



The Saint Teresa Times

“Pray, Serve, Learn”



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Letter from Father Hottovy

Dear St. Teresa School Family,

Overwhelming gratitude and thanksgiving.

These are two responses that I offer to our Lord for the successful completion of the *first quarter of our school year*! While there are several school districts across the country that have not yet begun in-school classes, we just completed our ninth week in school!

This gratitude and thanksgiving extends to our outstanding faculty and staff. Sister Mary Cecilia has been doing a tremendous job leading our school with a constantly-changing playing field because of the pandemic. Our staff have also been working above and beyond with all of the new and increased responsibilities that are now part of our current COVID world.

With the necessary additional preparations, our teachers are working extra hard with flexibility, creativity, and grace. I thank them for their day-in and day-out faithfulness and dedication to their students, those in school and those in distance learning, to our parents/caregivers, and to each other.

Thank you to our students who are really glad to be back in school connecting once again with their friends and teachers. The joy on their faces is visible.

Thank you to our parents and caregivers for your cooperation and support from home with our new health requirements which allows us to continue in-school classes.

With daily prayers for each of you and with continued gratitude,

Fr. Hottovy





Let us pray,

Lord, you are Holy, and all the strength that we need comes from your hands. We lift up our school and we present all the teachers, staff, children, and members of our school and church family.

Lord, we pray our school would be a place of great discovery, creativity, and wisdom, where we encounter mercy, and where our faith in You grows.

May our school be a place where we all love to learn and where we learn to love. We entrust all things to Your protection and Divine Will.

Amen.



St. Teresa Feast Day

"I am not relying on my own merits because I haven't any. I hope in Him who is virtue and sanctity itself. He alone, content with my frail efforts, can lift me up to Himself, clothe me with His own merits and make me a saint." St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face

The celebration of our Titular Feast Day of our patron saint was a particularly consoling and joyful occasion! There were strewn rose petals, emanating a scent of roses throughout the school building. The School Family graced the staffs' desks with beautiful bouquets of roses! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed "The Little Way" candy bar treat! Young girls, dressed in the Carmelite habit, brought smiles as they graced the church pews and ran about the playground. They were a beautiful reminder of St. Thérèse, our childlike friend and powerful intercessor in Heaven! "St. Thérèse, who taught us the way of spiritual childhood, pray for us!



Current Sixth Graders' Long-Awaited Confirmation

by Sr. Mary Agnes

"...and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." —Romans 5:5

God's timing is always the best timing. I still remember the last day of school in March, when everything was "up in the air" about whether or not we would have school the following



week. We had a classroom "campfire," sharing about how things were going for everyone, and then a last-minute Confirmation practice. The students had been preparing for months and were ready...the only thing we hadn't learned was what to do at the ceremony! At that time no one knew just how long it would be before Confirmation would take place.

Finally, this autumn, we were able to have two beautiful Confirmation Masses. Despite the somewhat awkward and inconvenient circumstances, the Holy Spirit came. He is the one who fills our hearts with grace. He is the one who gives each of us the courage and strength to endure in difficult situations. He is the Person whom each of these students' hearts are yearning for most. May He be their truest Friend, Advocate, Teacher and Witness, drawing them to His eternal embrace.



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St. Teresa Cross Country

by Coach Sara Stewart

The St. Teresa cross country team finished their season on Saturday, October 3rd. The team consisted of 26 students, both boys and girls, from 7th and 8th grade. Students practiced after school three days a week by participating in neighborhood runs of varying distances to work up to our competition distance of two miles. It was challenging at first for students, but they all learned that hard work at the beginning of the season leads to personal success when running in the meets. At each meet, runners were challenged to beat their time from the previous week's meet. The hard work paid off. The boys team won first place in the league championship and girls tied for third place overall. All in all, the season was great!



Walk the Little Way 2020

Our school's primary fundraiser is Walk the Little Way. School families gather prayer intentions and donations. Students brought in addresses and wrote letters which were then mailed to family, friends, neighbors, and alumni letting them know about our school and our mission.

An important aspect of Walk the Little Way is prayer. Prior to our walk, a Novena to St. Thérèse was prayed by all. Marcus Schneider, our 4th grade student teacher, carried a bag of prayer intentions. These intentions, along with our benefactors, were remembered by students and staff along the one-mile rosary walk through Calvary Cemetery.



Thank you to all who helped us raise over \$38,000 for the needs of our school community. The donations will enhance learning through the purchase of iPads and additional technology needs. What a blessing! The day of the Walk was a beautiful fall day, filled with many prayers and songs from His children. After returning to school, everyone enjoyed a treat. Thank you to all our generous benefactors! The Lord has blessed us in countless ways! May St. Thérèse continue to shower down many roses upon us!

Heritage School Day



Since our fourth grade students were unable to attend the one-room country school house for Heritage School Day, this year Heritage School came to St. Teresa's via Zoom. Mrs. Sullivan enhanced this learning by transforming her classroom into an 1890's setting. The students came to school dressed in time-period clothing. Children wrote on slates with chalk, read from the McGuffey Readers, churned butter with a butter churn, made butter by shaking a jar of cream, and used an old-fashioned coffee grinder to grind coffee beans. It was a fun day for all!

The children will be able to continue these activities throughout the year. Mrs. Sullivan hopes to add to her collection, especially looking for an old-fashioned corn grinder. If you see this or any 1890's item, feel free to reach out to her via her email at Shelly-Sullivan@cdolinc.net or contact the school office at 402-477-3358.

Thank you, Mrs. Sullivan, for your creativity in bringing Heritage School to our Fourth graders this year!

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community
called by God to teach,
nurture and guide our children
to achieve their God-given
potential
on life's journey to heaven.***



As this was a school effort, everyone celebrated with a jeans day! See the Southern Nebraska Register for more on the Diaper Drive and St. Teresa School.

Welcome to St. Teresa School!

Miss Megan Seim

My name is Megan Seim, I am one of the 7th grade homeroom teachers and I also teach 6-8 English and 7-8 Technology.

I grew up on a farm near Chapman, NE, with my three siblings. I attended Trinity Lutheran School and Heartland Lutheran High School in Grand Island before continuing my education at Concordia. I am a 2018 graduate with my degree in Secondary Education – English and Health and a Lutheran Teacher's Diploma. I have taught for the last two years at Pius X High School in the English Department.

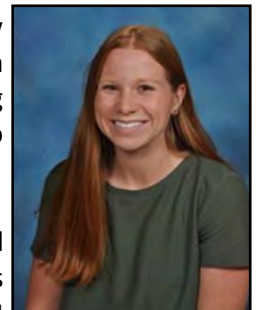
I spend my weekends working at Kohl's Department Store and helping out on the farm, when possible. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and pets; I also enjoy reading, crafting, and watching movies. I am active in my church's Adult Choir and Handbell Choir.



Miss Brittany Mangers

Hi! I am Brittany Mangers and I am very excited to be the new 5th grade teacher here at Saint Teresa's School. I grew up on a farm about 25 minutes west of Hastings. I enjoy returning home to soak up the country life and see family. I have two older siblings.

I attended St. Michael's Elementary School until 5th grade, and then attended Saint Cecilia's for middle and high school. I was involved in sports and I still love to play. After high school, I made the decision to continue my education at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. It was the best decision! I was blessed with many great experiences through the University with practicums, classes, and finding supportive friends. I enjoy a variety of activities in my free time. I love to go shopping, catch up with my friends, read, go to church, workout, and so much more. I have appreciated my transition from a college student to full-time teaching and I cannot wait to see what this school year has in store for me!



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"Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi" As we Worship, so we Believe, so we Live