



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! Mrs. Elli Field 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 and Immaculate Hearts. Our Spiritual Works will 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 our theme is "Imitate the Saints." St. Thomas Aquinas said, "We cannot love that which we do not know." In order to KNOW the saints, we need to learn more than just facts. We need to learn how to IMITATE them in our daily life. It will be through our study of the saints, and their unconditional and unfailing love for Our Lord, that we will cultivate our devotions to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts.

Our project book this year is a compilation of saint narratives. On the page opposite each narrative, we will make a scrapbook page with information and pictures. Pairing the pages together, the girls will compile a beautiful book reflecting the love that the saints have for Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. Our saint study has been designed so as to learn about the saints near their feast day. Our year will begin with saints whose feast days are in September and continue through May.

We will read various saint books throughout the year. Two that would be great additions to your spiritual reading library are at the links here. Both are still in print. If you can please purchase at least one for your daughter, that would be very beneficial.

<https://angeluspress.org/products/patron-saints-for-girls>

https://angelicopress.com/products/sixty-saints-for-girls?_pos=3&_psq=sixty&_ss=e&_v=1.0

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=nav_wishlist_lists_3

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 have our Rosary devotion as a group followed by an activity. The activities are listed below, so please save the dates!

OCTOBER: Make Rosaries

NOVEMBER: Visit to Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

DECEMBER: Bake and set up for the St. Nicholas Breakfast.

JANUARY: Christmas Vacation

FEBRUARY: Daddy-Daughter Dance.

MARCH: Strawberry Jam.

APRIL: Tour of ICC with Fr. Jenkins, including the sacristy, altar relics, sacred vessels, etc.

MAY: (on First Friday) May Crowning and Pizza Potluck!

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, we will construct a May Altar. Since we are studying the lives of the saints, the title of our May Altar will be *Queen of All Saints*. Each of the girls will be asked to bring in a saint statue to help with the display. I am looking for a dad who can help build a structure of concentric circles with a post in the middle on which we will build the May Altar.
 - ❖ **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. Elli Field