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Season of Change

We are in the midst of a season of change in our parish, in our city and in our archdiocese. We are all being affected as our Journey in Faith process moves from the planning stage to the implementation stage, and our very real, emotional responses span a range from grief and sadness to excitement and joy.

As we reflect, we realize that children navigate all kinds of change on their journey toward adulthood... physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. And so, we turn to the wisdom of our parish youth in this issue of the Voice as they express their perceptions of change in picture and in word.

Reflections on the Journey: Expressions from our Children

What is faith in action? Faith in action isn't just going to Mass, it isn't just praying, or putting a Bible verse in your Instagram bio. Faith in action is creating a relationship with God so deep that it drives your life, your actions. It isn't easy; faith in action is one of the hardest things we, as Catholics, will try to achieve. But it is real, it is a journey, and it is necessary for a more unified and faithful world. Even for those who don't believe in God, faith in action is so prevalent. For example, people need to have faith in themselves, in the people around them, and in the world. The underlying thing that some people don't see is that God is helping and influencing that faith, those bits of good in the world, even when things are hard. I myself am not an expert on faith and action; I have my moments where I am rude or only thinking of myself. Those moments, however, help us grow our faith, which allows us to act faithfully.

Emilia Borelli
12th Grade

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

STA Book Club: Reading to be announced at a later date.

APRIL.....

- 2** Holy Thursday Potluck, O'Malley Hall, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 8** Journey in Faith Communal Prayer, 1:00 p.m.
- 12** Knights of Columbus Omelet Breakfast, O'Malley Hall, 8:00 a.m.-Noon
- 18** Emmaus Day, O'Malley Hall, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

19 Community Sunday

25-26 1st Communions, all Masses

28 Confirmation, 6:00 p.m.

MAY

2-3 1st Communions, all Masses

17 Community Sunday

JUNE

13 St. Anthony Feast Day Potluck, O'Malley Hall, 5:00 p.m.

21 Community Sunday

Questions? Check the bulletin or website for more information, or call the Faith Formation Office.

The heavy doors swing open to a brighter day,
As old routines give way to a living grace.
Were finding deeper words when we stop to pray,
And seeing Christ in every classmate's face.
Our families build the gap from school to home,
With WCHS guiding every lesson taught.
No student has to feel they walk alone,
Within the purposeful life that we have sought.
The teachers lead with hearts so bold and true,
Turning ancient faith into something brand new.

Josephina Steinlage
10th Grade

My school's chamber orchestra has been a positive change in my life. This orchestra is an auditioned group of 6-8 graders at my school. I have learned new things through the hard music, which makes me a better violinist. I had to prepare for an audition to get a spot in this orchestra. I learned good practice skills because I had to practice and learn the music. I love having the older kids to look up to and learn from. They were all so welcoming to me when I first joined this orchestra.

Emily Welter
6th Grade

I have attended Catholic school my whole life. When I was younger, I didn't think faith would be an important part of who I am. But after going on the Kairos retreat, faith has become a big part of my life. Kairos is a Catholic retreat that all high school juniors at my school are invited to attend. The purpose of Kairos is to discover yourself, deepen your faith, and find God's love. While on Kairos you are on God's time and trusting the process. You don't know where you're going or even what time it is. Throughout the retreat, we did various activities like listening to speakers, discussing in small groups, and praying/reflecting. Kairos showed me all of the amazing things that I have in my life and also taught me that you never know what other people are going through. Since Kairos, I have worked on showing appreciation and empathy more by saying thank you, showing kindness and giving hugs. I also now attend weekly Bible studies at school and am part of a Serva Fidem group to keep faith at my center.

Alena Welter
12th Grade



One positive change in my life has been my involvement with Serva Fidem. Serva Fidem is a small group at Wahlert that meets once per week to discuss the Catholic Faith. Getting involved in Serva Fidem has led to me getting more connected to my faith by being able to discuss any questions or thoughts that I have with people who share my beliefs. I've found that since joining Serva Fidem, I have been able to set aside more time in my life for Jesus. Being part of Serva Fidem gives me the opportunity to regularly discuss my faith with people that I can trust who can help bring me closer to God.

