



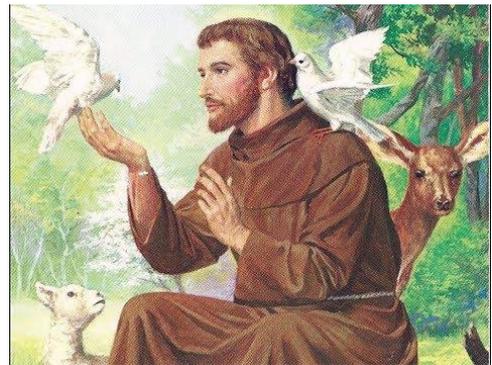
St. Therese's Prayer: St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower

May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received,
and pass on the love that has been given to you.
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance,
praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



From Pope Paul VI in 1969:

The recurrence of the month of October provides us with an occasion for inviting the entire Christian people once more to the practice of a form of prayer which is rightly dear to Catholic piety, and which has lost none of its importance amid the difficulties of the present day. We are speaking of the rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary....

The intention which we would propose this year to all our sons and daughters, since it seems to us more serious and urgent than ever, is that of peace among men and between peoples. Despite some progress and some legitimate hopes, murderous conflicts are continuing, new points of tension are appearing, and even Christians, who appeal to the same Gospel of love, are seen to be in opposition to one another. Within the Church itself, misunderstandings arise between brothers who mutually accuse and condemn each other. Hence it is more urgent than ever to work and pray for peace.



+Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

October 2, 2022

Believe it or not, I started to think about what I wanted to write last week. I thought of the feast days that we celebrate in this first week of October.

October 1: St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, is the patron saint of missionaries, but she never went to a foreign country. She prayed for missionaries, she prayed for ALL of God’s people, from countries and cultures around the world. I hope that we can pray to the Little Flower to be more accepting and loving of each other, even if we may look, speak, or dress differently. As a child of God, may we love ALL of God’s children!

October 4: St. Francis of Assisi gave us the great prayer that asks the Lord to make us channels of His peace. We are given a good plan on how to do this as well. We pray this every day in school. Perhaps our families could pray this at home as well. We know that our families, city, country and world all need peace.

Finally, on October 7, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The words of Pope Paul VI say it best: **Hence it is more urgent than ever to work and pray for peace.** Pope Paul VI asks us that we pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary for this intention.

As these saints and feasts remind us, we need to pray for peace. We must work for peace. We can do as another hymn says, Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me!

God bless you,
Sister Catherine Irene, IHM

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Looking Ahead:

- October 3 String Lessons begin today
- October 8** **St. Cecilia Parish Fall Festival, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: See Below**
INSTALLATION OF FR. CHRIS AS PASTOR OF ST. CECILIA, 5:00 p.m. Mass
- October 10 Faculty Professional Development: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
- October 11** **School Pictures: Information was sent home last week**
Student Council Speeches and Election of Officers
- October 15 Camilla Oktoberfest Returns!
- October 19 School Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.: Student Council Installation
- October 28 Monster Mash
- October 29 Trunk or Treat
- October 31 Parent-Teacher Conferences: No School for Students
Happy Halloween!
- November 1 All Saints’ Day: Holyday of Obligation – No School

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NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
On Monday, October 10.
There is a full-day faculty meeting.
Enjoy the long weekend!

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**Congratulations, Father Chris,
on your Installation as Pastor
of St. Cecilia Parish,
October 8, 2022!**



**ST. CECILIA'S
FALL FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 8**
11:00am-3:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME
535 RHAWN STREET

**FREE ADMISSION - RAFFLES
GAMES - LIVE DJ - FOOD TRUCKS
PUMPKIN PAINTING - BOUNCE HOUSE
VOTE FOR FAVORITE SCARECROW
CRAFTERS ON SITE - FACE PAINTING
MEET OUR NEW PASTOR
FATHER CHRIS**

DON'T FORGET YOUR CASH FOR ONSITE PURCHASES

On Saturday, October 8, at the 5:00 Mass, Fr. Chris will officially be installed as the pastor of St. Cecilia Parish.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and families of St. Cecilia School, we offer our prayers of gratitude and support to Father Chris as he leads our parish and school to be all that God calls us to be.

I hope many of our families can come out on Saturday to officially welcome Father Chris! If you cannot come to the mass, please come to our Fall Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Prayer for Fr. Chris:

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our pastor, Fr. Chris.

Continue to bless his vocation. Continue to set his soul on fire with love for your people.

Grant Fr. Chris the wisdom, understanding, and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel. Allow him to experience joy in his ministry.

Help him to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen

TRAFFIC REMINDERS:

- Let me begin by saying that the safest drop off spot for the children in the morning is Stanwood Street. We know that it can be crowded, but it is safe when the students are dropped off on the school side of the street.
- Please use the Crosswalks if you park on the opposite side of Stanwood. Again, this is for the safety of your children. Do not allow the students to cross over in the middle of the street.
- Please do not block the entrances to the church parking lot in the morning. Many of our parishioners are arriving for mass when you are dropping off your children. Last week, the Rhawn Street entrance to the parking lot was blocked.
- Please do not use the Jeannes Street to enter the school yard in the morning. Only the teachers and staff should use that entrance. There are students who are entering school from Rhawn Street, and we use cones to protect them as they walk into school. If you enter by Jeannes Street, then you might move the cones or you might be driving where children are walking.
- Please do not park near the parking lot exits on Jeannes Street. It makes it difficult for the buses to leave the school yard at dismissal.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten children should arrive after 7:40 a.m.
- All children are entitled to a free breakfast. Any child who arrives between 7:00 and 7:15 MUST go to the cafeteria for breakfast. If you need to drop off your children before 7:15, please contact Sister Catherine so that she is aware of the need. We need to make sure that we have proper supervision in the school yard, at the doors, in the classrooms, and in the Auditorium. Thank you for your assistance.
- **FOR DISMISSAL:** Please do not park in the school yard by the convent or by the church at dismissal. Buses park in that area. When cars park there, it makes it more difficult for the buses to park correctly.



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

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Monster Mash: Home and School will sponsor the **2nd Annual Monster Mash!** This is our major fall fundraiser. It will be held on Friday, October 28, 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.

We will send out details later this week! In order to plan ahead, please know that on

October 28, the day of the Monster Mash, the students will 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.

Get your accessories now before the Christmas stuff is put out 😊

Trunk and Treat is coming back. It will be held on Saturday, October 29, at 6:30 p.m. We will have a D.J. this year! Families will sign up for a parking space and decorate their cars. Then the children will be Trick or Treat from car to car. Again, details will be sent home this week!



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