



# Our Lady of Grace

## Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

September 30, 2022

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### HAPPY FIESTA!!

*Our Lady of Grace PTO is proud to be sponsoring the student's presentation of Hispanic Heritage month. At this **FREE** event for our students & families, we will have catered food, homemade recipes to try & share, music, BINGO, artwork, and piñatas for the kids!*

**Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**6:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Grace Gymnasium**

### !FELIZ FIESTA!

*El grupo de Our Lady of Grace PTO esta orgulloso de patrocinar la presentacion de los estudiantes y celebracion del Mes de la Herencia Hispana. Es un evento **GRATIS** para nuestros estudiantes y sus familias. Tendremos comida de restaurante, comida hispana hecha en casa, musica, BINGO, exposicion de arte , trabajos de nuestros estudiantes y pinata!*

**Miercoles, 5 de Octubre del 2022**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**En el gimnasio de Our Lady of Grace**



### **Saint Francis of Assisi**

Pope Francis remembers that "as things got down to the wire in the election for Pope, he was sitting next to his great friend, Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes. When the ballots went over the 77 votes needed to become Pope, Cardinal Hummes hugged him and said, "Don't forget the poor." After he became Pope, Pope Francis told thousands of journalists he took to heart the words of his friend and chose to be named after St. Francis of Assisi, "the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation."

Next Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi. St. Francis was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally and following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance. The young Francis grew up in a life of wealth, leisure and revelry but soon began to feel that there was something more – something he was missing. Prayer - lengthy and difficult - climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road - led Francis to a self-emptying like that of Christ, himself. He seemed to hear the voice of Jesus say: "*Francis!* Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is now your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. All that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become unbearable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and great joy."

From the cross in the old neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Jesus spoke to him: "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." And Francis obeyed. He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he began to rebuild that little neglected country church brick by brick – even selling his father's expensive goods to raise money for it. When his angry father demanded Francis pay him back, Francis laid all his possessions and even his own clothes before his father and left Assisi with nothing.



*Earliest painting of Francis*

He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends and the people of Assisi. But a few people began to realize that he really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff" (Luke 9:1-3).

Francis had no intention of founding a religious order, but soon many of his young and wealthy friends gave up everything and followed him. And once the order began, he protected it and accepted it and even travelled to Rome to receive the Pope's blessing – which he got. Throughout his life, Francis was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. He did try to convert the sultan of Egypt during the Fifth Crusade. But he always returned to the solitude.

During the last years of his short life, he died at 44, Francis was half blind and seriously ill. His rugged life of extreme poverty had taken its toll. Two years before his death he received the *stigmata*, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. On his deathbed, Francis said over and over again "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." After his death, one of his brothers describes a gathering of larks which appeared "at the hour of the holy man's passing. They came in a great flock over the roof of the house and, whirling around for a long time with unusual joy, gave clear and evident testimony of the glory of the saint, who so often invited them to praise God." The image of those larks is an invitation to us all.

### ***Some interesting facts about St. Francis of Assisi:***

- 1) He was one of seven kids. 2) He joined the army, went to war, was captured and was a POW for a year.
- 3) Within only a year, he had already gained 12 followers – just like Jesus did! 4) He attended the Fourth Lateran Council of the Church – and met St. Dominic there. 5) He received the wounds of Christ when he saw a vision of a seraph, a six-winged angel on a cross. 6) Pope Innocent III decided to support Francis and his followers after a dream in which he saw Francis holding up the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran – rebuilding not just a little country church, but the entire Church!
- 7) He was canonized by Pope Gregory IX on July 16, 1228 – less than two years after his death. 8) He created the first Christmas crib scene and started that tradition. 9) He is the Patron Saint of Italy, ecology, and of course, animals.

***Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE***

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Monday - Friday 7 am to 8 pm

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