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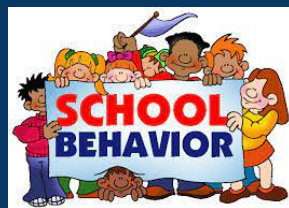
October 6, 2023



Parents- The link which the Archdiocese of Cincinnati sent us was incorrect for this survey. I apologize, but we need everyone to complete the following survey by next Friday (EVEN IF YOU ALREADY DID ONE). Please help us with our accreditation process by filling out the following CORRECT survey: [CLICK HERE](#)

Your feedback is crucial to help us make improvements to OLG! It will be open until next Friday, October 13.

Thank you



Parents,
The teachers and I have seen an increase in physical behaviors from students this year (hitting, kicking, pushing, etc.). Many times this is in response to conflict between students. We, as adults, know people have conflict in their lives. We have learned appropriate ways to respond to this through positive conversations and deescalation. We will continue to work with the students at OLG to help foster these skills, but we also need your help at home.

Please take some time this weekend to remind your child of the expectations at school. Everyone comes here to feel safe and learn, and no level of violence will be tolerated. Students who continue to show this type of behavior will be disciplined with points, detentions, or they could be sent home for the day or suspended. None of us wants to see this happen. We are excited to work together to make OLG the best place for ALL our students, teachers, and families!

Grace and Blessings-

Mrs. Kirk



Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska's Story

I am sure that many of you have seen the image pictured at the right in churches and on holy cards. It depicts a vision of Jesus given to Saint Faustina, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and blue rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out from the cross for our salvation and our sanctification. It is the image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy.

Saint Faustina's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and the Divine Mercy prayer recited each day at 3 p.m. by many people. Born in what is now west-central Poland, Helena Kowalska was the third of 10 children. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses. In addition to carrying out her work faithfully, generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, Sister Faustina also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors.



At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize his mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. "I do not want to punish aching mankind," he once told Saint Faustina, "But I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart." The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death.



Saint Faustina - Feast Day October 5

Devotion to God's Divine Mercy bears some resemblance to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In both cases, sinners are encouraged not to despair, not to doubt God's willingness to forgive them if they repent. As Psalm 136 says in each of its 26 verses, "God's mercy endures forever."

The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. This moment is recorded in John 20:19-31, which is the Gospel reading for this Sunday. This reading is placed on this day because it includes the appearance of Jesus to the Apostle Thomas - in which Jesus invites him to touch his wounds. This event occurred on the eighth day after the Resurrection (John 20:26), and so it is used on the liturgy eight days after Easter.

Sister Maria Faustina died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993, and canonized a saint seven years later.

Prayer to Saint Faustina by Pope Saint John Paul II

Saint Faustina, you are a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church. Obtain for us an awareness of the depth of Divine Mercy. Help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred, and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the Face of the Risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

Blessings, **Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG**

High School Information

Junior High Parents-This section of the Weekly Bulletin will be used to offer various information about the Catholic high schools in our area. Click on the link to get to the high schools' websites for further information and contact them directly with any questions you have.

8th Grade Parents- Please email your child's teacher and call the school office to report your child's absence on Shadow Days. These should be scheduled with the high schools. Information on their availability can be found on the individual high school's website.



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Join us for Grades 7-8 Youth Night, a free event held on October 11 from 6:30 - 8:00 at St. James Church Hall. Register at infoestjameswhiteoak.com. It's pizza night!