

Event Recaps

Family Day- last August- Gabriel Park

Thank you to all who came out and joined us for a fun filled day. Beautiful day, lots of great food and great conversations. While during our meetings we tend to connect more with our spouse, it was a great opportunity to have longer conversations and really get to know other couples!



October- Nazareth Event

Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to cancel our October event. However, don't think we are abandoning you until our next meeting! Here is some 'food' for your marriage.

We encourage you to watch this [short video](#) by Bishop Fulton Sheen. It is a short 4 min reflection on marriage by Bishop Sheen's.

If you haven't heard of him before, you are about to be changed forever! A short insert of his amazing life:

"He was consecrated a bishop on June 11, 1951. In the Fall of that year, he began his famous television series, Life is Worth Living. It was a tremendous success, eventually reaching an estimated 30 million viewers each week, which would make it the most widely-viewed religious series in the history of television. He won an Emmy Award for Most Outstanding Television Personality, was featured on the cover of Time Magazine, and became one of the most influential Catholics of the 20th century." Insert from [CUA biography](#).

Part 2 of the 'homework,' if able, go on a date with your spouse, (however that looks like) and if you dare, post a picture on the Facebook Nazareth Family Group!

To end with some humor... if you think you are the only couple who has disagreements, check Dude Dad in this [link](#), you are not alone.

Coming up...

We are very excited for our December speaker, Fr. William Dillard.

Fr. William Dillard is a priest of the Diocese of San Diego and an Oblate of Mount Angel Abbey. Ordained in 1998, Fr. Dillard has served in parishes in the Diocese of San Diego and the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon. He is currently the Director of Spiritual Formation at Mount Angel Seminary.

He has previously given retreat talks in our parish and we are honored to have him. He's a great speaker, a man of depth and wisdom. He will help us get started on our advent journey with his talk on Forgiveness.

If you have heard him speak before, you know you better bring your spiritual notebook to take notes! You don't want to miss it!

Celebrations and opportunities just around the corner:

Sunday, October 29th-

Stump Sister Teresa: Dress your child as a saint and join us after the 10am Mass for coffee and donuts. Let's try to stump Sister Teresa!

Saturday, December 9th (9am to noon)-

Free Date/Childcare: If you have been trying to reconnect with your spouse and don't seem to find the opportunity, this is your time! Leave your child for 3 hours and enjoy some 1-1 time with your spouse to reconnect, we all know how important this time is. If you are interested and want more info email family@stmichaelportland.org we have limited space of the first 10 kids.

Missionary Month-

If you feel the Lord is calling you to give more, but don't know how or feel you don't have time- reach out to our core team. We have many ideas and would like to hear what you feel call to.

Family Corner: The Day's

Each newsletter we will highlight a family in our Nazareth community. The hope is to get to know each family in the community, find families who enjoy similar things, and ultimately grow closer.



Both raised in Oregon, DJ and Tabitha met through a dating app at the very end of 2016. DJ knew on the first date that he had met the girl he was going to marry and even texted a friend about it that night. It took Tabitha a few months to come around. They got engaged the following Christmas Eve, under a spectacular (albeit technically illegal) firework show that involved the local police. They were married in June of 2018 in Canby, OR.

After moving to Sandy in February of 2020, they welcomed their first daughter, Juniper, into their family that June. Their son, Theodor, was next to join on Easter Sunday of 2022, and just 17 months later on October 4th of this year, their newest addition Solomon joined the Day household! Juniper is the sweetest older sister who loves her books and her brothers. Theo is the most joyful toddler and is always grinning... and playing with the chair connectors at mass when not running up and down the aisles. Everyone is loving having a fuller family of 5.

After teaching high school math for 8 years, Tabitha became a stay-at-home mom after Theo was born. She loves opportunities to connect & build community with other young moms, even running several book/Bible studies in the summer. DJ likes to build relationships as well, but usually over boardgames & beers instead of book studies (despite being the reader in the family). DJ does computer security work from home during the day, and is a white-hat hacker in the evenings.

While both were raised in Christ-centered Protestant families, DJ only recently joined the Catholic Church on Pentecost of last year. He was supposed to join on Easter, but Theodor's birth took priority :-). He came to St. Michael's for RCIA after hearing about it from one of Tabitha's cousins. Despite the long commute, he found he loved the community there and the family has continued to attend.

Tabitha can typically be found having playdates at the zoo/OMSI/park/library/you-name it. DJ can typically be found on his front porch drinking coffee & reading a good book, or jamming to some metal while snowboarding down the mountain. Together they can be found working out at the gym, hosting a board game night, or doing a jigsaw puzzle while watching The Great British Baking Show.

Upcoming events

- December 2nd (1st Saturday) - 8th Event - "Forgiveness" with Fr. William Dillard