

St. Damian School

October 2017

Family Gram

Celebration of Saints

October 1

St. Therese of Lisieux was a Carmelite sister whose actions and deeds reflected the love she had for God in her "little ways". She was quoted as saying, "My vocation is love." May St. Therese intercede for us, teach us trust and love, so that we might find her and follow her along the little way.



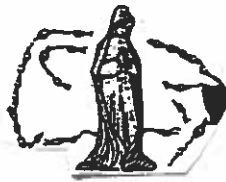
October 4

St. Francis of Assisi began his ministry by rebuilding a church, quickly it was clear that his calling was to rebuild the Church. He traveled helping the poor and preaching the word of God. At the end of his life he wanted to be laid on the ground so that he might be as close as possible to creation. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment. The blessing of pets and animals is often celebrated on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, or on a Sunday near that date. St. Damian will have a blessing of pets on Sunday, October 1 at 2 pm in the Grotto led by Fr. Scanlan.



October 28

St. Jude was one of Jesus' original twelve Apostles. He traveled all over preaching the word of God and evangelizing people until his martyred death. St. Jude is the Patron Saint of Hope and impossible causes.

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1 Sunday Mass with Family	2 Subway Lunch	3 	4 Hot Dog Lunch 9:00 a.m. Mass	5 11:30 DISMISSAL <small>Ext. Day Available for Seniors</small> Parent/Teacher Conference 12:30-7:00 p.m. - All Students in grades K-8 must attend. Book Fair 12:30-7:00 p.m. Library - Tombola Drawing	6 Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL NO EXT. DAY	7 Father Joe: Supercharge Your Spiritual Life 10:00 a.m. Shaw Hall																																																																																				
8 Sunday Mass with Family	9 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL NO EXT. DAY	10 School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Library	11 Ravioli Lunch	12 Eighth Grade Field Trip	13 1:00 DISMISSAL EXT. DAY AVAILABLE Kenotz Pizza Lunch 9:00 a.m. Mass - Hot Lunch Orders due by Noon	14 Damian DashSK/Little Lancer Run																																																																																				
15 11:00 a.m. Family Mass	16 Turkey Dinner Lunch Grades 1,3,4,5 & 6 Parent Meeting 6:45 p.m. Church	17 Portillo's Fundraiser 5:00-8:00 p.m.	18 Chicken Tenders Lunch 9:00 a.m. Mass Pre-K & K Field Trip	19	20 Boona Beef Lunch Box Tops Collection Grandparents/Sweetheart Day	21 Food Pantry 7:30 a.m.																																																																																				
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The Good News of St. Damian~ October

As we move into October, I'm sure everyone is in now in their routine. It has been a gift to see all the excitement in the classrooms of each of our children at St. Damian. We appreciate your commitment to St Damian School and Catholic Education. Please join us at 9:00 am every Wednesday morning for our All School Mass. Praying together is so important in our school community faith life. We would love to see you there!

I hope you have been receiving my Principal Updates. If you have any thoughts on what should be included, please email me. Please check our website www.stdamianschool.org for information and to view your child's teacher class site. On their site, you should see additional supports to assist you with your child's learning.

We completed STAR testing in both Reading and Math for all grades. You will see your child's results during Parent Teacher conferences on Thursday, October 5.

On October 20th we are hosting *Grandparent/Sweetheart Day*. More information will follow in the next few weeks. In the meantime, please mark your calendar and share with your child's grandparent or special person.

Trunk or Treat will take place on Friday, October 27th in the school parking lot and all children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes. Tuesday, October 31st all students may wear black/orange in lieu of their uniform, no costumes. Class parties will take place from 1:15-2:45 pm and the junior high will have a dance. Preschool will send home their schedule of activities. On Tuesday afternoon-Halloween, please remind your child about candy safety and not to eat any treat until you have a chance to look over their goodies! Be Safe!

Each classroom is researching a special saint. Your child's classroom door will be decorated with information about their saint. All doors will be completed by November 1st All Saints Day.

Communication

Starting next month the Family Gram will be emailed to you. Please make sure your email information is up to date in PowerSchool.

Gala

The Gala is our primary fundraiser for the year and it requires many hands to make it successful. The Gala is scheduled for February 22nd at Gaelic Park. We are looking for a team of people in any grade level to run this event. Please contact the school office if you are interested in being part of this team.

