



## Prayer Intentions:

Prayers for the Zera's grandpa (husband of our retired librarian) who is having surgery this week.

## Prayer:

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life. May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others. May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.  
*Author Unknown*

## Calendar:

- 9/29**
  - Dress Down: Goodbye
  - September Spirit Day (Fall colors or favorite fall sports/activities)
- 9/30**
  - BG N/S Bus Route intentions due
- 10/1**
  - November Lunch order begins
- 10/4**
  - Gr. 6-8 Leaders Farm field trip
- 10/5**
  - School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 8)
- 10/6**
  - CYO CC & VB: wear sport uniform tops with school uniform bottoms.
- 10/7**
  - Backyard Bash 6:30 pm after 5:30 Mass
- 10/9**
  - **NO SCHOOL:** Teacher Professional Development
- 10/10**
  - Teacher Luncheon: more info to come
- 10/11**
  - Parent Association meeting 7:00 pm at the Annex.
- 10/12**
  - Picture day
  - School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 7)

## From the Principal:

We have been invited to be a part of Walk & Roll to School Day which is an annual event that involves communities from across the country (and globe!) walking and rolling to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Today, thousands of schools across America participate every October.



I know that many of our students do not live close enough to walk or ride their bikes to school regularly, but I encourage you to get creative in how your family might participate. Is there somewhere you can park your car and walk together on the way to or from school? It might be more fun than sitting in the car line and there are some incentives for those who participate and walk or roll on Wednesday.

This is a part of the City's Safe Routes to School Travel Plan currently being developed with guidance from a 15 member committee composed of city and school officials. I was happy to be invited to be a part of this initiative. The goal of Ohio's Safe Routes to School Program is to assist communities in developing and implementing projects and programs that encourage and enable children in grades K-12, including those with disabilities, to walk or bike to school safely. The plan will take approximately three months to complete, and should be ready for public review and comment in late November. There will be an opportunity for parents to provide some feedback along the way through a survey and I will share more as the plan evolves.

*God's Blessings,  
 Andrea Puhl*

## From the Office:

- **Field Trips/Volunteers:** Anyone who would like to volunteer in the school or chaperone field trips must complete Virtus: an online course and background check. Instructions can be found on our website under Parents ~ [Protecting God's Children](#). The class and background check are good for 5 years. If you plan to drive for a field trip, we also need to have your car insurance information on file by completing this [form](#) also found on the website under Parents ~ Forms. Many of you completed it with the registration forms in the Spring, so check with the office if you need to confirm we have your form.
- **Spirit Day:** The last Friday of the month is always a spirit day and this month's theme is Goodbye September. **TOMORROW** students may wear an outfit showing off fall colors or their favorite fall sport or activity. St. Al's spirit wear is always a great choice. Jeans, athletic pants or school length shorts are allowed.
- **CYO Fall Sports:** We will be taking yearbook pictures of our students participating in CYO cross country and volleyball team next Friday, October 6th. Athletes are encouraged to wear their uniform shirt/jersey with uniform bottoms that day. If they participate in both sports, they can bring the other shirt to change into.

- **BGCS North South Bus Route Intention:** <https://forms.gle/C8R2AeXkP1mFfx3SA>  
**DUE: TOMORROW**
- **Picture day** is October 12th.
- **School Mass** can be viewed online. Click the link for Mass at **2:10 pm, Thursday, 10/05/23:** <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/NDEzNjQwMA>

## Dress Code Reminder:

As the weather cools, there seems to be some confusion about which sweatshirts are dress code and which are spirit wear. All dress code sweatshirts have either our current diamond shaped log on them or our old lion logo. These two logos or variations of them are on approved dress code items:



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If the shirt says the word "LIONS" on it (even if it has our new lion logo replacing the letter O) or if it mentions a sports team it is not dress code. Students are welcome to wear those as an outer layer on the way to and from school or at recess, but they shouldn't be worn during the school day. When ordering it is marked which options are dress code and which are spirit wear. Also, remember that students participating in CYO sports may wear their team shirts/jerseys on Fridays during that sports season with their uniform bottoms. Thank you for your cooperation.

## From the Parish:

### **BSA**

The girls' BSA troop will sell popcorn after Sunday Masses on October 1st. They will also be selling popcorn at Bass Pro in Rossford on Saturday, September 30th.

### **54 Day Rosary Novena**

The parish is looking for people to lead the Rosary Sept 15-Nov 5 at the 10:15a/12:00p Masses as part of our 54 day rosary novena for life. No experience necessary- sign up as a family. We would love to see kids leading decades, too! Contact [konecny1@yahoo.com](mailto:konecny1@yahoo.com) to volunteer. Easy instructions for leading the rosary will be provided if needed.



St. Al's Backyard Bash coming soon—hope to see you there! Opportunities for adult and junior high volunteers are available. Use the link to sign-up!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094AA4A62DA0FD0-31251358-backyard#/>

# Want To Be An Altar Server?

**Open to boys and girls, grades 4-12. Must have celebrated First Communion and commit to attend Mass regularly.**

**Training Held Sept. 30 or Oct. 5**

Assist the priest and congregation in celebration of the Mass.  
**Learn** how to prepare the altar, carry the Cross, handle the Roman Missal and other ways to actively participate in the Eucharist and understand its meaning.  
**Earn** the privilege of serving weddings, funerals and special liturgies throughout the year.  
**Develop** lifelong friendships with other servers in the parish.  
**Gain** life skills, such as responsibility, punctuality, attentiveness, poise and maturity.  
**Get more involved** in your parish community.  
**Help to discern** your vocation in life and gain a greater appreciation of religious life.  
**Have fun and grow** in your faith!

Questions? Tom Konecny, 419-823-1978, [konecny1@yahoo.com](mailto:konecny1@yahoo.com)  
**Register by Mon., Sept. 25** Registration forms will be sent home through school and Family Faith Formation, and are also in the narthex.