**Consider for a moment all the love you have ever received. Pause to envision yourself immersed in all that love at the same time. It is perhaps overwhelming. And still, all that love is nothing compared to the love of God. Has anyone ever loved you as Jesus, has, does, and will love you?**

Dear Parents,

What a glorious spring day!  I hope you are all getting  a chance to enjoy it even a little bit!!

~Tomorrow evening at PSR we invite you to join your child at the Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition from 6:45-7:15 in the church. You may sit with your child’s class.

~A big shout out to the first grade parents who ALL came to the class visit last week! I appreciate your interest in your child’s religious education!  What a fantastic turn out!

~Kindergarten parents are invited to class on May 1st. Look for an invitation from your child tomorrow night!

~Including tonight there are four more PSR sessions. Please make every attempt to be at the remaining sessions.  All make up work for missed classes is due on May 15th.  As stated before, a child who missed more than three classes this past year without making them up, will not be placed on a class list for next year unless either the work is submitted or they take a review test on the material for this past year.

What your child will learn in class:

Kindergarten:  Jesus is the Vine and we are the Branches.

Grade 1:  Chapter 23: Mary is the Mother of the Church

Grade 2:  Chapter 31: God’s Family, the Church: The Church is Christ’s Body. Just as a body is made up of many parts, so the Church consists of many members: the Pope, bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and the laity. • The Pope is the visible head of the Church and the Vicar of Christ. • The bishop is the head of the diocese. The pastor is the head of the local parish. • Those who have not received Holy Orders are the laity. • We all make up different parts of the Body of Christ, the Church.

Grade 3: Chapter 28: The Seven Sacraments It is through the Church that we receive the sacraments. Through the sacraments we are united with God and filled with his grace. • Jesus instituted the seven sacraments. • The sacraments are effective signs that give grace.

Grade 4: Chapter 25: Turning back to God: Confession God desires that we repent when we sin. He can forgive any wrong we have done and he wants us to be reconciled with him. • God desires our repentance and that we confess our sins so that we can be forgiven. • The normal means of forgiveness is the Sacrament of Penance, in which we also receive grace to overcome our sins.

Grade 5: Chapter 16: Forgiveness Only God can forgive sins. God is merciful and when we repent of our sins and are converted we will also learn to forgive others, even our enemies, in imitation of God. • Jesus forgives sins because he is God. • Jesus gave the apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins. • Jesus showed that he is merciful when he healed many people spiritually and physically. • We are called to conversion and to forgive others in imitation of Christ. • Forgiveness is a spiritual work of mercy.

Grade 6:  Chapter 29: Passage into Eternity: Our hope is in Jesus who suffered, died, and rose so that we could live with him forever. Each of us will die and then face judgment. • Death is the separation of the body and soul and is a consequence of original sin. • We must prepare ourselves for death, striving to live in the state of grace through prayers, reception of the sacraments, obedience to God’s commands, and works of charity. • At the moment of death Jesus will be our judge who shows us whether we will go to heaven or hell.

Grade 7: Chapters 9 & 28: Sacrament of Holy Orders, Priesthood of Jesus: Holy Orders is the sacrament by which men become ordained ministers. • The Sacrament of Holy Orders is a sacrament of service that was instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper. • To receive this sacrament a man must be called by God to the ministerial priesthood. • There are three degrees of Holy Orders • In the Sacrament of Holy Orders an indelible mark is placed on the priest’s soul. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice offered to the Father and is our one mediator with God. • A sacrifice is an act of worship and should be offered with a pure heart. • Jesus is the perfect sacrifice. • All sacrifices were a preparation for his sacrifice consummated on the Cross. • Jesus is our one mediator with God, because in his very Person God and man are united. • Melchizedek was a type of Christ. • We share in the gift of Christ’s Body and Blood at Mass.

Grade 8: Chapter 24: Sacramental Life: Christ instituted the sacraments as outward signs that confer his grace. Penance restores grace that we have lost due to sins after Baptism. The Eucharist, because it is Christ, is the source of grace. • A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ that confers grace. • Mortal sin kills the life of grace in the soul. This life is restored in the Sacrament of Penance. • The Eucharist, which is the sacrament of the Real Presence of our Lord, both confers grace, and at the same time, is the source of grace.

Saint of the Day:  St. Fidelis

God bless,

Mrs. Gulden