

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 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. 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, as you may know, we are studying St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. It will be through our study of her and her unconditional and unfailing love for Our Lord that we will cultivate our devotions to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart. The suggested spiritual reading is "*Little Therese*" by Pere Carbonel. These books are available at school for \$16. They are a perfect addition to your library of religious books. To support our year dedicated to St. Therese, we have written a workbook to accompany the book, "*Little Therese*". As we go through the year, we will do many art projects in the book. Additionally, we have many craft projects planned. These include a pocket shrine, novena beads, lanterns, and more! In order to do these 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! We will be using those supplies this week!

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: St. Therese Procession. We will also begin to make our pocket shrines this day.

NOVEMBER: Visit to Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

DECEMBER: Bake for the St. Nicholas Breakfast.

JANUARY: Christmas Party and Epiphany Craft.

FEBRUARY: Daddy-Daughter Dance.

MARCH: Strawberry Jam.

APRIL: Rosary at Holy Cross Immaculata Church and Krohn Conservatory Butterfly Show.

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

We are looking forward to all these outings!

Nevertheless, we have even more planned!

- ❖ Beginning in October, we will ask the girls to perform small sacrifices around the house and outside of school to earn small amounts of money, so they can have Masses said for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.
- ❖ We will be looking for VOLUNTEERS to come during the week of November 28th to help make cookie dough, bake cookies, and decorate cookies during club time.
- ❖ 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.

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 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