

Project Ignite
"Where hands and hearts unite"

I just wanted to give a quick update on the fleece blanket project, "IGNITE", our Youth Group students completed. Back in the early spring I had made a request for 1.5-2 yards of fleece fabric. Boy howdy, did people respond! I'm happy to announce that we had enough fleece donated that we were able to cut, tie and sew 30 double layer blankets and 30 port pillows. Port pillows are small pillows that fasten to the seatbelt to provide a little comfort against their port while riding in the car.

The monetary donations, that were graciously given, were used to help purchase reusable bags for the blankets to slide into along with other goodies such as activity/coloring books, colored pencils, fluffy socks with grippers, a deck of cards, and a little bag of hand sanitizer, chapstick, and lotion.

10 of the bags were donated to a cancer center in Liberty, MO where my dad received treatment, 5 were donated locally, 1 was kept as a demo bag for future bags and the remaining bags were donated to Midland Care in Topeka. Hopefully the receivers of our bags will feel love, support and comfort in their upcoming days.

Taking it a step further!

Instead of just creating blankets and bags I wanted to take this project further. I wanted the students to really become immersed in the project, and to find a creative way to share our faith with others. So, we created our own Youtube channel! For this part of the channel, we audio recorded the sweet voices of our Religious Ed., confirmation, and youth group students saying different parts of the Rosary. Then, Mr. (Mark) O'Halloran and his son Jordan, created a "montage" of the Rosary parts and made 4 complete Rosarys for you to listen to and pray along with!

Please keep in mind, this channel is a work in progress. I have some fun ideas for this project! Below you will find the QRcode and the youtube link that will give you access to the channel as well. Enjoy!

How did this project come to be?

Back in February of 2022 my dad was diagnosed with colon cancer. During one of my turns taking dad to treatments he was given a care basket. While going through the basket with dad, I realized this is a project our youth group kids could do! And so, it began!

Fast forward. This past June dad had an appointment to get some blood work done and to get his port flushed. As we were sitting in one of the chemo rooms, I noticed they didn't have any buckets! (Insert big smile) because we brought 10 bags with us! Yeppers, dad got to donate the first 10 bags to the center who treated him with such love, respect, positivity and humor which he happily gave back. Watching him come full circle and be able to give back was the best event as a daughter to witness!

Before I end this, I want to say a HUGE Thank You to everyone who donated! Without you, this project could not have taken off! Thank you for being so gracious and generous! Even though