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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Praying with your child



Many parents want their children to grow up living a spiritual life. They take their children to church, register them for PREP/CCD classes and support their journeys through the sacraments. Intentions are good, but many parents have a difficult time actually praying with their children.

During one of his homilies, Father Andrew

used the description of a five-finger prayer to help children (and their parents) find a starting point when they are not sure what to say to God.

Begin by putting the hands together (flat) in prayer position. The finger closest to you is the thumb. It will remind you to pray for those closest to you—parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and other significant people.

The second finger is the index finger, used to point. This finger reminds us to pray for those who guide others in the “right” direction, such as our priest, teachers, coaches...

Our next finger

is the tallest. This middle finger reminds us to pray for leaders; such as the Pope, President, and others in government.

The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it is not the smallest, it is the weakest finger. It should remind you to pray for those who need help—the poor, sick, imprisoned, hungry.

The last finger is the smallest. Children can relate to this one since it is “little” like them. It should remind them to pray for themselves.

So next time your child is ready to pray but not sure what to say, just tell them to look at their hands.

St. John's first Mom2Mom Sale: April 12

We will be hosting a Mom2Mom Sale on Saturday, April 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Currently, table reservations are being accepted at \$20 with a limit of 40 spaces for sellers.

A large item area is available for \$2 per item, pre-paid. For more information, contact Jamie at (810) 658-1074 or Jamie52959@yahoo.com.



I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.
~Abraham Lincoln



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All are welcome...

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Club News

Spring 2008 Schedule (held at 9:30 A.M. in the Family Center)

March 7

April 11

April 25

May 9

Special events, including Moms Nights Out, the Mom2Mom sale and other fun activities/tours/events will be scheduled through May. During the summer, members meet informally for park meetups and other gatherings. The fall schedule usually begins in September.

Positions available for next year

President or co-presidents

Treasurer

New moms dinners coordinator

Moms' night out organizer

From our members...

Thank you to all the moms for your thoughts and prayers regarding my "granny." Also thank you for the beautiful plant. Every time I look at it and watch it grow I will think of all the special memories we had together.

I have met so many special people in this club and I am so thankful to have you all in my life.

Angela Eichhorn

I wanted to send a note of thanks to Mom's Club. I am sorry it has taken me so long to send this note. Things were just crazy before we moved and are now calming down here for us. Alex started school this week and Amanda will start school in February. I am hoping to join an American Women's Club after Amanda starts school. I can only

hope they will be as open and welcoming as our Mom's Club was to me.

When I moved to Davison from Grand Rapids, I went from a full-time working woman to a stay-at-home mom. Alex was one year old and Amanda was on her way! I did not know anyone. To top it off we did not have any neighbors; our house was the first one on the block completed. It was a very lonely feeling.

After we registered with the church, I received a very nice call from Chris Lorf inviting me to join the Mom's Club. I was hesitant at first, nervous about attending a meeting where I knew no one, but Chris, my husband, encouraged me to attend. I decided to attend the first meeting in September of 2003.

I was welcomed to the group and encouraged to attend Mom's night out. What a life savior this group was to me; I had scrap booking contacts and

friends, adult conversations and friends for my children.

Thank you to all of you at Mom's Club! You may never know the importance in someone's life but I want you to know how much the last four years have meant to me. Also thank you for the wonderful dinner and angel charm. I love it and think of my friends when I wear it.

Please keep in touch.

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