

Little Flower Catholic Elementary School -- Memo for Friday, October 27, 2017

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Mission: Little Flower Catholic Elementary School, a partnership of parents and parish, nurtures a Sacramental life rooted in Jesus Christ and Catholic teaching, pursues academic excellence, and promotes a life of faith, integrity and service.

Little Flower School RULES: Respect God, Respect Self & Others, Respect the Environment



All Saints Day is Wednesday, November 1st. LFS students and staff will be attending the holy day Mass at 9:00 am. In honor of All Saints Day, LFS students and staff will be dressing up as saints or angels on Tuesday, October 31. [See more on back of sheet.]

+++++ **Additional Information for You to Know** +++++

+++ **SKILL OF THE WEEK:** Staying on Task: 1. Look at the person who is talking and remain quiet. 2. Think about the steps needed to complete the task. 3. Focus all of your attention on the task. 4. Stop working only when instructed. 5. Ignore distractions and interruptions from others. In school you are expected to complete assignments, quizzes, and other projects correctly and on time. Being able to stay on task is important. Being on task includes being organized. Before the day starts make sure your workspace is neat, sharpen extra pencils and be ready to learn. This will help you stay on task.

+++ **LFS 2017-2018 YEARBOOK** is now on sale. Order forms have been sent home. Return the order form to the classroom teacher by November 22 along with \$15 for each yearbook. Please make checks payable to LFS Yearbook. Preschool – 6th Grade will be included. If questions contact Sara Selensky: call or text 771-0122. You can also order online at www.schoolannual.com Online orders add tax; see order form for detail instructions.

+++ **NO SCHOOL Friday, NOVEMBER 10** in observance of Veterans Day.

+++ **LFS PTO RAFFLE TICKETS** for sale in the office. Please contact Mrs. Mitzel in the office.

+++ **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS** have a new procedure as explained in the letter sent home. K-2nd graders go to the school office immediately. There will be books and coloring pages to use. 3rd-6th graders report to the lunch room upon arrival. They should bring a book to read quietly. School scheduled start time is 8:40 am with supervised recess time. No students should be in the classrooms or other places besides designated areas before 8:40 am. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us provide an appropriate and safe environment for your children.

+++ Please **DRESS FOR the onset of COLDER WEATHER**. This means wear an appropriate cap, gloves, and coat. No more shorts until May 1st, weather permitting.

+++ These are the **PRAYER INTENTIONS** for the week ending October 21 that LFS students and staff offered as part of the **“What a Difference a Day Makes”** program: 10/23: Pray for Alex Kraft on his birthday; 10/25: Pray in memory of Roy Pfeifer. May he rest in God’s peace and love.

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This Wednesday is November 1st—**All Saints Day**, the day on which Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown. This practice arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints. The current date of November 1 was instituted by Pope Gregory III (731-741), when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and ordered an annual celebration. This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered it to be celebrated on November 1.

In the Preface for the Mass for All Saints Day, Catholics pray this prayer to God about His saints, "Their glory fills us with joy, and their communion with us in your Church gives us inspiration and strength." At every Mass Catholics pray to be worthy to join the saints "on whose constant intercession we rely for help." They help us by interceding with God on our behalf. We ask for their help just as we might ask a friend on Earth to pray for us.

Christians have professed their belief in the "communion of saints" ever since the formulation of the Nicene Creed in 325 A.D. Even though they are dead, the saints are still a part of our community of the living. They are our companions in prayer and examples of holiness.

A saint is an authentic, concrete person. His or her testimony of life attracts, beseeches and draws, because it manifests a transparent human experience, full of the presence of Christ. A saint is an ordinary person who knows, loves and serves God to the best of his or her ability in the here and now. The lives of the saints make good stories. They led real, believable, exciting and human lives. They are our models in holiness and each one of us is called to this same holiness.

This Thursday is November 2nd – **All Souls Day**, when the commemoration of all the faithful departed is celebrated by the Church. The theological basis for the feast is the doctrine that the souls which, on departing from the body, are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, are debarred from the Beatific Vision, and that the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, alms deeds and especially by the sacrifice at of the Mass.

All of us in the **Little Flower School** family can remember to accept these two wonderful opportunities to celebrate the Mass and receive our Lord in the Eucharist. Let us teach our children by example to honor all the Saints and strive to change our lives to become like them (courageous in our Faith)—strive to become perfect (holy), as God wishes us to be. Let us also teach our children by example that spiritual work of mercy, to remember our departed loved ones and all others departed, so that our spiritual actions can help them attain everlasting peace in God's presence.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us! Saint Therese, pray for us! All other saints and angels, pray for us!

[Some Information here taken from these websites: http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/All_Saints_Day.htm; <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01315b.htm>; also from Dan Lynch's booklet, Saints of the States.]