Calvin Welter
10th Grade

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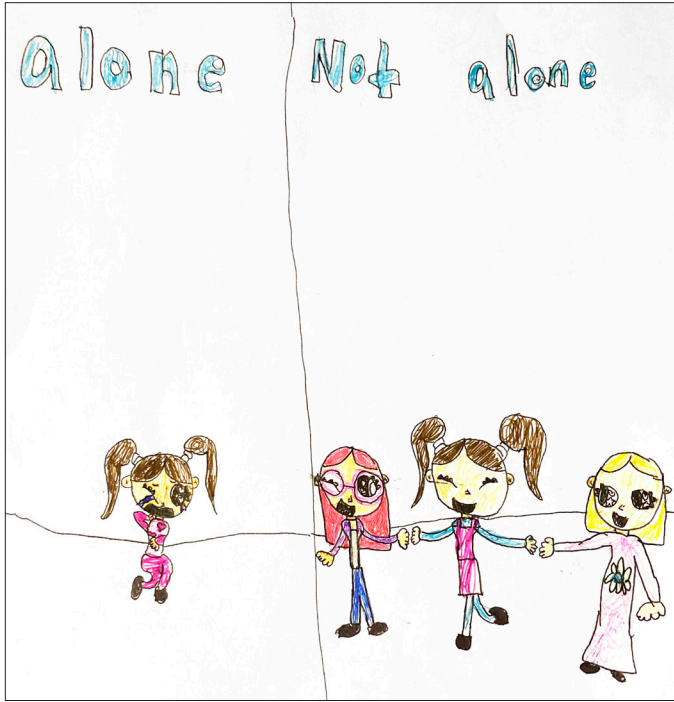
This is a piece I made in my art class and it really helped me improve my focus and coordination. And I'm very proud of the progress I've made.



