



Prayer Intentions:

The Suter family requests prayers for a cousin who is recovering from injuries sustained in a serious car accident.

For those impacted by hurricanes and other natural disasters.

For those in areas of the world in conflict, especially the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Please contact the school office if you have a prayer you would like included.

We Pray:

This day, Father, may my eyes be opened to see the beauty in all that is ordinary - yet special - around me. May the glory of all that you have made remind me of your presence and lead me closer to you. Amen.

Calendar:

10/6

- Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 8)

10/10

- **NO SCHOOL:** Teacher Professional Development

10/13

- KD/KS BGSU Marine Lab field trip
- Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 7)

10/14

- Picture retakes in the morning

10/15

- November lunch orders due by midnight

10/16

- First Communion Dragon Slayer Retreat (Gr. 2) 12:00 pm

From the Principal:

One of the greatest privileges and blessings I have as principal here is that I am frequently a Eucharistic Minister at our school masses. The official term is actually Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, not because any of us lay people serving in this role are doing it extraordinarily well, but because our bishops, priests and deacons are ordinary ministers of Holy Communion. In certain extraordinary situations (which are actually quite common) the ordained minister may need assistance because of the size of the congregation. It is truly a privilege to see our students as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist. When I say "The Body of Christ" and they respond "Amen" (meaning so be it) and I can see that they know they are receiving the true presence of Jesus, what a blessing that is! I am currently reading "What Nobody Ever Told Us, A Guide to Getting More Out of the Catholic Mass" by Fr. Phil Smith, one of our own diocesan priests. In the chapter about Holy Communion he states, "We should prepare for communion by consciously calling to mind who we will be receiving- Jesus, the Son of God. The same Jesus who healed the sick with compassion. Cured the blind with divine power. Touched lepers with care. Raised the dead. Forgave terrible sinners. Patiently taught his friends. Courageously spoke the truth. Suffered torture and died on the cross for us. Rose from the dead. Ascended into glory in heaven and chose us to carry on his work here on earth. This is who is uniting himself to us through Holy Communion...marvel at this privilege the Son of God chooses to give you. He chooses you to be his friend! He is leading you to be with him forever in heaven. This is a friendship we should never take for granted."

I strongly encourage our Catholic families to attend Mass each weekend so your family can receive Jesus together. Even if your child hasn't made their First Communion yet, share with them what it means to you. Make this a priority so they know that we should never take for granted the gift of the Eucharist.

*God's Blessings,
Andrea Puhl*

From the Office:

- **Picture Retakes:** You should have received information from Jostens about retakes. They will take place next Friday morning, 10/14/22.
- **November lunch orders** may be placed through midnight 10/15/22.
- **Make up lunch:** The first make up lunch will be 11/11/22. This is for the lunch that was ordered and paid for on 9/16/22 when school was closed. You will not be able to order that day, and an email will be sent that week to the families who ordered with a list of what was ordered. If you did not order on 9/16, your child will need a packed lunch on 11/11.
- **Room Parent:** Would you love to help out in your child's classroom with parties and field trips? If the answer is yes and your Virtus is complete, we would love for you to be a Room Parent! Please contact Jami Deering at jideer79@gmail.com.
- **School Mass** can be viewed online. The link for mass at **2:15 pm Thursday, 10/13:** <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/MzQzOTY1MQ>



School Nurse News



Info for New Families (& good reminders for the rest of us)

- We will celebrate Halloween on Monday, October 31st. During the day students may wear Halloween themed shirts or Halloween colors with jeans. Each classroom schedules their own celebrations, but students may bring costumes to change into before our 2:45 all school parade. Please make sure the costumes do not include weapons, blood, guts or gore. If weather permits we will walk around the block, but if it's too cold or wet we will parade around the gym. All are welcome to join us for the parade so mark your calendars now :) If you are planning to volunteer in a classroom for a party, you must have completed the Virtus requirements. Instructions are attached, so please be sure to complete the online class and background check in time.

From the Nurse:

The following resource from the health department may be helpful if someone in your family is exposed or tests positive.

[Interactive COVID Decision Trees](#) – provides click-through guidance

From the Parish:

Family Rosary Group

We will not hold a traditional Family Rosary Group gathering in October at St. Al's, but rather invite you to take part in this special Feast Day at the Cathedral on Fri., Oct. 7 at 6:30 pm (Rosary) and 7:00 pm (Mass):

<https://toledodiocese.org/diocesan/diocesan-feast-day-mass>

CYO Basketball

WANTED: Basketball coaches ready for a fun and successful season! Please reach out to Tracy at binkfam6@gmail.com or 419.308.9578 as certifications are beginning soon. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our youth.