

“Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior; in suffering love becomes crystallized; the greater the suffering, the purer the love.” ~ Saint Faustina’s Diary

October 5, 2016

Dear Parents,

Please keep Mr. Bob Franklin in your prayers. He has been in the Paulding Hospital for the past several days fighting an infection. For those of you who don’t know Mr. Franklin, he is always doing something for the students at our school. In the past, he has bought ice cream for the students, pizza, and is buying the Under Armour jackets for the students and staff. At prayer in the hall on Monday, we said prayers for him and the students made cards for him. Please keep praying for all who are sick.

Today is the Feast Day of Saint Faustina; which our school/parish derives the name of Divine Mercy. Here is a great summary from ewtn.com:

On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to this simple nun, bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all mankind. Saint Faustina tells us in her diary under this date:

"In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'"

Some time later, Our Lord again spoke to her:

"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross...Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."



The Kazimirovski painting of 1934-35 is the "original" Image of The Divine Mercy.

Classroom Curriculum News

Mrs. Lopshire - Preschool:

Pre-schoolers are learning that earth, envelope, elephant and eagle begin with letter E. I told them that recently an eagle had flown right in front of our car. The class shouted E eagle! Great job guys!!

Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten:

In religion we talked about how no matter how we are feeling; whether we are happy, sad, mad or even scared; God is always there for us. Lots of students admitted during the discussion that they get scared by storms. So to show them how God is always around us, I told the students this short story: "There once was a young girl who walked to school every day. One day there was a bad storm with thunder and lightening. The mother of the little girl was nervous that the storm would frighten her daughter, so she got in her car to find her daughter. When she did, she noticed that at each flash of lightening the girl would stop, look up at the sky, and smile. The mother thought this was strange and asked her daughter "why are you stopping and smiling?" The daughters response was, "I want to look pretty. God is taking my picture!"We discussed how God is always watching out for us and is always there for us. Even when things might seem scary, God will always be there to help us.

Miss Kuhlman - 1 & 2:

As part of our study of animals and plants, their habitats, survival and extinction, we also looked at dinosaurs. The children wrote stories. Our first grade student, Anabelle Saylor wrote:

My dinosaur is Rose. My dinosaur loves me. My dinosaur lives in the fort. My dinosaur is good. Rose eats plants.



The students in first and second grade made cards for Mr. Franklin, and wished him all the best.

Mrs. Gideon - 3 & 4:

Students are studying about ancient civilizations including Greece, China, Rome, and others. Several students did research on the ancient Olympics. Emma Benschneider said, "What I found the most interesting about the ancient Olympics was how different and dangerous they were."

5th & 6th Grade:

The fifth graders have been reading the book *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. This book is a delightful coming-of-age story about a young boy in an economically-depressed part of West Virginia who finds an abused dog and immediately bonds with it. Kaitlin Slade said the book is "inspirational," and KatieAnna Baumle likes when we read *Shiloh* in "circle-time," when we gather in a circle and read through the story paragraph by paragraph. The students are about a third through the story. When finished, the students will have an opportunity to graphically and visually display and demonstrate what they have learned about the book.

Mrs. Gerardot - 2, 4, & 6 Reading:

Sixth graders have been learning about complex sentences in grammar. All students were able to tell me that a complex sentence has a dependent and independent clause in it.



On **Monday, October 10th**, the Fall Fundraiser items will be delivered to school. Parents of students that have sold more items that can be

transported on the school bus are asked to pick up their student and the fundraiser boxes on that day. If you find any mistakes in your student's box, please let us know as soon as possible.



October Scholastic book orders are due back to the school office by **Monday, October 10th**.



This Friday, October 7th, is Food Pantry. Food Pantry takes place at the first Friday school Mass of every month. Non-perishable items will be placed in a basket in front

of the altar, and delivered to the Methodist Church food pantry. Thank you for supporting this ministry!



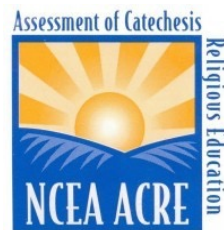
This year, the Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation (2nd graders) will be on **Sunday, October 16, at 2 PM in the**

Educational Center in Paulding (located one block North of the Catholic Church in Paulding). At least one parent is required to attend and students do not have to come. If this date does not work for you, contact Theresa Conley (DRE@divinemercycatholic.com) as soon as possible to set up a private meeting.



It's that time again! The 4th Annual Divine Mercy Apple Pie Sale! The date to make pies has been set for **Saturday, November 12th**.

Please fill out the attached volunteer form and return to school by Monday, October 17th. We are always thankful for all parent, aunt/uncle, and grandparent volunteers. Due to all the food preparation, **we ask that only students 6th grade or older volunteer.** The cost of the pies is \$10.00 each. It will be your responsibility to collect the money for the pies at the time of the order and deliver them to your customers, or they can pick them up themselves in the Payne church hall from 10 am – 5 pm., on the 12th. Please read through the Apple Pie forms in this Wednesday's Envelope.



The fifth graders took the ACRE assessment yesterday. This assessment is designed to strengthen catechetical/religious education programs. The

Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education (ACRE) helps schools evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of students in Catholic schools.

Lincoln Ridge Farms

Let's try this again. The students will be visiting Lincoln Ridge Farms on **Wednesday, October 12th**. For the field trip, every student must pack a sack lunch that can be disposed of, and avoid packing items that need to be refrigerated. Please wear tennis shoes on this day. Each student will learn about different types of pumpkins, and then get to pick out a pumpkin to take home. Thank you PTA for paying for this day of fun and learning!



Yesterday, October 4th, many pets were blessed by Father Poggemeyer. Thank you to everyone who brought their pet. The blessing coincided with the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.



Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31. This is a week where students participate in fun activities throughout the

week, and celebrate the choice to be drug free.

The students voted for the activities they wanted to do, and the results are in...

Monday - pajama and wild hair day

Tuesday - team up against drugs (wear team jerseys or apparel)

Wednesday - drugs are despicable (dress like a Minion)

Thursday - I'm too bright for drugs (wear bright clothes)

Friday - Smarties choose to be drug free (students receive Smarties candy)

Upcoming Dates:

- Fri 10/7 Mass @ 9:15
Food Pantry
- Mon 10/10 Fall Fundraiser Delivered
- Wed 10/12 Lincoln Ridge Farms field trip
- Thurs 10/13 Mass @ 9:15
Father teaching in classrooms
- Fri 10/14 Teacher In-Service 2hr delay
Fundraiser Party @ 1:30
- Sun 10/16 First Reconciliation meeting @
Paulding Ed Center 2:00 pm
- Mon. 10/17 Fall Pictures Makeup Day (for
anyone who was absent)
- Oct 24-28 Red Ribbon Week - Say no to
drugs activities
- Tues 10/25 PTA meeting @ 6:30
- Wed 10/26 1st quarter grade cards
go home