

If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass.

- Saint Padre Pio (Feast Day on September 23rd)

September 21, 2016

Dear Parents,

We begin each week of school with something we call "prayer in the hall." All students gather in the hallway where each class shares things like birthdays, Accelerated Reader achievements, prayer intentions, and happenings for the week. After each class shares, one class leads everyone in their classroom prayer followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays I have morning announcements over the intercom system beginning at 8:50. Announcements include the date, birthdays, lunch menu, joke/quote of the day, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a school-wide prayer (this month has been the Lord's Prayer). Students have started helping announce the Pledge and praying Lord's Prayer over the intercom.

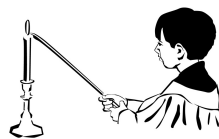
I would like to ask for your prayers for a family from Fort Wayne who's nine year old son is in a coma after an operation to remove a brain aneurysm.

Lord, please extend your healing hand to all those who are suffering and sick.

Mr. Linder
Principal



Divine Mercy students in grades 3-4 welcomed Mrs. Becky Suvar to their classroom last week. Mrs. Suvar is the Paulding County WMEA (Waste Management Education & Awareness) Program Manager. After a presentation on recycling, she discussed the "Recycling Billboard Contest." Fourth graders can draw a recycling themed picture that could be chosen to appear on a billboard. Mrs. Suvar, thank you for sharing your knowledge on this important topic.



Parents, thank you to all who gave permission to have your son serve at school Masses this year.

This year we had 11 boys sign up to be altar servers. Father will have a training session during a school day, and I will be sending home a weekly schedule soon. It should come as no surprise that the number one ministry in the Church that contributes to priestly vocations is altar serving.



Our fall Club's Choice fundraiser ended last week. The total merchandise sold was \$9,790. The top seller was Eli Stuart who sold \$1,122!

The second top sellers were Griffin and Maxton Williamson who sold \$575! There were many students who sold hundreds of dollars of merchandise. Thank you to everyone who sold this year. The top two sellers will receive a gift card from Dairy Queen for their efforts. The orders will be processed and **delivered on Monday, October 10th**. The students will all enjoy an ice cream/dance party that will be in the hall on Friday, October 14th.



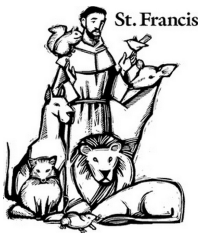
Friday, September 23rd, is the mid-term for the first nine weeks. The reports will be in the September 28th Wednesday Envelope.



FEED THE HUNGRY

For new families, food pantry takes place at the first Friday School Mass of every month. Students place in containers, in front of the altar, non-perishable food items and paper products.

These donations go to the Methodist Church to use in their food distribution program. Thanks for your help in supporting this beneficial ministry.



St. Francis

On Tuesday, October 4th, Father Poggemeyer will once again have a blessing for pets. Like last year, you can bring in your family pets...birds, dogs, cats, giraffes :) and Father will bless them. The blessing will begin at 2:00 directly behind the school in the grass area. Also, you may take your student home from school as soon as the blessing ends.



Divine Mercy Catholic Parish



In this Wednesday Envelope, you will be getting a parent account letter that explains how to login to your student(s) AscendSMS account. What is this account? Good question :) This new service will allow you to monitor your student's academic progress throughout the year.

The program will also be used to track our attendance; as well as store each families necessary information. Do you remember the mountain of papers that you got at the beginning of the year this year? Well, another goal of implementing this new program is the hope that it could be used to electronically keep family information and cut down on repetitive paperwork at the beginning of each new school year.

In your parent account letter, follow the steps to activate your AscendSMS Parent/Guardian Account. If you have any questions about this program please let me know.



Included in this week's Wednesday Envelope is a registration form for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. Once registered, **children ages birth to age 5** will receive a new

age-appropriate book each month until they reach age 5. Hopefully some of our school families can take advantage of this FREE program.