

# OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

## St. Damian's Parish Faith Formation

Those who live in the Lord never see each other for the last time.

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### CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

#### Kindergarten:

St. Damian's kindergarten students are working hard on learning new prayers. We are working on the Hail Mary and continue to learn about mass participation. I am pleased to see some of my students at the weekend masses.

Thanks for your attendance at all the weekday Faith Formation classes.

**-Arlene Korte**

#### Grade 1:

First grade at St. Damian's continues to go well. We start each day with the Guardian Angel prayer and we have reviewed/learned the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father. Next week we will start learning the Grace before Meal prayer.

Many of the students already know the prayer, thanks to the parents/grandparents who are saying it with their children at home.

We are currently talking about all the special Gifts God has given us. We also read a brief story about St. Nicholas, whose upcoming feast is Dec 6th.

Lastly, the students sang in the choir for the second time on Oct 15th. Thanks to the parents/grandparents who came to hear their wonderful voices. The next choir date for 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades is scheduled for Nov 5th.

**-Mary Innes**

#### Grade 2:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade has memorized their prayers and we are working on a short Bible verse: *With God all things are possible.*

We are also learning about the life of Jesus and the miracles he performed.

On **Wednesday, November 7, our Reconciliation Fun and Faith Night will be held in St. Damian's gym at 7:00 p.m.** This will be for both St. Damian and St. Bernard second graders and their parents or guardians.

**-Ruth Pingsterhaus and Gabby Kramer**



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER 7

- Faith Family Fun Night at 7:00 p.m. at St. Damian's

#### DECEMBER 2

- First Reconciliation at St. Damian's at 1:00 p.m.



**Grades 3 and 4:**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students watched a movie about Joseph, who was sold as a slave by his brothers. The movie focused on jealousy, greed and forgiveness.

We have also begun a review of the 10 Commandments along with continuing with our books of the bible and the Apostle's Creed.

I enjoy the enthusiasm and interest this class shows.

**-Sharon Kalmer**

**Grades 5 and 6:**

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders have experienced different forms of prayer and learning how to talk to God more through meditation, songs and reflection.

We have been watching a great movie titled "Different Drummers". It's about students their age, talking to God and being there and helping each other. The kids have really enjoyed this movie!

This coming month we will be focusing on faithfulness, temptations and original sin.

**-Kathleen Hodges**

**Grades 7 and 8:**

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation class has been busy watching videos concerning making good decisions and striving to be the best possible version of ourselves. To carry this out, we have been focusing on being aware of doing at least one act of kindness each week and sharing what that was with the class.

We have also been thoughtfully praying every day in class, discussing how we have followed/ignored our conscience, and how that affected the outcome of the situation.

As we move on, we will turn our thoughts and prayers to gratitude as we focus on our blessings during Thanksgiving time.

We will be holding a bake sale sometime before the holidays to donate money to a worthy charity, possibly Heifer International.

**-Jackie Toennies**



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 22



## FATHER ANTHONY'S GUIDANCE

**How Does Someone Become A Saint?****5 Steps to Sainthood**

**First**, the person's local bishop investigates their life by gathering information from witnesses of their life and any writings they may have written. If the bishop finds them to be worthy of being a saint, then he submits the information that he gathered to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

**Second**, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints can choose to reject the application or accept it and begin their own investigation of the person's life. If the application is accepted, the person may be called Servant of God.

**Third**, if the Congregation for the Causes of Saints approves of the candidate, they can choose to declare that the person lived a heroically, virtuous life. This isn't a declaration that the person is in heaven, but that they pursued holiness while here on earth. If this is indeed found to be the case, the person may be called Venerable.

**Fourth**, to be recognized as someone in heaven requires that a miracle has taken place through the intercession of that person. The miracle is usually a healing. The healing has to be instantaneous, permanent, and complete while also being scientifically unexplainable. Miracles have to be first verified as scientifically unexplainable by a group of independent doctors, then the person is approved by a panel of theologians, and then the final approval lies with the Pope. If this is the case, a person is declared a blessed.

Note: Besides the number of miracles attributed to them, the difference between a blessed and a saint is that the scope of devotion for a blessed is narrower – usually limited to a specific group of people or a particular region of the world, while a saint is held up for devotion for the universal Church.

**Fifth**, a second miracle is needed in order to declare someone a saint. The confirmation of a second miracle goes through the same scrutiny as the first.

The five-step process is a general outline for how someone becomes a saint. There are definitely exceptions to this process and situations that may change the process as well.

Have a saintly month.

**-Fr. Anthony Onyango**

## THE DEACON'S CORNER

This is the time for all of us to share the good things that God has blessed us with. May it be food or clothing; time or talent. We should be aware as children of God that it is required of us to help our neighbor year around, but on this harvest season, the plenty that we have should be shared with the less fortunate. Thank you to those of you that have started the acts of charity that shows who we are.

