

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

St. Damian's Parish Faith Formation

We can teach young people, sometimes so focused on themselves, that there is more joy in giving than in receiving, and that love is not only shown in words, but also in actions.

-Pope Francis



CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Grade 3:

The third grade is reviewing two prayers: *The Glory Be* and *The Guardian Angel* prayer.

The students are learning the names of the Pope and the new Bishop.

We are going to start learning about two of the saints: *Juan Diego* and *Rose Phillipine Duchesne*.

-Ruth Pingsterhaus

WORDS OF WISDOM

Called to Serve

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:10-11

"As I have done, so you must also do." These were Christ's words after He washed His apostle's feet at the last supper. In this dramatic moment, Jesus called His followers to a life of humility and service. Helping others, especially the poor, is how we follow Christ's command "to love your neighbor as yourself."

During our Stewardship Renewal, we are focusing on the importance of service and having the heart of a servant. A servant goes where his Master leads and responds without hesitation, ready and willing to do the will of the Master. With the right disposition, we can be ready for action when opportunity arises.

As many of us have discovered, service to others leads to peace and joy; we find that we are truly blessed when we give of ourselves.

During this year's Stewardship Renewal, let us turn to Christ for the grace to serve as He served and to love as He loved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1

- Candle Ritual – for the deceased at Sunday Masses

NOVEMBER 2

- Faith Family Fun Night (Reconciliation)- 6 pm at St. Damian

NOVEMBER 26

- Thanksgiving Mass – 9:30 am at St. Bernard

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. Please pray for all those who are in need and be forgiving. Charity is not only for food and clothing but of forgiveness also.

SOME INSPIRING QUOTES ON CHARITY AND FORGIVENESS

“WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.”

Winston Churchill

“Without forgiveness life is governed by an endless cycle of resentment and retaliation.”

Roberto Assagioli

“BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD.”

Mahatma Gandhi

“Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies.”

Nelson Mandela

*“HE WHO WISHED TO SECURE THE GOOD OF OTHERS,
HAS ALREADY SECURED HIS OWN.”*

Confucius

“The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.”

Mahatma Gandhi

“WHERE THERE IS CHARITY AND WISDOM, THERE IS NEITHER FEAR NOR IGNORANCE.”

St. Francis of Assisi

“Be the one who nurtures and builds. Be the one who has an understanding and a forgiving heart one who looks for the best in people. Leave people better than you found them.”

Marvin J. Ashton

*“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.

“Forgiveness is the sweetest revenge.”

Isaac Friedmann

“THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.”

Mahatma Gandhi

"True forgiveness is not an action after the fact, it is an attitude with which you enter each moment."

David Ridge

"PRAY FOR THE DEAD. AND FIGHT LIKE HELL FOR THE LIVING!"

Mother Jones

"Forgiveness is a gift you give yourself."

Tony Robbins

***"AS ONE PERSON I CANNOT CHANGE THE WORLD,
BUT I CAN CHANGE THE WORLD OF ONE PERSON."***

Paul Shane Spear

"Forgiveness is like faith. You have to keep reviving it."

Mason Cooley

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

CARDINAL CALENDARS – ST. BERNARD FAITH FORMATION

The St. Bernard Faith Formation will be selling St. Louis Cardinal calendars. The cost is \$16.00. Please contact any Faith Formation student or all Janel at Albers Elementary at 248-5146.

YARD CLEANUP - ST. DAMIAN 7TH AND 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS

The St. Damian Confirmation class is offering their services to rake leaves/clean anyone's yard who might want it during this fall season. Snow shoveling in winter is also available.

If interested, please contact Jackie Toennies at 335-9562 and she will hook you up with some eager young lawn care workers who will gladly help you out. No charge!

MATER DEI FALL PLAY

Come out and enjoy a performance of the comic play "Blithe Spirit" at Mater Dei High School. Performance dates and times are:

November 6 at 7:00 pm (Cast A performs)

November 7 at 7:00 pm (Cast B performs)

November 8 at 2:00 pm (Cast A performs)

Socially distanced seating will be utilized.

Mason Schrage, a member of the play's A Cast, and the 5th grade Faith Formation teacher at St. Bernard, will be performing in the Fall play at the Friday night and Sunday afternoon performances.