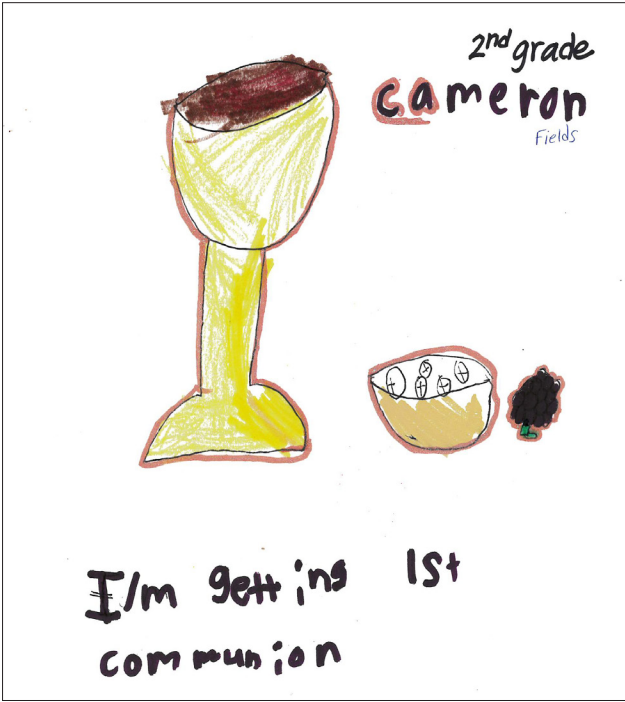
"Pottery"
Cecilia Stork
11th Grade



"Change of Season"
Henry Grommet
Grade 5



"Not Alone"
Cecilia Klapatauskas
Grade 3



"Communion"
Cameron Fields
Grade 2

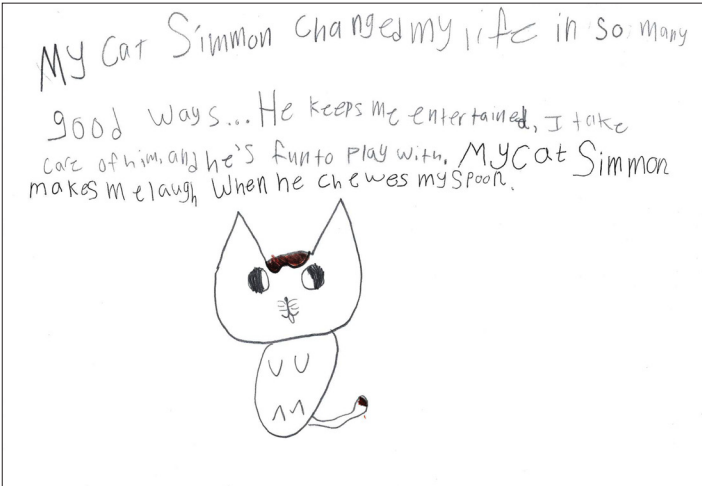
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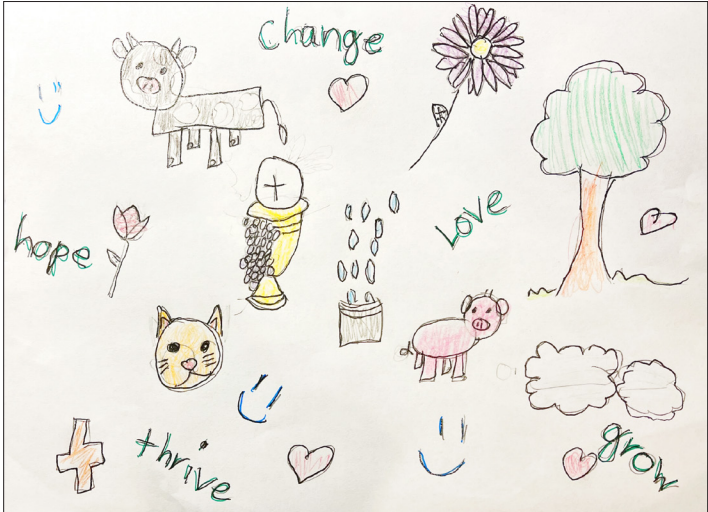
"Caring Love"
Joseph Klapatauskas
Kindergarten



"Act of Kindness"
Josie Sinnott
Grade 3



"Simmon"
Violet Crimmins
Grade 4



"change, hope, thrive, grow, Love"
Catalina Crispin de Jesus
Grade 2

Note: All drawings and writings will be on display in O'Malley in the month of April.



L to R: Steve Cornelius, Kay Brimeyer, Mary Schmit, Barb Ross, Nancy Spalla, Connie Cosgrove, Tom Spalla and Joe Rolling

Creating an Inviting Environment

By Nancy Spalla

Just as our natural world experiences changes in seasons, our church moves through liturgical seasons each year. At St. Anthony, those seasons are marked by changes in our church environment.

St. Anthony's parishioners have always been proud of their church (the people) and their church (the building). Over the years many hands have participated in decorating the church to coincide with the church seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time. The conference room closets are filled with boxes of ribbons, planters, yards of material, rocks, lanterns and other items which have accumulated over the years. Oh, I can't forget the toolboxes filled with wire, rope, nails, staplers and tape (lots of duct tape!).

The Environment Committee is a subcommittee of the Liturgy Committee. Prior to each season, we report our decorating to the Liturgy Committee.



Light Through Stained Glass

By Valorie Broadhurst Woerdehoff
(with thanks to Tom Woerdehoff)



Entering St. Anthony's, I'm reminded
of the old pew in our garage.
It was purchased at a parish auction
and since been lovingly refinished.
Decades ago, it held my husband and his family here
each Sunday as he grew up,
air wafting in from an open window,
his dad's hat on the radiator.

Today, a flutter of new petals
rains onto the sidewalk outside these familiar walls.
Inside, light through stained glass
colors my hands folded in prayer.

Across the aisle, the young couple
has heard about the 1860's wooden convent/school
once standing across the street, about the dedication
of those who came before,
and while one of them studied in classrooms
that are now apartments, neither of them ever sat
in our old pew,
or saw other décor
previously adorning this place.
What they have come to know is
their kids loving Community Sundays here
and marching up the aisle at the close of Mass to receive
a children's bulletin from Father.
In over a century-and-a-half much has changed
and yet,
as the young family and I
go forward to receive the Eucharist,
so much remains the same,
and what remains
matters.

Wherever "here" is
and whatever pew we find ourselves in going forward,
being held together in one spirit
has always been –
will always be –
what
matters.

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