



THE LIFE PREP SCHOOL

Greetings Roncalli Parents!

My name is Fr. Todd Goodson and I am the pastor of Our Lady of Greenwood. I have been helping out with sacraments from time to time at Roncalli and offer a morning Mass here on Thursdays. I am on the board and help out with the Mission Effectiveness and Catholic Identity Committee.

Many parents have expressed in our parish and here at Roncalli the challenges they are facing trying to raise children with Catholic values and at least some type of relationship with God. The world they are growing up in seems different than ours with a whole new set of challenges that are difficult to understand. What has proved helpful to me over and over again when life seems out of control and confusing is prayer, creating time and space for God. A relationship with God and a life rooted in prayer is the only thing I know that can strengthen us to face the challenges we have as parents, priests, and religious. The answers we need are not found in a favorite speaker, a YouTube or TikTok video, not even with Fr. Mike Schmitz or Matthew Kelly. They are found in a deeper relationship with God and the Eucharist. From that alone can we understand who we should be listening to and what we should be doing.

Next month on November 18<sup>th</sup>, while at least some of your kids are participating in NCYC, I would like to offer a little prayer “workshop”. We will discuss things like creating time for prayer, why it is important, and some methods for prayer that are easy to learn and apply to a busy life. We will share a couple of meals and end in time for you to attend the 4pm Mass at St. Jude. Below is an outline for the day and we are asking for 10 dollars to help cover some of the costs. Please contact Roncalli Director of Campus Ministry, Katie Hibner at [khibner@roncalli.org](mailto:khibner@roncalli.org) to register and join us!

#### **Tentative schedule**

10am Snacks and gathering  
10:15am: Why Pray?  
10:45am: Break  
11:00am: Non-threatening group prayer exercise in which you will have the option to share but not be forced to  
11:30am: Daytime prayer and the prayer of the Church  
12:00pm Lunch/Chapel Time  
1:15pm: How to pray and why it helps  
2:00pm: break  
2:15pm: Some prayer suggestion and how to pray a meaningful rosary  
3:00pm Holy Hour at St. Jude or Roncalli Chapel  
3:45pm End in time for Mass at St. Jude.

There will be plenty of time for questions after each session...Hope to see you there!

God Bless,

Fr. Todd

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THROUGH THE INTERCESSION  
OF ST. JOHN XXIII