

Hugs, Football Jerseys, and Catholic Gentleman

For the second year, the St. Jude Mother-Son Football Breakfast happened with great success, a few happy tears, and lots of fun & laughter. The entire football program for St. Jude was invited to participate in a lovely morning of food & memory-making. Dads served at the event and Moms enjoyed the morning with their kiddos...perfect combo!



The St. Jude CYO Football Program went through a little overhaul in the past couple of years. It began to structure an "all-teams" approach to events and during-season communications. We now have 3 all-teams events each year including a season kick-off pizza party, the mom's breakfast, and the end of year all-teams dinner banquet. They have all-program moms, Holli Mahoney and Tara Richwine who handle the higher-level planning of events and general communications; as well as grade-level team moms to help facilitate direct communication to individual parents and make sure that all needs are met. Last year, we began a Facebook Page for St. Jude Football (all teams). www.facebook.com/stjudefootball Please check it out and help cheer on our Raiders!

In recent years, CYO has partnered with Sports Leader, a Catholic virtue-based formation program for Coaches, Athletes and Directors of Sports Ministry of all levels. We have also been blessed to have access to the documentary and materials from "Coaching for Christ". The St. Jude Athletic Board is still getting our hands around all that both of these offerings have to better our programming, but if you're not familiar with these or want to learn even more, go to www.cyoarchindy.org ! If you want to help facilitate this programming at St. Jude, contact Kate Vannoy katevannoy@gmail.com

On a personal note, this breakfast is an event that I looked forward to all week. It's a moving hour, filled with truly grateful 8th graders hugging their moms and receiving what will be their last Raider jersey! In my talk to Will, at his jersey presentation, I quoted the famous game designer & tech guy, Rob Manuel (I had to speak 14 yr old for a moment!)

"...sometimes it's not about what you can see or hear but what's under the hood of the game that's most impressive." That's our Raider Pride! You all live and display that with every action of sportsmanship and Catholic attitude both on and off the field.

This year, the St. Jude CYO Football Program is focused on Faith, Toughness, and Sportsmanship. These Catholic Gentlemen are all of these traits. Every. Day.

Go Raiders!

Kate Vannoy
Wife, Mother, Active Parishioner, and Will's
biggest fan:)

