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Lord, thank you for this sink of dirty dishes; we have plenty of food to eat.

Thank you for this pile of dirty, stinky laundry; we have plenty of nice clothes to wear.

And I would like to thank you, Lord, for those unmade beds;
they were so warm and comfortable last night. I know that many have no bed.

My thanks to you, Lord, for this bathroom, complete with all the splattered mirrors,
soggy, grimy towels and dirty lavatory; they are so convenient.

Thank you for this finger-smudged refrigerator that needs cleaning.
It has served us faithfully for many years.
It is full of cold drinks and enough leftovers for two or three meals.

Thank you, Lord, for this oven that absolutely must be cleaned today;
It has baked so many things over the years.

The whole family is grateful for that tall grass that we all enjoy the yard.
My kids are healthy and able to run and play.

Lord, the presence of all these chores awaiting me says You have richly blessed my family.
I shall do them cheerfully and I shall do them gratefully.

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings,
Thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible,
Thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise.
There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic,
when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, my children are so loud,
Thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines
and the menu is at times not balanced, there are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work.
There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day
and wish my circumstances were not so modest,
Thank you, Lord, for life.

+Dear Parents,

October 5, 2021

I found the reflection this month and thought it was a good reminder of what we celebrate during this Respect Life Month. May we do all that we can to respect and promote the dignity of each person! May we also go to the Lord and say, "Thank you!"

Have a great week!

God bless you,

Sister Catherine Irene, IHM

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This month is also dedicated to our Lady of the Rosary. Perhaps you don't pray the Rosary each day. Perhaps some of your family members do but not all. Try spending some time to pray the Rosary together as a family. I can assure you that it will make a difference in your lives!



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Looking Ahead:

October 4 **REGULAR FALL UNIFORMS BEGIN TODAY: SEE WEBSITE FOR DRESS CODE**

String Instrument Lessons begin

October 4 and 5 Rehearsal for installation (1:00) in church

October 5 School Confessions: Grades 3 and 4 @ 9:30 a.m.

October 6 School Liturgy and Installation of Student Council at 10:00 a.m.

St. Cecilia Night at Rita's Water Ice in Rockledge!

October 11 **Faculty Professional Development: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

October 12 Hearing Screenings

October 12 – 15 Elementary Schools Administrators Association Conference – Cape May

Sister Carolyn Braun will attend

October 29 Monster Mash: Auditorium – Details are included here

October 31 Home and School Trunk or Treat: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Church parking lot

November 1 All Saints' Day: Holyday; No School

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Upcoming Home and School Events: The Home and School Board is sponsoring *Rita's Water Ice Night*, Wednesday, October 6, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.



They will also sponsor the **1st Annual Monster Mash!** This is our major fall fundraiser. It will be held on Friday, October 29, with each class assigned a time to dance, dance, dance! We have noticed how much our students love to dance! We will go as a grade to the auditorium. This way we are not missing cohorts since the entire grade is now one cohort.

Here are some details, with more information coming home this week!

- Students will raise money from their family members. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, families and friends are invited to donate. Donations will be collected through our school website. The goal is for 100% family participation. We will have a minimum requirement, but there is no exact amount that is required.
- The students are then assigned to the auditorium for a given time for the DANCE-A-THON! The time frame is for dancing is about 30 minutes. The Home and School Board will give each student a treat bag after their dance times.
- On the Monster Mash Day, students wear Halloween accessories over and with their gym uniforms – They can wear Halloween T-shirts, color tutus over their gym shorts, crazy headbands, etc. The accessories have to be appropriate for Catholic schools and not scary or harmful.



Trunk and Treat is coming back. It will be held on Sunday, October 31, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Families will sign up for a parking space and decorate their cars. Then the children will be Trick or Treat from car to car. The flyer contains more details!



Traffic Reminders:

We remind you that no one can double park on Stanwood Street for dismissal. It is important you park in a safe manner on the street. If you have to do so, please park up the next block or so and walk to meet your children. Double parking is not safe. I do not want to think of the possibilities if someone walked in between cars to get to a car across the street.

We also ask that no one park in the Church parking lot as students are arriving for school and at dismissal. With the children walking the parking lot, it is too difficult for everyone to pay attention. I know that the children won't be looking around very carefully. At dismissal, when cars are parked, it is too difficult for the buses to get around the cars. Again, the students walk through the parking lot. Generally, all buses are gone when they start working out of the parking lot.

Please do not park in the spots on the side of the car facing the Library. The buses exit by way of Jeanes Street, so they will have to pass families by. It is too narrow and again it makes me nervous to have buses, cars, and walkers in the same area. In the morning, the same thing is true. The teachers and staff are still arriving and some parents have parked in the teachers' or staff's parking spots. Even more concerning is again students would be walking in an area where there can be a lot of traffic.

Since some buses are late or are not coming at all, there are a few students who do not know how they are coming home. A reminder, Lines 3 and 4 are called after buses and they go to Stanwood. Lines 1 and 2 are for Rhawn Street. Line 1 is in the front of church and Line 2 goes toward the library. We have had a lot of families looking for children on Stanwood and they find them in front of the church.

Thank you for all of your help to keep our children safe!

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CYO Basketball Registration: It is now time to register for CYO Basketball! Please see the flyer on the website as well as attached to our latest email.

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Student Council Installation: We congratulate our Student Council Members who will be installed tomorrow at our School Liturgy at 10:00 am. We will have all of the members and their pictures in our next Weekly Word!

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Don't Forget!

NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
On Monday, October 11.
There is a full-day faculty meeting.
Enjoy the long weekend!