

St. Mary of the Angels PSR Newsletter

November 14, 2021

November 21st the Burch family will provide snack. If your family would like to provide snack one Sunday, let me know and I will get you scheduled.

Thank you to all those who helped with the St. Jude Breakfast in any way, whether it be making cinnamon rolls, set up, food preparation, serving, clean up, and anyone in between. None of this would be possible without you all. A special thanks to those who stayed the whole morning. I was a little worried because most of the families signed up for the second shift had smaller children, but they got in and worked just as hard. I am proud of all who helped... they were AWESOME. Thanks to those parents who got in and took charge also... I would rather work than be the boss and I don't like to hover and make sure things are running smoothly and I didn't have to. I have an awesome faith family to work with... You all are a Blessing to me. We made \$4,500 to send to St. Jude Children's hospital to help families in their time of great need.

This Sunday, November 21 will be PSR Mass for 7th -12th Grades:

Servers: Scout Gooch, Eric Noll, and Mason Bixenman

Lectors: Natalee Pennington and Hannah Vanderpool

Ushers: Caleb Stallo, Dane Dorrell, Bennet Philips, Maddie Dorrell, and Mason Meagher

Greeter: Whitney Pennington

Offertory: Ryder Gooch

The PSR Christmas Party will be Friday December 17th at 6pm in the Hall. We will have pizza, a Christmas Movie, and I am making arrangements for a special guest... maybe two. If your family is coming, I need you to RSVP by December 10th to get an estimate for pizza. Thanks!

CONFIRMATION Those Confirmation students need to be researching Saints. They will need to pick their favorite and that Saint's name will be their Confirmation name.**

In today's Gospel from Mark (Mk 13:24-32) Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." This is kind of a "doomsday" passage from the Gospel, but it is good for us to be reminded of the coming judgement, whether it will be our Particular Judgement, or Final Judgement. When we die, we receive our Particular Judgement, which is final. Final Judgement will happen at the end of the world where everyone left here will receive judgement. We know that one day our life and everything as we know it will come to an end, but we shall not be afraid for Jesus said he is going to prepare a place for us with his father. It is up to us whether we accept that place or not.

Through my years of teaching our Faith, when I ask about Original Sin, or the first sin committed by Adam and Eve, I always hear a similar story. I am told the first sin was when Adam and Eve ate of the apple, or whatever the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden was. This is true, but more specifically the first sin was the simple fact Adam and Eve disobeyed God. God told them they could not eat the fruit of that tree... they knew it was wrong, but they made the choice to eat it and followed through. One cannot sin by accident... in order to commit a sin, one must know the act is wrong, they must choose to commit it and follow through. If one of these pieces are missing, no sin was committed.

We as human beings were born with the stain of Original Sin, which means we are born of a fallen nature... we are susceptible to sin. Jesus willingly out of Love chose to suffer greatly and die to forgive our sins. Jesus won the war, but the battle rages on. We know the ending of the story... Jesus conquers all evil, which should give us great courage and hope. We are each fighting our own battle with evil.

The devil is called the “father of lies” because he is very tricky and lies to us to steal our souls. God Loves us and always wants what is best for us, but has given us free will to choose good, or evil.

At our Baptism, Original sin and all other sins to that point were washed away and we received Grace (God’s life within us). So long as we make good choices and choose to follow God, we need not fear today’s Gospel for Jesus has a place prepared for us in Heaven. If we have made bad choices and have left God, today’s Gospel should be a wake up call for us. It is not too late, for if we are truly sorry and ask for God’s forgiveness, he will absolve us of our sin. When we go to Reconciliation and receive absolution from the Priest acting “in persona Christi” or in the person of Christ, imagine Jesus telling us as he did those he healed in the Gospel, “go and sin no more for your faith has saved you!”

St. Francis, pray for us!