

Knights of Columbus council 9981, Incarnate Word Parish invites your family to the

**Consecration to the Holy Family on Father's Day**

**Sunday June 16, 2019 after the 8:45 AM Mass**

As usually practiced on the third Sunday of each month, we will begin with praying a Rosary for religious vocations in the Catholic Church.

After the Rosary prayer, we will be led to pray together the prayer below of Consecration to the Holy Family (prayer cards given to all).

- Suggesting that each family pray together each day for the week before the consecration. Ideally, this will lead them to continue the practice, at least on a weekly basis, after the consecration has occurred.
- Discussing among the family lives of Joseph, Mary and Jesus as a model for family life.
- Encouraging each family to intentionally fast from something ahead of the consecration. This fast should last at least a week leading up or after the consecration. It is strongly encouraged to fast from something that would normally be consumed or an activity that is regularly done. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts and moves us to be more focused on God.
- Strongly encouraging each member of all parish families to go to confession the week of the family consecration.
- As a family, frequently repeating the prayer of consecration to consciously choose to be a beacon of light of God's love through His Church.

**Prayer of Consecration to the Holy Family**

O Lord Jesus,  
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.  
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace  
as you prepared to fulfill your mission  
as our Redeemer.  
*We entrust our family to you.*

O Blessed Mary,  
you are the Mother of our Savior.  
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus  
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.  
*We entrust our family to you.*

O Saint Joseph,  
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,  
and gave us a model of fatherhood  
while showing us the dignity of work.  
*We entrust our family to you.*

Holy Family,  
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.  
May we be completely united  
in a love that is lasting, faithful  
and open to the gift of new life.  
Help us to grow in virtue,  
to forgive one another from our hearts,  
and to live in peace all our days.  
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,  
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.  
May our home, O Holy Family,  
truly become a domestic church  
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.  
*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*