

September 1 Newsletter



St Gregory the Great Parish School

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through faith and service

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Faith In Action

September 1, 2021

Greetings St. Greg's Parents and Families,

Welcome to September, and again, to the 2021-22 school year. We are so happy to be able to open our doors to all students this year and see them in person. There is much to say about gathering together as a whole community and being physically present to one another (with a 3 ft. distance). The squinting smile eyes and sounds of chatting and laughter fill the halls once again. It is a sound that never gets old!

Faith in Action

This year's school theme is Faith in Action. Throughout the year we hope to collaborate with the parish, local community, and communities at large to fulfill our duty to learn, reflect, and take action as Catholic participants in global discipleship. Each month we will focus on a specific Catholic Social Teaching and participate in a corresponding activity or initiative. Please see this year's plan for putting our Faith in Action. (plan)

Back to School Forms

Many of our students were awarded an out of uniform pass on Monday for getting their 1st day forms in by August 27. This pass can be used at any time throughout the year except for mass days, field trips, or other specified days where special attire may be required. Please be sure to return all forms, including the health form and handbook sign-off found on the back of the parent handbook.

Parking Lot Protocols

Our parking lot instructions were included in the back to school form packet and required a sign-off in effort to establish safe driving routines within the lot. Please slow down in the lot. We have young children who are not always watching where they are going. Please follow the direction of traffic- enter from Oklahoma Avenue and exit onto 60th street via the south driveway. Once in the drop-off lane in the morning, you must follow the entire route to the exit. Do not turn off of the drop-off lane into the parking lot at any time. Do not cross the parking lot through the marked stalls. Please drive down the aisles of the stalls to avoid collisions. The far east of the lot is the drive lane to the exit. Do not pull up to the door to drop off, even when your child is tardy. Please park and walk up or drop off in the marked lane.

Morning Supervision

We have many students who are being dropped off on the playground well before 7:30am. Please note that the school does not provide supervision on the playground until 7:40am, when the students are let in for breakfast. Parents must wait with their child until a member of the school staff is present for supervision before leaving the lot. Students who are left unattended before 7:40am may be sent to the morning care program at parent expense.

Breakfast and Lunch Program

This is a reminder that students must sign up for the meal plan each month in order to have a meal ordered for them. Also, the school must pay upfront for the meals, so if your child ordered a meal for the day, it is expected that he or she eats it. Please have your child at school on time for breakfast if he or she is signed up for it. Breakfast is served from 7:40-7:50am.

Soles for Catholic Education Walk

We are so excited to host our own *Soles for Catholic Education Walk* on the grounds of St. Gregory the Great this year. Please mark your calendars for October 16 @ 1pm and join us in raising funds for the students of St. Gregory the Great Parish School. All proceeds go directly to our school and can be matched up to \$5,000.00 by the generous sponsors of this Milwaukee Archdiocesan-wide fundraiser. This event is open to the entire St. Greg's community, so parishioners and friends are welcome! Please see the attached flyer to find out how you can join our team and/or donate to St. Gregs!

Basketball Sign-up

See flyer

School Mass

We will have our first all-school mass of the school year tomorrow, September 2. Parents are welcome to join their students in mass, but please keep a 3 ft. distance as much as possible and masks are required. If you would like your child to sit with you apart from the class, please inform your child's teacher. We ask that students remain with their class on the days that they have the readings.

Music Teacher

Our new music teacher, Mr. Steven Joyal, was hoping to begin the year with our students, but he has unfortunately suffered some health problems that will delay his

ability to teach in person for a few weeks. He plans to provide some recorded lessons in the meantime and hopes to join the students soon. We are praying for his quick recovery.

Thank you for choosing St. Greg's for your child's education. We are here to serve our students and families.

Kindest Regards,
Amy Schlegel
Principal

Faith In Action: Tenets of Catholic Social Teaching Monthly Theme Calendar

In effort to increase our awareness of our Catholic responsibility to love one another and serve others, we have developed a theme for the school year called *Faith in Action*. Throughout the year we will collaborate with the parish, local community, and communities at large to fulfill our duty to learn, reflect, and take action as Catholic participants in global discipleship. Each month we will focus on a specific Catholic Social Teaching.

