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THE FAMEREES: TRUSTING IN GOD'S PLAN

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In late 2021 and early 2022, the Fameree family was in a state of transition. Katie and Chad and their three children, Aubrey, now age 14, Callen, 11, and Vivian, 7, moved to a new home in a different school district. The kids changed schools, and Katie and Chad started new jobs. During this time of uncertainty and unfamiliarity, the Famerees learned to lean on each other, take it day by day, and pray.

“We knew this was God’s plan, and we trusted He would lead us through this time. God doesn’t give you what can’t handle, which was something that spoke to us daily,” Chad said. “Our family overcame these challenges of uncertainty, and we are very happy where we are today.”


Faith and family come above everything else for the Fameree family. They attend Mass on the weekend, pray together at mealtime, and talk about faith in their home. Katie and Chad have been members of Prince of Peace Parish since 2005, and they appreciate belonging to a family-oriented community built around faith, family and fellowship. They share a common bond with other families at the parish that

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“We enjoy participating in many of the activities that bring families together,” Chad said.

Katie, Chad and their children all volunteer at the parish. Katie teaches Religious Education for fifth and sixth grade, Vacation Bible School, and Gospel Time for young children during Mass. Chad is active in the Knights of Columbus and Helping Hands Committee. He’s an usher at Mass, and their kids often help him usher. Chad also volunteers at the Prince of Peace Church Picnic and Paul’s Pantry. Plus, he’s a platelet donor for the American Red Cross.

The family enjoys skiing in the winter, boating in the summer, and going to the family cottage in Door County.

Katie is employed by the Denmark Public School District, and Chad works at Green Bay Country Club. The kids are busy with school and a variety of sports and extracurricular activities. Aubrey

runs cross country and track and is active in FFA. Callen plays basketball, baseball, and football, and Vivian participates in basketball and dance classes.

“We spend a lot of time watching and cheering on our children,” Chad said. “While we always encourage them, it’s important that they understand to stay humble, be a good teammate, and work hard.”

The Fameree family’s favorite Scripture verse is Psalm 46:10: Be still and know that I am God.

“This is an important scripture for us because it shows us to trust in God’s plan and be present in the moment,” Chad said. Sometimes, putting trust in God doesn’t come easily, but the Fameree family finds great comfort knowing that God has a beautiful plan for them, even in times of uncertainty.

“Trust in God’s plan, even when it’s not your own!” Chad said.

all strive to teach their children Catholic Christian values.

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