel with this process, but rather following guidelines and a timeline laid out by NCCL.

Ideally, I would receive a group of volunteers from all the different demographics of our parish, youth, young adults, elder members, parents, grandparents, new members, etc. So, please do not think that your age, length of parish membership, or lack of children disqualify you from this one. No getting off the hook ... if the Holy Spirit is nudging you to give me a call or email to get involved, please listen!

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, January 21 at 6PM in the Parish Office conference room. At this meeting we will either divide into two teams or stay as one, depending on how many volunteers show. Then we will set our parish timeline. I hope to see many of you there!

Thank you for your intentional prayerful consideration in helping with these initiatives to benefit the children and families of our parish. Or for passing this letter off to someone you know that would like to be involved.

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