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Back to School with Grace & Prayer



The library has added two new collections for children. Pray Me A Story and Sacred Art of Storytelling. These two collections contain several books that embody themes of prayer, sacraments, morality and other religious messages for children.



Pray Me A Story: The Pray Me a Story series uses popular children's books as a springboard for entering into imaginative prayer. The series is designed for use by catechists, religion teachers, parents, grandparents—anyone who prays with children of any age. Each classic book comes with a small booklet to guide the adult with step-by-step instructions on how to share and discuss the story. After hearing the story, the child is gently guided into the scene to meet Jesus and prayerfully speak to him as one friend speaks to another.

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day Viorst, Judith, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2009, 1972. On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.

Chicken Sunday Polacco, Patricia, Philomel Books, 1992. With the rich folk-art style and lively text, Patricia Polacco has created a family story of trust, love, and acceptance. After her own grandmother dies, a young Russian-American girl is initiated into her neighbor's family.

The Gift of Nothing McDonnell, Patrick, Little, Brown, 2005. Mooch the cat tries to think of a gift to give his friend Earl the dog.

Grandad's Prayers of the Earth Wood, Douglas, Candlewick Press, 1999. Because Grandad has explained how all things in the natural world pray and make a gift to the beauty of life, his grandson is comforted when Grandad dies.

On the Day You were Born Frasier, Debra, Harcourt Brace, 1991. The earth celebrates the birth of a new baby in an environmental story that includes factual information on the natural features of the planet, the sun, moon and stars, animals and people.

A Quiet Place Wood, Douglas, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2002. Text and illustrations describe some of the special places that one can go to be quiet and alone and to imagine, such as a woods, a seashore, a library, or inside oneself.

The Rainbow Fish Pfister, Marcus, North-South Books, 1992. The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship.

The Three Questions Muth, Jon J. Scholastic Press, 2002. Nikolai asks his animal friends to help him answer three important questions: "When is the best time to do things?" "Who is the most important?" and "What is the right thing to do?"

You are Special Lucado, Max, Crossway Books, 1997. Punchinello's opinion of himself changes after talking to his creator.



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Sacred Art of Storytelling: A collection of children's stories that can be used to provide a spiritual message or lesson on topics about creation, prayer, social justice, stewardship, family, friendship and many more. Great for school teachers, RICA leaders and parents. This collection contains approximately 45 books, below is just a sampling of what is available.

Stone Soup Muth, Jon J., Scholastic Press, 2003. Three hungry men charm a poor village into making enough soup to feed them all.

What is My Song? Linn, Dennis, Paulist Press, 2005. Based on a traditional African fable, this is a story of how every child comes into this world knowing his or her song or special purpose in life.

What You will See Inside a Catholic Church Keane, Michael, SkyLight Paths, 2002. Names and explains the various objects found in a Catholic Church, how they are used in the celebration of the Mass and other events, the clergy and lay people who use them, and the meaning behind them.

Pascual and the Kitchen Angels DePaola, Tomie, G.P. Putnam, 2004. Pascual, a boy blessed by angels at his birth, receives divine help when the Franciscan monks make him their cook.

One Smile McKinley, Cindy, Bellevue, WA., Illumination Arts, 2002. When a child smiles at a stranger, she sets off a chain of kindness that eventually comes full circle.

On Morning Wings Lindbergh, Reeve, Cambridge, MA., Candlewick Press, 2002. Retells, in simple words, a psalm of God's knowledge of and love for each of us.

My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Farris, Christine King, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2003. Looks at the early life of Martin Luther King, Jr., as seen through the eyes of his older sister.

God Created Bozzuti-Jones, Mark Francisco, Augsburg Books, 2003. Illustrations and simple text detail God's creation of everything that exists.

City Angel Spinelli, Eileen, Dial Books for Young Readers, 2005. City Angel does her best to add fun, sparkle, and comfort to everyone's day. This uplifting, joyous tribute to city life and the spirit of community celebrates how small acts of generosity and kindness make life sweet and rewarding, wherever we live.

New Resources

The Blind Side (DVD, 123 min.) Warner Home Video, 2010, 2009. A wealthy white couple in Memphis, Tenn., offer shelter to a homeless black student from their children's school and, as he becomes an increasingly integral part of their clan, help him to hone his football skills while also hiring a determined tutor to raise his academic standing. A Christian tale of human solidarity across racial and class divides, adapted from Michael Lewis' 2006 best-seller "The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game," is funny, shrewd and ultimately uplifting.

The Future Church: How Ten Trends are Revolutionizing the Catholic Church (Book) Allen, John L., Doubleday, 2009. Examines ten trends that are revolutionizing the Catholic Church at the start of the twenty-first century, including globalization, multinational organizations, bio-technical advances, and an aging Catholic population.

A Concise Guide to Pastoral Planning (Book) Pickett, William L., Ave Maria Press, 2007. An essential guide for those charged with pastoral planning in the Catholic Church. The book offers a wealth of information on creating effective and theologically, doctrinally, and pastorally sound planning models.

Your Catholic Family: Simple Ways to Share the Faith at Home (Book) Merhaut, Jim, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2006. This book provides many activities to explore and share faith at home, all based on the four themes of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Scriptural Foundations, Celebration of the Christian Mystery, Life in Christ and Prayer.

A Concise Guide to Supervising a Ministry Student (Book) Garrido, Ann, Ave Maria Press, 2008. Incorporates the mandates defined in all the essential Church documents on formation for ministry. A guide for supervisors working with students in Catholic seminaries, graduate schools, college or university-based certificate programs, and diocesan ministry formation programs.

New Ministers Orientation

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

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