

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

St. Damian's Parish Faith Formation

For the Lord has made all things, and to the godly he has granted wisdom.
-Sirach 43:33 (RSV)

FATHER STEVEN'S GUIDANCE

As we remember during the month of November all the faithful departed, we are especially aware that our own faith has been given to us through a long history of transmission from catechist to student, from preacher to congregant, but above all from parent to child.

The first day of November is dedicated to the Saints, whose teaching and inspiration is so powerful as we seek to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

November 2nd, All Souls Day, reminds us of all the countless others who have gone before us and whose faith we hope to emulate.

Ours is the faith for which the martyrs died. Ours is the faith our own ancestors bequeathed to us, whether in our individual case that means parents and grandparents and generations before, or someone else who brought us to Christ later in life.

God is at work in this transmission, this handing down, but He uses our cooperation and seems to seldom dispense with it.

Every generation in the pews and at the altar must ask themselves: will we be the last generation of committed Catholics in our nation, our town, our families?

-Fr. Steven Beatty



THE DEACON'S CORNER

The Harvest is Plenty

As we step into the last quarter of this year, may we, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, welcome you to your season of harvest!



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 30

- Food Drive – Bags delivered to homes
- Candle Ritual for All Souls Day – 4:00 pm Mass at St. B

OCTOBER 31

- Candle Ritual for All Souls Day – 9:30 am Mass at St. D

NOVEMBER 1

- All Saints Masses/Services –
 - Mass at St. D at 7:45 am
 - Prayer Service at St. B at 7:45 am
 - Mass at St. B at 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 2

- All Souls Mass – at St. B at 7:45 am

NOVEMBER 6

- Food Drive – Bags will be picked up and delivered to SVdP Food Pantry

NOVEMBER 16

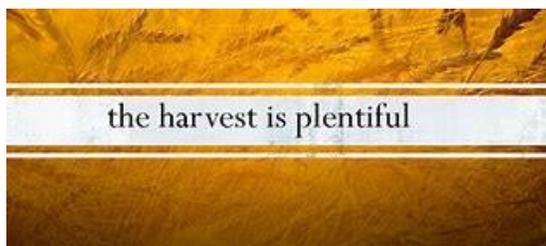
- Faith Family Fun Night with reconciliation at 6:00 Damian

This year, the Lord declared upon us a season of Great Multiplication (Jeremiah 30:19) and the Lord has been so faithful to His words. To some, it has been experiences of restoration and renewal of strength, while to many others, it has been experiences of new accomplishments and achievements, conquering new grounds and exploring new terrain. Through it all, the Lord our God be praised for all the testimonies that abound among us. These are confirmations of His words, the acknowledgement of His goodness.

The journey into this season of harvest has been carefully orchestrated to prepare us for the harvest God has intended in this season. It is not just sufficient to know our harvest is coming but it is most important to prepare ourselves for it in most diligent manner. The good news is, if you have planted in whatsoever way this year, it is by the divine plan that you must reap your harvest.

Therefore, I pray by the power of the Almighty God that your harvest shall not decay. Your season of rest has come! Your moment of plenty is here. Reap your harvests in this season and be greatly comforted by the Holy Spirit, Amen...

Welcome to your new season of Faith, Hope and Love!



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

HISPANIC MINISTRY

The Feast of All Saints

The children are invited at the Spanish Mass to come dressed as Saints on Sunday, October 31. After Mass, there will be a gathering in the gym.

The Day of the Dead is often celebrated in the Mexican community - at the Mexican restaurants you see human like figures (skeletons sometimes) and many foods - breads and cakes. In the homes we remember those family members who have died. At Mass, we will read the names of those listed in the book of our Faithful Departed. Since there are so many names, we will read part of the list each Sunday.

This month we also celebrate Thanksgiving. With a bountiful harvest, the lessening of the pandemic and all the blessings that we have received this year, let us give thanks to our generous God.

La Fiesta de Todos Santos. Domingo 31 de octubre, los niños están invitados a venir a la Misa de las 111 vestidos de santos. Después de la Misa va a haber una convivencia en el salón.

El Día de los Muertos es usualmente conmemorado en la comunidad Mexicana con figuras de muertos y muchas comidas, panes especiales y otras golosinas dulces. En las casas se acuerda de los seres queridos que han muerto. En la Misa vamos a leer los nombres de todos que fueron inscritos en el libro de los Fieles Difuntos. Como hay muchos, leeremos una parte de la lista cada domingo de noviembre.

Este mes también celebramos Acción de Gracias. con la cosecha abundante, la pandemia más reducida, y todas las bendiciones recibidas este año, demos gracias a nuestro Dios por ser tan bueno con nosotros..

-Sister Ellen Orf

CARDINAL CALENDARS

Preorder now through November 12. Cost is \$16 of which St. Bernard's keeps \$7. Please contact any Faith Formation Student or call Janel at Albers Elementary at 248-5146.

The calendars feature the St. Louis Cardinals team. They also include two pages of coupons featuring savings on Cardinals tickets and great deals from local retailers.

There are coupons for Shop N Save, Build A Bear, Johnny Macs, 50% off Cardinal tickets and others.



FALL YARD CLEAN UP – ST. DAMIAN FAITH FORMATION



Even though this is not Confirmation year for St. Damian 7th/8th Grade, we would like to continue service to our community. With autumn in "bloom" and leaves beginning to fall from the trees and covering up our yards, we would like to offer our services for raking leaves.

If you are interested, please call Jackie Toennies @ 335-9562 to make appointment.

VETERANS DAY – NOVEMBER 11 – NO SCHOOL