Peace,

Dr. Marian M. Stockhausen

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SUPERCHARGE



Your Spiritual Life!

Fr. Joe Noonan, Presenter

Saturday, October 7th

10 AM Shaw Hall



The Family of St. Damian
Celebrates
100
YEARS of FATIMA
1917 -2017

Dear Families,

Friday, October 13th is the 100th Anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, the Miracle of the Sun. This miracle was witnessed by over 70,000 people and documented by photographers and news reporters of the time. The apparitions at Fatima have been approved by the Catholic Church as worthy of belief and fully supported by our Popes. Pope Francis consecrated his papacy to Our Lady of Fatima.

St. Damian will celebrate the Centennial Anniversary Friday, October 13th beginning with 9:00 am Mass in the Church. The school children will be in attendance and our School Choir will sing. Parents, parishioners and friends are welcome to join in our liturgy. Mr. Thomas Dunn, head of the Chicago Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima will be present to speak on the importance of the Fatima message to us today. The traveling pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima for the Archdiocese of Chicago will also be present.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration at the end of Mass in the church. The rosary will be prayed aloud communally on the hour. Private prayer is encouraged throughout the day. The devotions will conclude at 3:30 pm with Benediction.

Would you like to know more about the message of Fatima? A series of articles have been printed in our bulletin; they are available on our church website www.stdamianchurch.org. Great information is also available at www.ewtn.com/fatima or the Worldwide Apostolate of Fatima website www.wafusa.org.

Would you like to know more about Fatima?

The Message of Fatima Documentary

2 Showings Monday October 9th:
9:45 am following Mass &
7:00 pm - both in the Church Narthex

No cost or registration.
Bring your neighbors and family!

The Message of Fatima was delivered in 1917,
but it a message for today!!

Pray with Our Lady of Fatima

Parishioners and School families can request a traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima for private, family, or communal devotion in their home. No previous experience is necessary! Rosaries and helpful information is included.

To request a statue, sign up in the Narthex the weekend of Oct 7/8 at the Information Table or call Bob Moran at 687-7267.

COME TO THE MISSION

We have invited Fr. Dominick Grassi to give the mission at St. Damian on October 23, 24 & 25. Fr. Grassi is well known in the Archdiocese as an "educator, counselor, athletic coach, retreat and vocation director, inspirational speaker, editor, writer, and friend". He is also a gifted speaker, prolific author and a great cook!

Fr. Grassi has co-authored a book, *Living The Mass*, with Joe Paprocki. Joe is the National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press. He's another gifted speaker and writer.

Living the Mass is the kind of book that will not be hidden on a book shelf collecting dust. It gives the reader a clear explanation of each part of the Mass with a clarity that inspires and transforms. Ergo the sub-title: *How One Hour a Week Can Change Your Life*. It's filled with history, stories and anecdotes from the authors. It is not boring!

After the Mission, we will be inviting our parishioners and friends to join a Small Group. All participants will be using the book.

So, stay tuned for more information!

Do you have a High School Teen?

Welcome to St. Damian Life Teen!

What is Life Teen?

Life Teen is a dynamic Catholic ministry that is devoted to helping Teens explore, understand and live out their Catholic faith.

St. Damian is committed to bringing our high school Teens to Jesus and helping them find God's answers to important life questions such as: *Why am I here? What is my purpose in life? Does God even matter?*

Life Nights are an opportunity to both talk and listen as Teens ask questions and share their faith in a safe environment. We mix it up with Game Nights, Movie Nights, and Service Opportunities throughout the year. Each summer we go on a week-long Mission Trip and a week-end Steubenville Youth Conference.

Come and See for Yourself!

Every Sunday Night 6-8 pm

Meet in Shaw Hall at 6pm for free food - we never do anything in an empty stomach!

There is no cost, no registration, no mandatory attendance. Come when you can. You are always welcome to bring friends!

