



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Mrs. Radwanski and I are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with your daughter during Sacred Heart Club this year!

The objective of Sacred Heart Club is to cultivate a devotion to the Sacred Heart and to make reparation to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart. Our Spiritual Works include, but are not limited to, making sacrifices in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, assisting at First Saturday Mass, praying the Rosary, wearing the Scapular, and visiting a cemetery. Our Corporal Works will include, but not be limited to, praying for the religious, sending notes and pictures to the infirmed and elderly, and helping with club fundraisers.

This year, we are studying the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mother. It will be through our study of the Blessed Mother's messages and her unconditional and unfailing love for Our Lord that we will cultivate our devotions to the Sacred Heart and her Immaculate Heart. Our spiritual reading for grades 2-6 this year will include two books from the Encounter Series. The titles are *Journey's with Mary* and *Came the Dawn*. The spiritual reading for 7&8 grades will be Don Sharkey's *The Woman Shall Conquer*. The girls will also complete a project and craft book which has been sketched by our own Audrey Faith. The Marian Apparitions of focus this year will include Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Our Lady of LaSalette, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Our Lady of Fatima.

In order to do all the crafts and projects, we incur many costs above and beyond that of regular school supplies. If you are able to help with the cost of some of these items, we would appreciate it a great deal. We have an Amazon "wish-list" set up with many new items added. The link is here:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/4C9P7YCALB7K?ref_=wl_share

For those of you who have already supported the Sacred Heart Club by purchasing items earlier this summer, please be assured that we are ever so grateful and appreciative!

As part of our aforementioned Spiritual Works, we encourage your daughters to make their five First Saturdays in reparation to the Immaculate Heart. Beginning in October, we will meet as a group for Benediction and Holy Mass at 8:00 a.m. on the First Saturday of the month. After Holy Mass, we will make sure to have our Rosary devotion followed by an activity. Please see the following list of activities for each month. Please save the dates!

OCTOBER: Blessing of Miraculous Medals and Blessed Mother Tea Party

NOVEMBER: Visit to Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

DECEMBER: Bake for the St. Nicholas Breakfast.

JANUARY: Feast of the Epiphany Breakfast with the Three Kings

FEBRUARY: Daddy-Daughter Dance.

MARCH: Strawberry Jam.

APRIL: Easter Vacation.

MAY: (on First Friday) May Crowning, Pizza Potluck, Square Dance!

We are looking forward to all these activities!

Nevertheless, we have even more planned!

- ❖ In December, we will ask that each child bring in a bag of wrapped hard candy, i.e. peppermints, butterscotch disks, cinnamon disks, etc. We will create candy bouquets and attach spiritual bouquets to them.
- ❖ In March, we will make our annual Strawberry Jam. We will ask for donations of quarts of strawberries during the week leading up to that Saturday.
- ❖ During the last week of April, each of our five groups will construct a May Altar with one of the five Marian Apparitions of study. We will need one mother or father to spearhead the design and construction with the girls in each group. Please contact Mrs. Reist if you are interested.

Throughout the year, we will also have potlucks, so the girls can enjoy a meal together before or after an activity. The potlucks we have planned so far include:

- ❖ First Saturday of February before the Daddy-Daughter Dance.
 - ❖ Good Friday morning after our 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Holy Hour at the Altar of Repose.
 - ❖ First Friday of May for our Pizza Party and Potluck.
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We are so grateful to have the opportunity to work with your daughters during our Sacred Heart Club time. While their club time is only once per week, our devotions and conversations span throughout the days and across the year. This time is so much more than "just a class". It is a time we all grow deeper in our spiritual lives and develop a greater devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart. We are grateful for your support! Please feel free to contact either of us at any time!

In the Sacred Heart,

Mrs. Heather Reist and Mrs. Edyta Radwanski