



Faith Stepping Stones



A family ministry system pulling parents into the role of primary faith mentors for their own children every night in every home.

Stone 1: Raising a Healthy Baby - 0-12 Months

Parents attend four sessions on physical, emotional and spiritual needs of infants and toddlers. Parents are also taught how to do a nightly blessing as a family faith practice.

Stone 2: Raising a Healthy Preschooler - Preschool 2/3

Parents attend four sessions on physical, emotional and spiritual needs of preschoolers. Parents are taught to add prayer to the nightly blessing as a faith practice.

Stone 3: Entry Into School - Kindergarten/1st Grade

Parents attend four sessions on physical, emotional and spiritual needs of kindergarteners. Parents are taught to share "Highs & Lows" with their children, and add it to their nightly prayers and blessing.

Stone 4: My Bible - 2nd/3rd Grades

Children join parents for nine sessions highlighting 120 key verses in young readers' Bibles. Children and parents commit to read a Bible verse nightly, and continue with "Highs & Lows," prayer, and blessing nightly.

Stone 5: Livin' Forgiveness - 4th/5th Grades

Children join parents for four sessions from Passover to Lord's Supper, with nightly confession and forgiveness added to the faith practices of Bible reading, "Highs & Lows," prayer and blessing.

Stone 6: Surviving Adolescence - Middle School

Children and parents attend four sessions receiving tools to thrive through adolescence. They commit to apply God's Word to their "Highs & Lows" and adding this to the previous faith practices of confession and forgiveness, prayer, and blessing.

Stone 7: Confirmation As Ordination - 8th grade

Youth and parents go on a retreat to look at their confession, confirmation, and unique call to serve some type of ministry. Families recommit to nightly home huddles of "Highs & Lows," Bible Reading with application, confession and forgiveness, prayer, blessing.

Stone 8: Graduation Blessing - 12th grade



Seniors and parents participate in three sessions spread over the fall, winter, and spring where seniors and their parents look back at God's blessings, look to the moment, and look to the future of their new callings. They promise together to bless, thank, forgive, and pray for another as they begin their new callings.

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Congratulations 2010 Graduates!

College Graduates



Ryan DeCarufel graduated from Florida State University on May 1st with a major in Political Science and a minor in Business.

Lauren Morales graduated this past December from the University of South Florida with an Art Studio Degree. She is an executive assistant for the design firm Quiet Rooms Green.

Kayla Richmond daughter of Kirk and Debbie Richmond, graduated from the University of South Florida magna cum laude (GPA 3.86) with a dual-degree in Business Management and Political Science. A 4-year Varsity Athlete on the USF Women's Track and Field Team, she competed in the 400 hurdles and 4x400 meter relay at the Big East Championships. Kayla also was a member of the Honors College, Secretary of the Honors College Student Council, a Vice Presidential candidate for Student Government, active in the USF Wakeboard club and a member of the 2009 Homecoming Court. Kayla plans to travel this summer and continue her education in Law School or Graduate School in the fall.

High School Graduates

Brittany Backstrand will be graduating with honors from Canterbury. She served her student body as Student Government President and Yearbook Editor. She played varsity volleyball for three years and was a member of the National French Honor Society and National Science Honor Society. She will be attend Notre Dame this fall seeking a degree in science and business.

Candace April Browning will be graduating from North Fort Myers High School Center for The Arts and Media. She has been in the dual enrollment program earning college credit at Edison for her Senior year and plans on attending Edison next fall for a year and then transferring to University of South Florida to pursue a career in the medical field. Candace plans of possibly joining the Peace Corps or working in medical mission work. Candace has been active in the Saint Michael Youth Programs since middle school and has attended many youth activities including a trip to the Dominican Republic where she discovered her passion for mission work and love of helping others. She worked at our school's extended care for three years and now Macaroni Grill. She will be attending her second Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer and looks forward to a bright future.

Forrest Woodrow Campbell graduated from Bishop Verot High School. In lacrosse, he is a two year Letterman, and recognized as the hardest hitting player in the Southwest District, undefeated season, State Final Four. As the captain of his football team he was a two year Letterman, Lunchpail Award recipient, Non-Excident Award recipient, named to the John Carrigan Rotary South All-Star South Team, named to the News-Press All Area First Team Offense as a tight end, at the end of regular season play was ranked #2 in the State and #30 Nationally by Max Prep Sports for tight end and set a new school record at 605 yards. Scored two point conversion in overtime to lead Bishop Verot to a victory over North Fort Myers for the first time in school history. Forrest was honored as the Edison Festival of Light Jr. Marshal Volunteer of the Year. Attending Florida Atlantic University, he will play Division I football and majoring in business and accounting and pursue a career in the FBI.

Paige Clark will graduate summa cum laude from Fort Myers High School. She was a part of National Honor Society and Phi Delta Y (youth in government). She will attend the University of Florida.

