Little Flower Catholic Elementary School - Newsletter for Wednesday, October 21, 2015

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The **mission** of Little Flower Catholic Elementary School is to cooperate with parents to provide our children a strong foundation, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in academic excellence, for a life of faith, integrity and service.

We would like to use this Newsletter as a means to remind you of Little Flower School's Mission Statement and as a means to emphasize for us always to keep this mission in thought and prayer in all we do.



Feast day is Thursday, October 22.

The last gift of Pope John Paul II, while he lived on earth, was a message for Divine Mercy Sunday, 2005. He died the night before he could deliver it (April 2). Below is a prayer from that message:

"As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles and reopens hearts to love.

Lord, Who revealed the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world." Amen.

- +++ NO SCHOOL on Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23 because of Teachers' Convention.
- +++ Early Dismissal at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, October 28 for inservice time.
- +++ RED RIBBON WEEK October 26-30th: Monday (Oct. 26) kick off Red Ribbon Week! Wear RED. Tuesday (Oct 27) A Minion Reasons to stay DRUG FREE! Dress like a MINION. Wednesday (Oct. 28) Superheroes vs. Drugs. Wear your SUPERHERO attire. Thursday (Oct. 29) Dress to Impress. Don't let drugs get in the way of your goals. Dress for your DREAM JOB. Friday (Oct 30) Panthers Team Up Against Drugs! Wear ORANGE & BLACK.
- +++ The Scholastic Book Fair will be held Monday through Friday November 2 6 this year.

I am now looking for helpers © to help me run the fair. Volunteers may sign up for setup, as 'booksellers' and for the packing-up crew. If anyone can help please call me at school 776-6258 or email me at sr.jean_louise@little-flower.k12.nd.us

There are some great books being offered this year. Hope to see you here! The Book Fair will be at Little Flower School spread around on Second Floor.

+++ LFS Christmas Program has been changed from Sunday, Dec 6th to Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 PM in the H.S. auditorium. Please make the change on your calendars.

+++ The fall kick off to our **Parish Prayer Program** has begun! Please keep an eye out for your child's Prayer folder as it travels home and then back to school each week. Inside you will find a Prayer Chart with grade level prayers, an informational letter on how the Parish Prayer Program works and a family Prayer book. May God's grace be with your family as you work with your children, teaching and learning their traditional Catholic Prayers and regularly praying together as a family. Questions: Rebecca Leier, Religious Education Office 776-6388 Home 542-3325.

- +++ Little Flower Family Date Night will be held on Saturday evening, November 14, 7pm. Families bring your blankets and pillows and join us for a movie and popcorn. A Fall family craft, ice-cream sundaes and lots of visiting will follow the movie. No cost. Just family fun! Sponsored by the Little Flower Religious Education Board and Knights of Columbus in celebration of the Year of the Family!
- +++ Confirmation Parents and families: We are now entering into the third week of our Confirmation preparation with our children. Your family should be working on Lessons 4 and 5 in their Confirmation preparation workbook, during the next week. Our next Confirmation Parent meeting will be on November 8th. At that time families should have completed lessons 1-8 and have contact information for their child's confirmation sponsor. Questions? Rebecca Leier, office 776-6388 or home 542-3325
- +++ Little Flower School PTO is accepting donations for the annual Dine and Bid (formally known as the Silent Auction and Supper) scheduled for **November 13** at the Rugby Eagles Club. We are looking for NEW items: crafts, gift baskets, sport team items, decorations, children's items, etc. Please consider donating to help make the auction a big success! All donations can be dropped off at the school office. Theresa's chicken will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The auction will be from 6:30-8:00 PM. Thank you for contributing and supporting Little Flower School.
- +++ Leevers Foods and their employees are teaming up with and having their annual "Stuff A Truck" Food Drive. Starting on Monday, October 12 through Sunday, November 8. "Stuff A Truck" is a community wide effort to collect needed items for the Pierce County Food Bank here in Rugby. All monies and non-perishable items that are collected will stay here in our local food pantry. We need to keep track of the weight of the items and the amount of money collected. Leevers Foods will provide pizza, pop and chip party to the class with the most weight in foods items collected. Here is a list of items needed by the local food pantry. Please contact Leevers at 701-776-5889.

Items commonly needed at the Food Pantry: Breakfast cereals (hot or cold), Soups (all varieties), Canned Vegetables, Canned fruit, Pasta/spaghetti/sauces, Instant boxed potatoes, Dressings for salad, Egg noodles/Elbow Macaroni/spaghetti, Pudding/Jello, canned Beef Stew, Ketchup/Mustard, flour/Sugar (small bags), Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Peanut Butter/Jelly/Jam, Seasonings/Spices, Beans (all types), Rice, Coffee/Tea, Vegetable oil, Boxed Crackers, Canned Meats, Pancake Syrup/Syrup, Cake mix/Frosting, Macaroni & Cheese/ Stuffing/Sweet Potatoes, Canned Juices, Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Soap, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Paper Towels, Powdered Laundry Detergent, Dish soap, Aluminum Foil, Plastic Wrap, Ziploc Bags, Kleenex.

+++ In the spirit of working together and service, **LFS students** will be **teaming up** with the **Knights of Columbus** for their **monthly breakfasts**. Watch for next month's date. Breakfast will be **served following the 8:00 and 10:30AM Masses.** There will be **3 working shifts** available for students (and a parent if that parent feels it necessary to stay). The times below are approximate and may change slightly the day of the breakfast depending on the number of breakfast goers and down time. We hope to assist the Knights 3 times this winter/spring semester, so **each LFS student would be asked to help for at least one breakfast**. If you would like to **sign up to help**, please indicate on the **form sent home** with your child. **Please return this form to the LFS office within the week**, or no later than Friday, October 9th or call Rita at the office. You will be sent home a note or called by phone **to confirm** your specific times. If you have any questions, please call Renae Arnston, 208-0609.