Visit our webpage at www.stdamianchurch.org/Life-Teen

Facebook Group: St. Damian Life Teen (closed for privacy-ask to join)

Twitter: @DamianLifeTeen

Instagram: damian_lifeteen

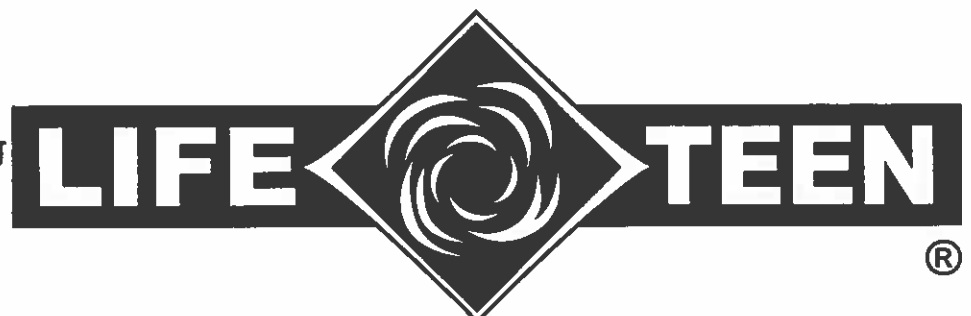
Snapchat coming soon along with our Weekly Snap Challenge

Contact the Youth Minister

Connie Swidergal at

(708)342-8513 or

lifeteen@stdamianchurch.org





HEALTH OFFICE NOTES

Hello! Welcome to all our new families! Hope everyone has a wonderful and healthy year!

A few reminders~~~ school nurses are prohibited by state law from administering medication of any kind to students without a written authorization from the parents and the student's doctor. This applies to prescription and ALL over-the-counter medications. Medications must be in the ORIGINAL, properly labeled container. Authorization must be provided each new school year. Please inform the health office if you require the medication forms.

Parents, please inform me personally concerning any medical conditions, diseases, hospitalizations, etc. for your child(ren). My direct line is 708-342-8501.

If any phone numbers or emergency contacts change during the school year, please inform the health office.

If parents/guardians will be away for any extended period time or unreachable during the day, please inform the office of the following: length of absence, name of caretaker for children and all contact numbers for that person.

On October 25, 26 and 27, we will be conducting the Hearing and Vision Screening for specific mandated grades (pre-school, Kdg., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, new, speech and referral students). Permission slips and history forms were sent out this week. Please return this form as soon as you complete it. If you wish your child to be screened and he/she is NOT in the mandated grade, please inform me. Please note, this is only a screening and not a substitute for a complete eye exam.

Hope everyone has a "FANG"-tastic Halloween!!

Mrs. K. Haneberg RN



**LET'S PACK
THE HOUSE!!**

GIRLS BASKETBALL SPIRIT NIGHT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

GAMES START AT

5:30PM

8TH GRADE PLAYS

AT 7PM



- **FREE ADMISSION TO ALL ST. DAMIAN STUDENTS!**
- **NATIONAL ANTHEM PERFORMED BY THE 8TH GRADE CHOIR!**
- **PERFORMANCE BY THE 8TH GRADE PEP SQUAD!**
- **MUSIC PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT!**
- **HALF-COURT SHOT CONTESTS & SPLIT-THE-POT!**
- **SPIRIT NIGHT T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!**





THURSDAY

OCTOBER 5TH

12:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Things to know...

Cash, check or credit cards are accepted.

There are many great books to purchase for your child to read and enjoy.

Please stop in before or after your conference.

 **SCHOLASTIC**

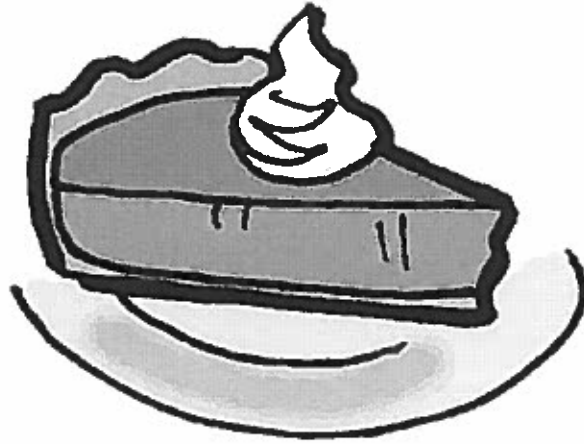
**ST. DAMIAN
LIBRARY**



Family Mass with the School Choir

*The School Choir will be singing at the
11:00 am Family Mass
on Sunday, Oct. 15th!*

*Come join the families of St. Damian as
we sing and pray as a community in
love and thanksgiving!*



8th Grade Musical Fundraiser!