**Some inspiring quotes on charity:**

*“We make a living by what we get,  
But we make a life by what we give.”*

Winston Churchill

*“Be the change you want to see in the world.”*

Mahatma Gandhi

*“He who wished to secure the good of others,  
Has already secured his own.”*

Confucius

*“Where there is charity and wisdom,  
There is neither fear nor ignorance.”*

St. Francis of Assisi

*“Every good act is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.”*

Moliere

*“Charity begins at home, but should not end there”*

Proverb

*“Charity sees the need, not the cause”*

German Proverb

*“May your charity increase as much as your wealth”*

Proverb

*“He who opens a school door, closes a prison.”*

Victor Hugo

*“Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others.”*

Plato

*“We cannot do great things on this Earth,  
Only small things with great love.”*

Mother Teresa

*“Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.”*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

*“The best way to find yourself  
Is to lose yourself in the service of others.”*

Mahatma Gandhi

*“You may never know what results come of your action,  
But if you do nothing there will be no result”*

Mahatma Gandhi

*“Pray for the dead. And fight like hell for the living!”*

Mother Jones

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.  
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”*

Margaret Mead

*"As one person I cannot change the world,  
But I can change the world of one person."*

Paul Shane Spear

*"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."*

Muhammad Ali

*When it comes to charity; many people stop at nothing.....*

Anon

Just an added note of **the importance of the children coming to Mass regularly on weekends with their families.** On weekdays they attend Mass during Faith Formation sessions, but the children need to pray with their moms and dads at Mass also on the weekends. Praying together strengthens a family in more ways than we'll ever realize!!!! Joshua says', "**as for me and my house, we will serve God.**"

**Thank you for bringing the children to Mass!**

**-Deacon Glenn**

"May you always be doing those good, kind things that show you are a child of God."

Phil 1:11 Living Bible (TLB)

#### ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION

Starting Wednesday October 3rd – St. Bernard and St. Damian will be hosting a weekly Holy Hour with Benediction **every Wednesday.** (One exception Oct 24...due to the REBOOT event)

Adoration will start at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude with Benediction at 8:00 p.m.

The location will rotate on the SAME schedule as the Saturday Masses:

- October – St. Bernard
- November – St. Damian
- December – St. Bernard

And so on...

Here is a link of things to do during a Holy Hour...

<http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/pea/holyhour.html>

If you have any questions, please contact me at 314-660-3976.

**-Deacon Kevin**

#### DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

From the signs along the road to the ads on TV and radio and even on Facebook, we are all aware of the upcoming election.

Do we consider it an important expression of our Faith to get involved with this process? It can be difficult to sort through the multiple messages and make choices that affect our local community, state and nation.

To vote is a primary right of being a citizen. To vote according to our Christian values can be the most important effort on Nov. 6. It is your chance to vote and be counted.

**-Sister Ellen Orf**

### COLLECTION/CHARITY OPPORTUNITIES

#### CAPS COLLECTION

Faith Formation students and their families have been collecting caps and lids for a bench for the school playground.

**It has been an amazing month for the CAPS/LIDS program!! We collected 124 pounds, making the total collected so far 167 pounds! We only have 83 more pounds to go!**

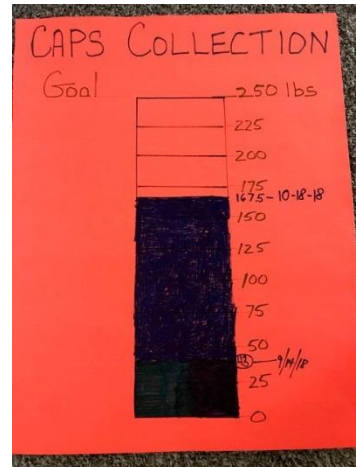
**Thanks to Albers Legion for their donation which totaled almost 40 pounds alone. Keep them coming!**

**Also, remember to remove any paper/cardboard from inside the cap/lid.**

You can send your caps and lids to school, or drop them off in the container in the back of church.

Please check the website [www.greentreeplastics.com](http://www.greentreeplastics.com) for acceptable items.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Kalmer at 618-420-3120.



#### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

As we prepare for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Hispanic community will be offering raffle tickets for this beautiful embroidered tablecloth from Mexico and a Christmas crib set.

For more information, please contact Sister Ellen at 636-293-8253 or [ellen\\_46@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen_46@yahoo.com).



FAITH FORMATION WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## St. Damian's Ministry Schedule November 2018

Gym Door Openers

Monday	<b>Kathleen</b>
Tuesday	<b>Ruth</b>
Wednesday	<b>Sharon</b>
Thursday	<b>Jackie</b>
Friday	<b>Mary</b>

Date	Voc Prayer	Servers	Reader	Petitions	Gifts	Choir	Doors
Mon-Nov 5	Brant Horstmann	Kaylee Netemeyer MaKenna Budde Ethan Toennies	Simon Toennies	Jacob Athmer	Avelyn Jansen Reid Koch	1/5th	5
Wed-Nov 7	Ryan Oros	George Herzing Trent Korte Nolan Goebel	Reece Deiters	Aliya Henss	CeCe Toennies Delaney Horstmann	7/8th	5
Mon-Nov 12	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>						
Wed- Nov 14	Natalie Lynch	Lauren Lynch Ethan Korte CeCe Toennies	Aidan Toennies	George Herzing	Evelyn Ribbing Collins Horstmann	7/8th	5
Mon-Nov 19	Gracie Deiters	Reece Deiters Simon Toennies Aaron Juarez	Genesis Contreras	Lauren Lynch	Trent Korte Nolan Hemker	2/6th	5
Wed-Nov 21	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>						
Mon-Nov 26	Lyla Koch	Genesis Contreras Julia Korte Kaylee Netemeyer	MaKenna Budde	Chase Jansen	Lauren Lynch Paislyn Horstmann	3/4th	5
Wed-Nov 28	Zachary Huegen	Saul Contreras Chase Jansen Evelyn Ribbing	Kevin Athmer	Reid Innes	Jacob Athmer Eli Skelton	7/8th	5