

October 31, 2025

Happy Hallow's Eve, everyone! What an amazing day! We started with Mass in our black & orange theme and



Fr. Esper welcomed the scenery with a great homily about All Hallow's Eve and our mission to become saints ourselves (All Saint's Day Sunday Nov 2). The fifth through 8th grades practiced a great community service today after Mass, The corporal Work of Mercy – *Bury the Dead* – by cleaning up the cemetery and cleaning off headstones. Thank you, K of C Au Lac Knights Mr. Whitenight and Furtaw for presenting the history of the cemetery. The kindergarteners through fourth grade made sympathy card for Fr. Esper to give to those mourning (booking funerals). Thank you to the parents who

helped out today with the parties and recess. Thank you to all the individuals who regularly help with recess!

When you think of Halloween today, you probably picture costumes, candy, and pumpkins - but did you know that Halloween began as a very Catholic holiday? Over time, much of its meaning has been stripped away or replaced with pagan and commercial influences. But at its core, Halloween was never meant to glorify darkness, it was meant to prepare hearts for the light of Heaven. As Catholics and especially in Catholic families with children, knowing the real history of Halloween help to reclaim the special time of year and celebrate it faithfully. The word *Halloween* is just a reconstructed version of *Hallows' Eve*. "Hallow" means "holy" or saint and "E'en" is simply short for "evening". So, *Halloween* literally means the Eve of All Saints Day - a vigil before one of the Church's greatest feast days. From the earliest days of Christianity, Catholics honored the martyrs and saints with prayer vigils on this "saints' evening." Candles lit up the night, reminding the faithful that the lives of the saints bring light into a darkened world. All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2) became the anchor of this holy season, turning late October into a time of reflection on heaven, holiness, and the hope of eternal life. There you go! 😊

Next week basketball conditioning starts. If your child has shared their interest in playing on either the boys'/girls' JV teams or girls'/boys' varsity team and have not heard from the coach, please contact the school's office immediately on Monday and we will make sure you are contacted. Coaches have shared with me that they have social media platforms set up for communications on practices, game times (when they are known), etc. Cheerleading notifications will be coming out soon as well. We are excited to start the season and see if we can bring home the gold by season's end! Thank you coaches for your time and energy to come!

Have a safe evening and enjoyable weekend,

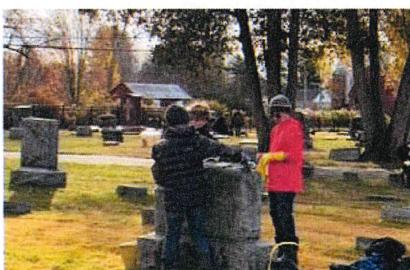
Mr. Lawrence Ricard - -Principal



Hair Shave Day - Fun Run 2025

Cemetery Cleaning 2025

Corporal Work of Mercy – Bury the Dead



The seven Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry: Provide food to those who are starving.

Give drink to the thirsty: Ensure access to clean water for those who are dehydrated.

Clothe the naked: Provide clothing for those who have none.

Shelter the homeless: Offer a safe place to stay for those without a home.

Visit the sick: Show compassion to those who are ill.

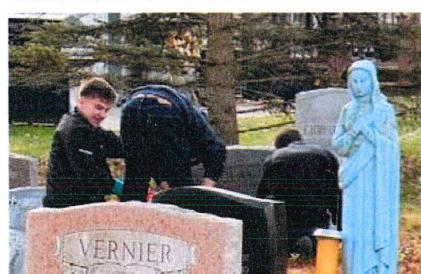
Visit the prisoners: Comfort those who are in prison.

Bury the dead: Give a dignified burial to those who have died

Bury the dead

Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn.

- Send a card to someone who has recently lost a loved one. Make your own card and use some of these [prayers](#).
- Visit the cemetery and pray for those you have lost.
- Spend time planning your own [funeral](#) mass, read through the Order of Christian Funerals and find our hope in the Resurrection.



I.C. 25-26 1st Qtr. Honor Roll

4th Grade:

Principal's Award: Lincoln Gazdecki, Angelina Gonino, Lilly Jensen, Carter Schares, Annabella Schneider, Lydia Sebastian, Audrey Tiedt, Ava Tiedt, Grace Verbrugge, Teddy Wade

5th Grade:

Pastor's Award: Maria Los

Principal's Award: Michael Felczak, Lily Foster, Rylee Joyce, Sydney Poley, Georgia Vigneron, Nolan Yaros

Honor Roll: Kenny Satchfield

6th Grade:

Pastor's Award: Sophia Stoppa

Principal's Award: Julianna Caiger, Caroline Casaceli, Andrew Doppke, Sophia Ganfi, Sammy Kunkel, Ryan Labaz, Christian Nguyen, Russell Peterson, Frank Rom, Ryker Rutkowski, Vera Smolinski, Ian Szabelski, Daniel Webster, Jacob Young

7th Grade:

Pastor's Award: Sophia Brandt, Erin Felczak, Giovanna Gonino, Chris Rom, Charlotte Vigneron

Principal's Award: Marie Arant, Mary Kate Bagan, Adalyn Droske, Rayna Hoffman, Kayley Pennell, Audrey Poley, Claire Rom, Joseph Sebastian

8th Grade:

Pastor's Award: Elayna McDonald, Atticus Yaros

Principal's Award: Olivia Brinker, Elora Evola, Logan Stephenson, Gwen Swartz, Victoria Tepper

Lunch Menu Offerings!

Students are getting another option for lunch.

They can order a sub sandwich in place of the main entrée.
They will still receive the side items.



Our Clothing Closet needs (gently used) SCHOOL SHOES for K-3 sizes.

If you took a donation tag for the Horn of Plenty, we thank you! Please send items to the school office or church office by Nov. 7th. Thanks for your generosity!

DATE CHANGE!!! No Latchkey Dec 5!!

There will be latchkey on Dec 12.

The Scrip Program that helps you and IC!

Important Dates!!

November 1 Athletic Teams Mass 4:30
November 3 Coat Drive Begins
November 4 NO BUSING!
Nov 4 PTC Meeting 7p.m.
**November 6 Dismissal 11:00, No Preschool
Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-8**
November 7 NO SCHOOL!

Don't forget, by using RaiseRight scrip program you can apply 80% of the rebates from this program to your tuition account! Get started by downloading the RaiseRight™ app on your phone or go to RasieRight.com on your computer and use enrollment code: **AAAEFLL2716**. For step-by-step instructions, visit RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning. Paper order forms are available in the School and Parish Offices. Orders are submitted every Monday and cards will arrive on Thursday. Use the QR Code for easy and quick enrollment!



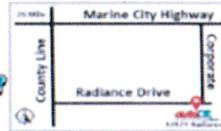
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