The 8th grade will be selling pies and desserts to raise money for their Musical. Selling dates are Oct. 11th through Oct. 25th.

Pie pick up day will be on Nov. 13th in the lunchroom.

This is a great time to order pies for Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Look for your "Dessert Day" order form soon!

*Thank you for supporting the
8th grade Musical!*

Mrs. Kingsbury and the class of 2018!

St. Damian Variety Show 2017!



Wednesday, Nov. 15th at 7:00pm

On Stage in the Father Grimmel Center

Students in 3rd – 8th grade

***Dress Rehearsal is on Tuesday, Nov. 14th
beginning at 4:30. Rehearsal times will be sent
home with the students that are participating.***

***Come join us for an evening of fun and
entertainment!***

St. Damian students have talent!



**Saturday, November 11, 2017 in Shaw Hall
Doors open at 6pm. Trivia begins at 7pm**

\$2 beer/wine; \$1 water/soft drinks

OR there is an option to bring your own alcoholic beverages by paying a \$20/per table corkage fee. Please note only those who pay this fee can bring their own beverages.

As always appetizers, food, and dessert is welcome!

**Ticket Price: \$15 per person
Door Prizes, Split the Pot, and
Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place**

Tickets available for purchase through school. Checks (made out to St. Damian School) or cash can be sent to Jamie Lee c/o Maddy Lee Rm. 204. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Each team/table has 8 participants. Make sure to include each participant's name with payment to reserve a table.

You don't have a full table, no problem we will place you on a team!

For more information, contact Jamie Lee (708) 337-2110

Be sure to reserve your seats, last year's Trivia Night was a full house!!!



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
PALLET PAINTING PARTY**

Join us

Friday, October 20th at 6:30pm

St. Damian Shaw Hall

\$45 provides all you need to create this holiday décor

BYOB and snacks

Raffle basket chances & Split the Pot

Advance reservation required 687-7778

Proceeds profit Religious Education ministry

DAMIAN DASH

PARENT SERVICE HOURS

**In need of parent service hours, we need your
help!**

Saturday, October 14, 2017

St Damian 5K

Come enjoy the race & runners!

7am to 10am

1 to 3 hr shifts

Contact: Eileen Flores @ (708) 220-9019

Eileen0501@gmail.com

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Damian Dash

Saturday, October 14, 2017

5k Walk/ Run

15 & older \$25.00

14 & under \$15.00

Little Lancer Dash or Mile Run

Start time: 9:00 am

\$5.00

Packet Pick Up

Thursday 10/12/16

4 pm to 8 pm

at

St. Damian

5K Walk/Run

Check In - Registration:

6:45 to 7:30 am

Start Time: 8:00 am

T-shirt & Goodie Bag
for each Registered 5K
runners

Little Lancer shirts
available for purchase
\$10

Register online at: <http://raceroster.com/13948>

For Registration fill out form below & return to St. Damian School

Name _____

Phone _____

Mailing address _____

Gender _____

Birth date/age _____ E-mail _____

T-shirt size/ only 5K _____

Make checks payable to St. Damian

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

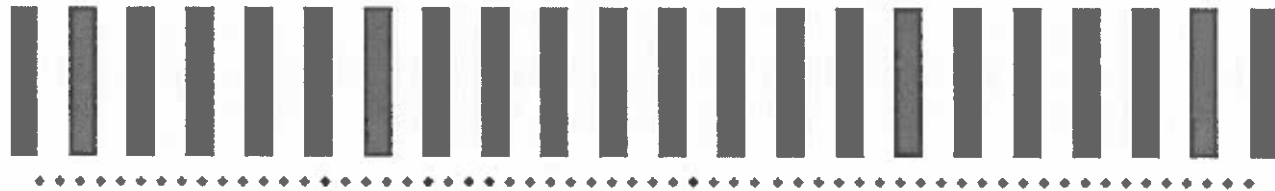
WAIVER OF LIABILITY THIS IS AN IMPORTANT WAIVER OF LIABILITY. READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING AND REGISTERING. In consideration of my acceptance of this entry and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which I hereby acknowledge, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound hereto, and under no disability, for myself, my family, my successors, assignees, heirs, executors, and administrators, forever waive, release, and discharge any and all rights, claims for injuries and/or damages, causes of action, whether in law, equity, or otherwise, known or unknown, that I or any of them may have or acquire against sponsors, coordinating groups, trainers, helpers, the Archdiocese of Chicago (a corporation sole), St. Damian Church, St. Damian School, and any and all other individuals or entities associated with organizing, sponsoring, promoting, or producing the St. Damian 5K Race (the "event") for any and all injuries and damages suffered by me in connection with said event. I attest that I am physically fit and have adequately trained for the completion of the event. I am aware of the risks and dangers of running and racing, and the precautions that must be taken when running in warm or cold conditions and on uneven surfaces. I agree to abide by any decision of an appointed race official or medical official relative to my ability to safely continue in or complete the event. I further assume and will pay for my own medical, emergency, and related expenses in case of an accident, illness, or incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. No entry will be accepted without this agreed-to Waiver of Liability.