September: Life and Dignity of the Human Person: "Belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of Catholic social teaching." In a time when the value and dignity of human life is being undermined, Catholic social teaching emphasizes the "belief that every person is precious, that people are more important than things and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person."

We are all God's people. How can we show care and respect for all people? What individuals or groups are often underserved or whose dignity is undermined? How can we help?

***Sister Parish Appeal**

October: Call to Family, Community and Participation: The family is the "central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined." The bishops write that as society "often exalts individualism," the Catholic tradition teaches that human beings grow and achieve fulfillment in community," and that people have "a right and a duty" to participate in working for the common good and "well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable."

God calls us to act as a member of his family. Every member of his family is important and deserves love and care. How do we reach those who may be poor, sick, alone, or suffering? What can we do for them?

***Fr. Gene's Help Center/Clothing Drive**

November: Rights and Responsibilities: Catholic tradition teaches that “human dignity can be protected and a healthy community achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met.” Every person has “a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency.” Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities “to one another, to our families and to the larger society.”

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. What responsibility do we have to ensure others have what they need? What are their basic needs?

***SVDP food pantry bags**

December: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable: Catholic social teaching proclaims that a basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. “In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, Catholic tradition and indeed Scripture (Mt25:31-46) instructs us to put forward the needs of the poor and vulnerable”

Whatsoever you do, to the least of my people, that you do unto me. Who are the vulnerable in our community? In our society? In the world? How do we help others who can't help themselves?

***Family to Family SCRIP cards**

January: The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers: “Work is more than a way to make a living, it is a form of continuing participation of God’s creation,” the bishops write. “If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected – the right to productive work, decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property and to economic initiative.”

The Lord blesses our work so that we may share its fruits with others. How can we show our best work? How can we support others in their best work?

***Catholic Schools Week Event- respect for workers**

February: Solidarity: Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity “means learning that loving our neighbor has global dimensions” in this interdependent world. “Catholic social teaching proclaims that “we are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, wherever they live; that we are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences.”

Blessed are the peacemakers, they will be called children of God. How can we contribute for the good of all? What ways can we come together as one?

*** SVDP Soup-er Bowl of Caring**

March: Care for God’s Creation: Showing respect for the creator by stewardship of creation. Calling care of the earth a “requirement of faith,” the bishops write that all are called to “protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s

creation."

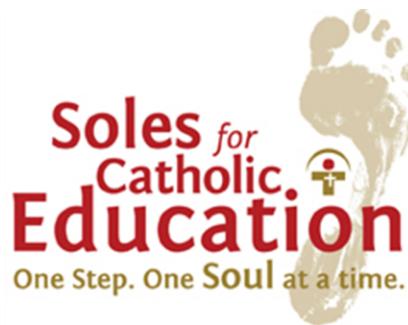
God made the heavens and the earth and it was good. How do we take care of it?

***Rice Bowls**

April and May: Culminating project as a school TBD

*St. Greg's parish events as options for classes to participate. Alternative options are welcome.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is an assembly of the hierarchy of bishops who jointly exercise pastoral functions on behalf of the Christian faithful of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



Soles for Catholic Education

Join Our St. Greg's Team!

How has Catholic education impacted your life? Catholic schools provide a multitude of benefits including a high quality education, a foundation of moral and spiritual development, as well as the opportunity for students to become community leaders.

On behalf of **St. Gregory the Great**, I would like to invite you to support our school by registering and raising money for the annual Soles for Catholic Education Walk on October 16, 2021 at 1pm in our school parking lot.

Money raised by our team will stay right here at St. Greg's to help us reach our fundraising goal of \$5,000.

Join our team by visiting <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/SOLES/team/StGregorytheGreat>

Or text SOLES1227 to 71777 to make a donation or register to walk with us!

To learn more about this year's Walk, visit www.catholicschoolswalk.org.

Together, let's step up for Catholic education!

Amy Schlegel

St. Greg's Trojans

Basketball Sign Up

2021-22 Winter Season

5th - 8th Grade

\$55/person

ONLINE SIGNUP: Aug 30th - Sept 10th

<https://stgregsmil.weshareonline.org>

In person sign up will be in St. Greg's Gym

Weds. Sept 1st, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Weds. Sept 8th, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Coaches are needed!!

Please email St. Greg's Athletics if interested

athletics@stgregsmil.org

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