

Youth Ministry- September 24, 2023

Agenda

- 11:30am Lunch- Subs & Chips
- 12:00 pm Welcome, opening prayer
- Registration, Attendance

Several families have not signed up for the MyParish App Faith Formation Group. All announcements for reminders and class cancellations will be made only through this group. Please see information below to sign up today.

If you have an 8th grade student who is preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation and you do not have a red folder yet, please respond to this email with your child name and we will send it home with them next week.

“Share your Voice” Worksheet

Students had the opportunity to share their opinions on the following questions to help Father prepare the program to meet their needs and likes.

1. What kind of food would you like to have for lunch?
2. What types of activities would you like during the transition time between Mass and lunch? (Examples: basketball, arts/crafts, coloring, cards, board games, etc)
3. What topics would you like to discuss at youth ministry?
4. What is your favorite treat?
5. What is your favorite candy?
6. What is something you are looking forward to this year?

Newspaper Tower Building Game (10 Minutes)

Discussion and activity are outlined below. Congratulations to the winning team!



Lesson: God's Existence (topics listed below)

- Religion is something I bind myself with to see the entirety of the world.
- What is my purpose of knowing God exists? We need to come to the conclusion that we know that God exists first.
- How did you come to know God exists? In what ways do you struggle with this fact?
- Have you ever questioned if God exists? Even our Saints have done this.
- The God we believe in isn't part of this world. He made it. Science can only tell us about what's in this world.
- Transcendentals are the truths of this world.
 - Example: $1 + 1 = 2$, we know that to be 100% true, no matter what.
 - Beauty is another example. We can say that something is beautiful and even describe it's beauty but we cannot define what makes it beautiful to us.
- Evil exists, but we cannot point out something as being evil by itself.

Small Group Discussion

See questions below

Questions received by students to be addressed by Father in an email to parents. These questions are great discussion topics for parents and students to have.

- Where does God come from?
- Why does God allow natural disasters to happen?
- Who would win in a fight, a grizzly bear or a lion?

Father will provide written answers to these questions, however he is at Convocation this week and thus the responses are going to be delayed.

12:55 pm Closing Prayer

Activity- Newspaper Tower- September 24

Materials

- Several stacks of newspapers
- Masking tape

Instructions

- Divide the group into teams. Five or six people makes a good team size.
- Give each team an equal amount of newspaper and masking tape.
- Instruct them to build the tallest freestanding newspaper tower they can in 10 minutes. Freestanding means that it must not be leaning against anything and it must stand without touching anything other than the floor.
- When the 5 minutes are up, the team with the tallest freestanding tower wins.

Discussion

- What strategies did you use to make your tower taller?
- Did your team work well together?
- Do you ever feel like bad news is piling up in your life?
- Sometimes we hear about bad things happening in the news. It just seems to pile up higher and higher. Why do bad things happen to good people? And why do good things happen to bad people?

Lesson Topics

Desire for God. ([CCC 27-30](#))

Ways to come to know God ([CCC 31-38](#))

- Arguments against the existence of God.
 - Problem of Evil (Moral and Natural Evil)
 - God is not necessary
 - (Scientism- knowledge can answer everything)
- Arguments for the existence of God.
 - Aquinas' 5 ways
 - The transcendentals (Truth, Beauty, Goodness)

How can we speak about God ([CCC 39-43](#))

God comes to meet Man ([CCC 50](#))

- God reveals His "Plan of Loving Goodness" ([CCC 51-53](#))
 - God wants to be in a relationship with us.
 - God reveals Himself gradually ([CCC 56-58](#))
- Stages of Revelation
 - In the beginning ([CCC 54-55](#))
 - The Covenant with Noah ([CCC 56-58](#))
 - God chooses Abraham ([CCC 59-61](#))
 - God forms his people Israel ([CCC 62-64](#))

Christ Jesus Mediator and Fullness of All Revelation ([CCC 65-67](#))

Small Group Questions

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Do you feel that the argument for Evil is a strong argument? What problems do you see with it?

Which argument for God's existence do you find the most helpful or compelling? Why?

Which one causes you the most confusion? Why?

Class Cancellations & Deadline Notices

Our Faith Formation program will be utilizing MyParishApp for notifications of cancellation, deadline reminders and event invitations. All notifications will be sent through the MyParishApp group entitled "Faith Formation".

If you have previously subscribed to this group you will be required to do so again. All group members have been removed so we can have a complete and accurate list for this coming year.

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