Refund Policy/Cancellation Policy

The Damian Dash run/walk will take place rain or shine. No make up dates. No refunds or exchanges.

I understand and agree to the waiver of Liability and the Refund/Cancellation Policy*

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Portillo's[®] for GOOD

FUNDRAISERS

Bring in this flyer or show it on your smartphone
and 20% of the proceeds will benefit

ST. DAMIAN SCHOOL

October 17th, 2017
5pm - 8pm

at the Portillo's located at:
15900 S Harlem Ave.
Tinley Park, IL 60477

We look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about how you can partner with us
to serve up a better tomorrow, visit
portillos.com/good



Not valid with online orders. Gift cards purchased during fundraisers will not count toward donation.
Promoting on Portillo's premises is strictly prohibited.

Our Lady of Fatima



Traveling Pilgrim Statue

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children on May 13, 1917 in the first of 6 visits in Fatima, Portugal. These apparitions have been approved by the Church as worthy of belief. During the 6th visit, our Lady said, "I am the Lady of the Rosary," and asked them to pray one rosary each day for peace in the world.

We are approaching the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. In celebration, St. Damian families and staff members can request a Traveling Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima for private, family, or communal devotion in their home. No previous experience is necessary! Rosaries and helpful information, both written and on DVD, will be included.

Would you like to know more about Fatima? Would you like to invite the Traveling Fatima into your home for rosary devotions for your family and even friends? To request a traveling statue, fill out the form below and return it to the School or Religious Education Office.

God Bless you and your families,
Bob Moran
Coordinator for First Saturday Fatima Devotions
708.687.7267

Yes! I would like to welcome the Fatima Traveling Pilgrim Statue into my home.

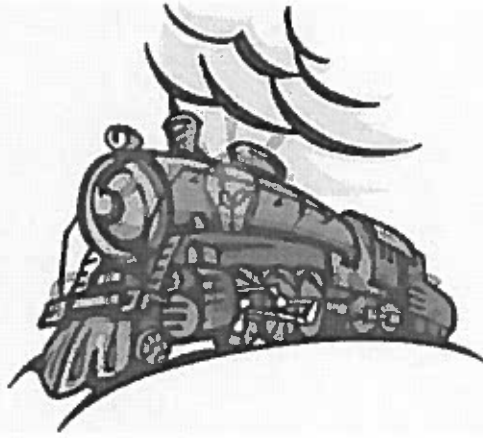
Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Return this form to the School or Religious Education Office.

You will be contacted by phone to set up a visit once the schedule is set.



Tombola is defined as a popular raffle. It is a VERY POPULAR raffle at St. Damian; last year we paid out a total of one year's tuition payments. You too could have your tuition paid for a month with a simple \$10.00 per month investment each month or \$75.00 for the entire school year. So climb aboard the Tombola Train!

It works like this, each families name is entered in the Tombola if you paid for the month (or year) your tuition account is credited the Tombola amount of \$455.00. If a families name is pulled and they did not pay, we roll the amount over to the next month. If after three consecutive rollover months and still no winner, we will draw until a winner is picked.

Tombola drawings are done on the first Friday of every month; pictures are taken with your child and posted on our website and Facebook page.

Your payment options are as follows: Check or Money Order **No Cash**

_____	Full year	\$75.00 (October -May)
_____	6 months	\$50.00 (Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb)
_____	1 month	\$10.00 (October)

Family Name:

Child(ren)/Room#