



Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

October 14, 2022



Dress-up your PUMPKIN contest

- Make it a FAMILY affair...one entry per FAMILY
- Everyone can WORK together!
- ANY MATERIALS can be USED...JUST NO CARVING
- Complete an INDEX card WITH STUDENT'S NAME and grade
- ENTRIES due by Friday, October 28th at 8:10 AM outside the MAIN OFFICE—JUDGING WILL COMMENCE SOON AFTERWARD
- PRIZE bags awarded to ALL entries
- ANY QUESTIONS? E-MAIL MRS. RENICK

Halloween Information

We will enjoy some Halloween fun on Friday, October 28, 2022.

Grades K-3:

- Come to school in your costume on Friday, October 28th
- Costumes need to be easy to walk in and easy to sit in and easy to use the restroom independently.
- Costumes cannot include makeup, masks or weapons.
- We will stay in our costumes all day 😊

We will enjoy a morning of learning in our classroom and participate in the Halloween parade in the afternoon.

The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. We will parade outside, in the lower lot, weather permitting. Parents are welcome to come watch our parade!

Grades 4-8: Students can come in orange and black on Friday, October 28.



Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and Companions

When I was in grade school I was taught by mostly nuns – the Sisters of Saint Ursula – and they were good teachers, but pretty strict. When I was in the fifth grade, my class was given the assignment of a book report on a saint. The catch was that we were given the books to read – we couldn't choose our own. And my book was "Mangled Hands" by S. J. Neil Boyton. As the name implies, it was a book not for the faint of heart. It was the story of the Jesuit martyrs in what is now Canada back in the 1600's. Now - for an 11-year-old, that was a tough read. It told the story of Father Isaac Jogues and his companions who were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church.

As a young Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, a man of learning and culture, taught literature in France. But he gave up that career to work among the Huron Indians in the New World, and in 1636, he and his companions, under the leadership of Jean de Brébeuf, arrived in Quebec. The Hurons were constantly warred upon by the Iroquois, and in a few years, Father Jogues was captured by the Iroquois and imprisoned for 13 months. His letters and journals tell how he and his companions were led from village to village, how they were beaten, tortured, and forced to watch as their Huron converts were mangled and killed.



An unexpected chance for escape came to Isaac Jogues through the Dutch, and he returned to France, bearing the marks of his sufferings. Several of his fingers had been cut or burnt off. Welcomed home as a hero, Father Jogues might have sat back, thanked God for his safe return, and died peacefully in his homeland. But his zeal led him back once more to the fulfillment of his dreams. In a few months he sailed for more missions among the Hurons.

In 1646, he and Jean de Lalande, who had offered his services to the missionaries, set out for Iroquois country in the belief that a recently signed peace treaty would be observed. They were captured by a Mohawk war party, and on October 18, Father Jogues was tomahawked and beheaded. Jean de Lalande was killed the next day at Ossernenon, a village near Albany, New York. The first of the Jesuit missionaries to be martyred was René Goupil who with Lalande, had offered his services as well. He was tortured along with Isaac Jogues in 1642, and was tomahawked for having made the sign of the cross on the brow of some children. Father Anthony Daniel, working among Hurons who were gradually becoming Christian, was killed by Iroquois on July 4, 1648. His body was thrown into his chapel, which was set on fire. Jean de Brébeuf was a French Jesuit who came to Canada at the age of 32 and labored there for 24 years. He went back to France when the English captured Quebec in 1629 and expelled the Jesuits, but returned to his missions four years later. Although medicine men blamed the Jesuits for a smallpox epidemic among the Hurons, Jean remained with them. He composed catechisms and a dictionary in Huron, and saw 7,000 converted before his death in 1649. Having been captured by the Iroquois at Sainte Marie, near Georgian Bay, Canada, Father Brébeuf died after four hours of extreme torture.

Gabriel Lalemant had taken a fourth vow—to sacrifice his life for the Native Americans. He was horribly tortured to death along with Father Brébeuf. Father Charles Garnier was shot to death in 1649 as he baptized children and catechumens during an Iroquois attack. Father Noel Chabanel also was killed in 1649, before he could answer his recall to France. He had found it exceedingly hard to adapt to mission life. Yet he made a vow to remain in his mission until death.

Yes -not for the faint of heart -especially an eleven-year-old one!

These eight Jesuit martyrs of North America were canonized in 1930 and their feast day is this week. What I learned from that book was that faith and heroism planted belief in Christ's cross deep in our land. The Church in North America sprang from the blood of these martyrs, as has been true in so many places. The ministry and sacrifices of these saints challenges each one of us, causing us to ask ourselves - just how deep is our faith and how strong is our desire to serve - even in the face of hardship. As for the book? *Just don't let your fifth grader read it!*

Blessings - Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Boys Basketball season is fast approaching!

Open gyms will be held for all grades at Assumption Gym on the following days:

Monday, 10/17:

3rd thru 5th grade from 5:30pm-6:30pm

6th-8th grade from 6:30pm-8pm

Thursday, 10/20:

3rd thru 5th grade from 5:30pm-6:30pm

6th-8th grade from 6:30pm-8pm

Open gyms are optional but the skills assessment night is mandatory. The skills assessment date and time will be posted shortly.

If you haven't registered yet, click the link: <https://boys-basketball-2022-2023.cheddarup.com>

Go Eagles!

PTO NEWS

Room parents are back! Want to help? Sign up on here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aca82ca4fa7-room>

- No spots open? No problem! We need all the help we can get!

Safe Parish training REQUIRED for all volunteer opportunities inside the school - Please be sure to register and get up to date asap!

<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/safe-environment/safeparish>

TRUNK OR TREAT is coming! Friday October 28th from 6-8pm!

- Want to participate? Want to Donate candy? sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aca82ca4fa7-olgtrunk>

- We will have prizes for Best theme, Most Kid Friendly and Scariest cars! Bring the family and have some fun!

REMEMBER - PTO sponsored events are FAMILY centered. Please do not drop your child and leave. All children should be supervised by a family member at all times.



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