



2020-2021

Have the Courage to Be Happy
Pope Francis I – World Youth Day 2015

May 2, 2021

Happy First Communion Sunday! Our second graders will be making their First Communion at 2:00pm today. To add to the excitement for one particular second grader and her kindergarten brother - Amanda and Jeffery Nguyen are going to be baptized after the Noon Mass and then Amanda will make her First Communion with the class! Prayers for all the First Communicants! **The gospel reading of the Vine and Branches is perfect for our celebration.** The word "remain" is part of the gospel seven times. **Take some time this Sunday to think/pray about how you and your family will continue to take time each week/day to remain in Jesus.**

This past weekend we celebrated ELF - the drama club presentation for 2021. It was amazing. We will do our best to get the link to the recording of the play online soon. **Many thanks to Miss Perkins, Mrs. Gerity, and Mrs. K** for all the support and direction they provided all year. **Thanks to parents** for allowing their kids to stay after school and be at the necessary rehearsals. **Thanks to maintenance** for setting up the stage. **Thanks to everyone who attended** the performances and supported our fine actors. We will miss all our wonderful eighth grade actors and tech crew very much! I wonder what ideas Miss Perkins has for next year...

Monday is a day off for second graders.

Monday evening at 7:45pm is Confirmation practice in the church for Candidates and sponsors. Certainly everyone is invited to participate in 7pm Mass and stay for practice.

Tuesday is Young Rembrandts from 2:45-3:45pm.

May 3-7 marks Teacher Appreciation Week. Tuesday is National Teacher Day - maybe send your child's teacher a nice note or small token of appreciation - especially this year!! **Thanks to the PTU for supplying Chipotle for lunch for the faculty and staff on Wednesday :)** We can celebrate all teachers all week!

Thanks for the many messages for National Principal Day this past Saturday.

All Knights of Columbus Super Cash Bonanza raffle tickets (sold and unsold) and money due Wednesday.6

Wednesday is checkers/Uno club from 2:40-3:30pm.

Thursday is the National Day of Prayer. "The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The

National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people." Source: <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/about> **As a family, please pray for our nation - for healing, peace, and protection of our many freedoms.**

Thursday is math tutoring for fifth grade at 7:30am and chess club from 2:40-3:30pm.

Friday is math tutoring for sixth grade at 7:30am.

Grades 5-8 will attend 8:30am Mass on Friday. The Mass intention is our own Emily Collaros, who joined our Father in heaven six years ago (May 8, 2015). Everyone is invited to wear any accent shirt that supports cancer research or the color pink - Emily's favorite color. In place of polo shirts, all are encouraged to wear a pink shirt. Other pink accents are OK too. We will honor the memory of our sweet Emily!

Grade seven will continue Real Money, Real World on Friday.

Grade eight will have the opportunity to receive the healing graces in the sacrament of reconciliation on Friday afternoon. Thanks to Fr. Carlin, Fr. Chris, and Fr. Josh for providing this important sacrament through their calling of priesthood.

Saturday at 6pm, the eighth graders will be confirmed. We welcome Bishop Roger Gries, OSB as our celebrant.

Please remember that there is no school for students on Monday, May 10.

Thanks to Mr. McKay and Mr. Radke for live-streaming and taking professional photographs during First Communion today.

Attached is a revised May calendar. Changes are in red.

Peace and joy!

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