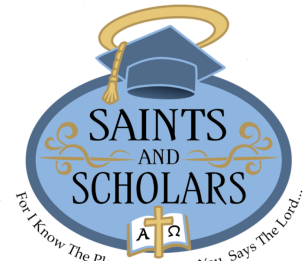


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A WONDERFUL GRANDPARENT'S DAY!

We are thankful for all who were able to join us last Friday for Grandparent's Day. A huge thanks goes to our kitchen and school staff, faculty, students, and the many volunteers that helped with cooking, setup, serving, cleanup, hospitality, and all the other tasks that made this day a joy and a success!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

Yesterday we had a beautiful morning for the celebration of our annual Pet Blessing! We had dogs, kittens, sugar-gliders, and a ferret! Many students brought stuffed animals or pictures to represent pets at home, and these were blessed too. We are thankful for the gift of our pets and we usually try to coordinate the Pet Blessing close to the Feast of St. Francis, (who is also our Saint of the Week) because of the love and respect he had for all of God's Creation.

St. Francis also did much to call and invite people back to the practice of their Faith in his day. God gave him the task to **"rebuild the Church"** by proclaiming the love of God made present in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus for us, and by living this love in serving others. For many of us that have drifted away from a regular practice of our Faith, God is also inviting us back to a close Friendship with Him and to be an important part of the rebuilding of His Church to bring the Gospel to all.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Meet St. Francis of Assisi

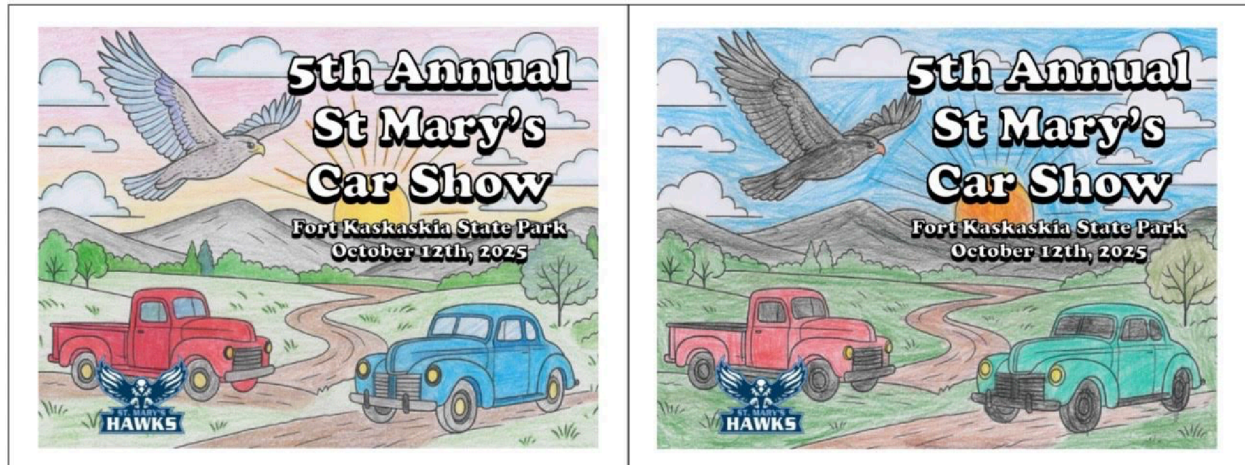
- My Feast Day: October 4
- I am the patron saint of animals, merchants, and ecology.
- I was very spoiled and wealthy, but also personable, happy, and gifted. I fell in with a bad crowd and led my friends farther astray with sinful activities and wild parties.
- I wanted to be a knight rather than a businessman, but God called me to rebuild his Church.
- My father disowned me when I started to radically follow God's call, and I was in complete poverty.
- I started preaching about returning to God and obedience to the Church and many people started following me. This is how my order of the Franciscans started.
- We lived the Gospels very literally in complete poverty, but radically loved all people and all of Creation.
- I received the Stigmata near the end of my life.

2:50 P. M. DISMISSAL THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th. BUS IS NOT AVAILABLE.

OCTOBER ROSARY & ROSARY RALLY THIS SATURDAY, THE 11th

Each Saturday in October, the Rosary will be prayed before the 4:00 P.M. Mass in Church starting at 3:30 P.M. As a reminder, Father Sebastian will also be in the Confessional during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*****MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 5th ANNUAL CAR SHOW THIS WEEKEND - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th *** SEE THE FLYER!**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CAR SHOW ART WINNERS!

Darcie Wood and Oliver Siegfried are the winners for the Student Choice Award and the Club Participation Award with their artwork which will be used at this weekend's Car Show!

NO SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th TO OBSERVE COLUMBUS DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th, END OF 1st QUARTER

POPEYE'S FALL FESTIVAL 5K - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th - SEE THE FLYER!

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23rd