

Virtue of the Month: FAITH

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Upcoming Events

- Sunday, October 4th, Altar Server Training after the 10:30 Mass
- Monday, October 5th, Auction Meeting, 7PM
- Wednesday, October 7th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- Wednesday, October, 7th, Noon Dismissal/ Conferences
- Thursday, October 8th, No School/ Conferences
- Friday, October 9th/ No School/ Conferences/ Professional Development
- Oct. 12-23, Standardized Testing, Grade 3-8
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Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

As I mentioned last week, our school Mass that we normally celebrate on Wednesday was moved to today, the Feast of St. Therese. During the Mass, Father blessed Guardian Angel Holy/Prayer Cards that will be given out on Friday. At the conclusion of our Mass, I asked a student to join me at the altar and led the students in a decade of the rosary as October is the month of the rosary. Perhaps all of our school families could pray a decade of the rosary each night during the month as a special way of honoring this tradition.

The conferences are about to begin. These are part of an important aspect of our school's success-the relationship between the home and school. In some cases you are just beginning to form this relationship

with your child's teacher or teachers. The conferences are but one part of this bonding process. In addition I encourage parents to contact teachers if they have a question, set up an appointment if the need is there, email or just a plain old phone call. I want each of you to know that it is my intention that our school is one in which this relationship forms a bedrock of our strength.

October is a busy month, with the auction, conferences and standardized testing. Let me say a word about testing. We test only 3rd through 8th graders; we conduct the tests over a two week period and primarily test between 8:30 and 10:30. No students will be admitted to class once testing begins, so make every effort to be on time, make sure your youngster has had a good night's

sleep and a good breakfast. The school's test results are very important to us for planning purposes and in evaluating our academic program. Unlike our public school colleagues, we do not report school wide results (we place our emphasis on individual students) and tax dollars are not linked to our results, yet the results as I have said are important to each of our parents as well as our school. At the conclusion of testing there will be a free dress day on Monday, October 26th for all students whose parents have turned in their signed Student Parent Handbook page. Have a nice week.

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal



Auction News



Auction meeting, Monday, October 5th at 7pm in the Parish Center.

Raffle: Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets after all the Masses. A sign-up sheet is in the School Office.

Dinner Tickets are \$70 per person. Sign up now while there is still room.

News from the School Office

Handbook signature pages were due today with parent and student signatures. See Mr. Cantu's letter for more information.

Lunch room volunteers needed Monday through Friday from 11:30-1:00. Call the school office if you can help or just show up. It's a great and easy way to earn some share hours.

Do you shop at Costco? Would you like to earn share hours shopping for the school? Contact Gretchen and let her know.

RACIAL NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

In accordance with the Department of Catholic Schools Policies and Guidelines 3020 for admissions, this school admits students of any race, color, or racial or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, racial or ethnic origin, in administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship or loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

From the Music Department

Calling All Techies: I know it is the first day of October but plans for the St. Francis Christmas program are already in motion. If you have experience working with sound and/or lighting systems, I would love your help. If you would be interested in helping with the technical aspect of the show, please contact me at kk-flute@hotmail.com. Thank you for your time and have a great day!

Peace, Ms. Krage, St. Francis School Music Department

Conference sign ups in the office starting Monday, September 28th

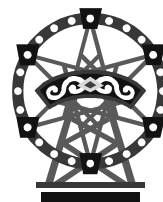
St. Francis Parish News

Altar Server Training - Sunday, October 4th after the 10:30AM Mass. You must be 9 years old to be a server.



Out of Parish News

A Taste of Holy Redeemer, a Multi-Cultural Festival.
Free Entry, Corner of Rosa Parks Way and Vancouver Ave.
www.tasteofholyredeemer.com
Friday, Oct. 2, 5-10PM
Saturday, Oct 3, 2-10PM
Sunday, Oct. 4, 11-5PM



Entertainment, Food, Crafts and Carnival Rides