Joel (JJ) Collins will graduate from Fort Myers High School as one of the newer students to his senior class. From his previous school in Wisconsin, Joel participated in a variety of sport teams, volunteered for his community and Hurricane Katrina relief, and held numerous leadership roles in his school. In addition, Joel works with his father's business. He was involved with his youth group up north and has become active with us as well. He'll be attending the National Youth Gathering this summer. JJ will be attending Warner University on a tennis scholarship and majoring in Pre-Med.

Nick Dakos will graduate from Fort Myers High School. During his years there, he has put his gift of writing to use. He was a journalist for the Tidal Wave, the school newspaper. He played freshman basketball and was a member of the Skim Club. He worked at a law firm for the last two years and will be attending Florida Atlantic University this fall majoring in Pre-law.

Lauren Davis will graduate with honors from Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts as a vocal major. She was part of the All State Reading Choir, Jazz Band, and Musical Theater. She was the 1st student choir conductor at Cypress and received a superior rating at district and state. While attending the National Youth Gathering with our church, she performed with the choir. She participated in the school's swimming, cross country, and track teams, Jr. ROTC, National Honor Society, and National Spanish Honor Society. She has a scholarship to attend Stetson University majoring in Music Education and Vocal Performance with a minor in Spanish.

Kevin Ecelbarger graduated from Bishop Verot where he participated in cross country and played football. Participated in the Edison Festival of Light Jr. Marshall program. He has plans to join the United States Marine Corps.

Kristen LaVerne Martin will graduate from Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts where she is a Theater Major, member of Thespian Troup #5341. Kristen is the only female theater student to perform in the school musicals all four years (*How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying, All Shook Up, The Producers, and Sweet Charity*). Her Thespian competition pieces have received Superior ratings at the State level. She is a member of the National Honor Society. At St. Michael she serves on Youth Board, sings in a quartet, and was involved in VBS, traveled on a mission trip to the D.R., and attends Sunday School and Focus. Freshman year she attended the National Youth Gathering and will again this summer. She has served the community through *Drug House Odyssey* (performed in a live reenactment with local law enforcement of the effects of drinking, driving and using drugs). Kristen will be attending Concordia University Texas to become a DCE with a minor in Marriage Counseling.

Rebecca Rivas will graduate with honors from South Fort Myers High School. For four years she participated in Jr. ROTC and was a member of the National Honor Society. She attended the National Youth Gathering and youth activities. She will attend the University of Central Florida.

Angel Rodriguez

Timothy Ryan Schaaf will graduate from Fort Myers High School. He participated in the International Baccalaureate program, National Honor Society, Phi Delta Y (youth in government), Academy of Finance, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, St. Michael Youth Ministry including the National Youth Gathering and the FL/GA District Servant Events in Immokalee and Eustis. He will be attending the University of Florida possibly pursuing engineering or business.

Anna Seitz will graduate from Ft. Myers High School. She earned an International Baccalaureate Diploma and was a member of French Club. She will be majoring in English at the University of Florida this fall.

John Sickels is graduating with honors from North Fort Myers High School. He will use his Bright Futures Scholarship to attend the University of Central Florida and major in Aerospace Engineering.

Loraine Singh will graduate from the Fort Myers High School. She was involved with High School Youth Ministry for the last 4 years, including Sunday School, FOCUS, the National Youth Gathering, FL/GA District Youth Gatherings, the FL/GA District Servant Event to Immokalee and our liturgical dance group. Loraine plans to attend college, and just recently, is now employed by Zector Marketing.

Danielle Sword will graduate from North Fort Myers High magna cum laude. During her high school years she danced for all four years and lettered in football cheerleading and basketball cheer dance. She participated in musical theater and National Honor Society. She also attended the National Youth Gathering and performed in the liturgical dance troupe. She will be attending Edison State College pursuing a career in health care.

8th Grade Graduates - Saint Michael Lutheran School

Graduated June 4, 2010

Lauren Michelle Alexander
Madison Brant
Blaine Douglas Burrell
Nicholas N. Carbone
Kenleigh Gabriella Clark
Savannah Jane Dakos *
Sydney Jo Dakos *
Marty Ebenger
Kiley Nicole Fewster
Adrian Francis
Blaise Garfall
Jazmyn Brianna Harmon-Whitlow
Tiara Gabriele Haye
Nicholas C. Homolka
Aisha Synclair Jamison
Nicholas Michael Kelton
Andrew Chase Kollmann *
Drew Halsey Lamos
Luke William Lamos
Patrick Peter A. Lee

Erika Marie Maribona
Tyler W. Martin
Morgan McAloose
Matthew C. McMurray *
Annamaria Medina
Ezekiel Daniel Michael *
Jack D. Norleans
Chandler Luke Novoa
Daniel Flannery Oak
Brooks Edward Peterson *
Quentin R. Powers
Jonas Baines Schlotterbeck *
Chase Austin Stancel
Grant Suroski
Victoria Rachelle Todd
Austin Tompkins
Rebecca Lynn Troast *
Malini V. Uttamchandani
Brooke Taylor Wilkerson *

**Indicates member of Saint Michael Lutheran Church*

