



Weekly NEWS

September 6th, 2023

Important Dates

- Sept 13 Bible Blessing Mass
- Sept 17th Father Carl's Golden Jubilee Mass
- Oct 4th No PSR
- Oct 4th Pet Blessing with Father Carl at 6pm. In honor of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

Reminders

- Children's Choir begins Sept 11, from 6 to 6:50pm. It is for students in 3-8 grade. Contact Karen Lundy for more info. Karenlundy@gmail.com

What Are We Learning?

- **4th Grade** This week we discussed that God is faithful to all of us. We learned how God was faithful from the very first humans, Adam & Eve, and through others in Bible like, Noah and Abraham.
- **8th Grade** The 8th grade discussed gratitude and how it works in prayer. We created our own personal Gratitude Clouds with special prompts and colors, and once they were done, we talked about how that can be a helpful way to ease into an evening prayer. We also talked about Mass parts for the September 13th Liturgy.
- **6th** Last week started off with the first reading from the 21st Sunday in Ordinary time and a short discussion on the meaning and how we can apply that to our lives. Our primary focus for this year is the Old Testament. We briefly discussed the groupings in the Old Testament: the Pentateuch, the Historical Books, the Wisdom Books and the Prophetic Books. We followed that up with a short review of the key people in Genesis from Adam & Eve through Joseph. We also had time to review the 10 Commandments.
- **Kindergarten** Last week we learned that God is our Heavenly Father and that God never stops loving us. We made prayer hands to hang in our homes that remind us of all the things that God has given us.



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Faith Reflection

Reflection for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sept. 3)

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells all of his followers to deny ourselves and take up our own cross to follow him. The crosses we bear as disciples are unique to each of us, but the cross of Jesus unites us together. These are challenging words to hear, and the prophet Jeremiah examines the frustration of responding to God's call, even though the work may be overwhelming and feel fruitless. However, God's grace informs our faith and gives us the confidence to know that life and love always triumph over death and injustice.

Good News!

We had an amazing Picnic weekend! Lots of food, fun, and music.

What Are We Learning?

- **2nd B** We used the children's page from the Sunday Bulletin to discuss Sunday's gospel: Jesus told Peter he is the rock upon which our church is built. Our main lesson: God made each of us special with our own unique gifts and strengths. He calls us to use these talents to serve Him and others. The kids took "Smarties" home as a reminder that each of us are "smart" in different ways.
- **5th** What we are learning: review of sacraments, review of parts of the Bible, and roles of persons who participate in mass. (i.e. lecturer, alter server, etc)
- **7th** We're learning about the sacrament of Confirmation and the choice the students will be making in 8th grade to continue their faith journeys as confirmed Catholics.
- **1st** We covered the Kerygma, God Loves You. I don't expect the kids to answer the questions on their own at this time so we go over them together.