



Dear Parents,

November 6, 2024

It seems on any given day at school (not to mention in our nation) there are events which rejoice and uplift the heart and incidents which sadden and remind that we are still in the thick of a battle for souls.

This morning, for example, I was delighted to see our twenty PK children at Mass trying their best to listen attentively and pray. Our fourth and fifth graders patiently assisted them with kindness and care. This was the first time this year that our PK children attended Mass at school. I was proud of their earnest effort and likewise delighted with the consideration and example our older children gave them.

On the downside, also this morning we had to deal with graffiti on the wall of the boys' bathroom. It has been a problem here the last several weeks and it saddens me that some child has such words in his mind and heart.

Yesterday, I had the blessed experience of seeing God's beauty and goodness in one of our school family's newborn baby son. Today, I learned of a mother whose twin baby girls perished in the womb leaving her and her family heartbroken.

I'm sure everyone of you could add your own examples. How do we handle so many ups and downs in life? We handle them by always blessing the Lord. He makes all things work for the good of those who love Him. Romans 8:28

Last evening, when I was not at all sure what the outcome of the Nebraska pro-life legislation would be, lyrics from this old Praise and Worship song came to mind as well as the words of Old Testament Job who said, "Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" Job 2:10b

May we always bless the name of the Jesus!

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.

## Blessed Be Your Name by [Matt Redman](#)

Blessed Be Your Name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed Be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's 'all as it should be'  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord!



## **LB 434 Succeeded!:**

Nebraska Bishops write,

*“Praise be to God for an inspiring victory for Nebraska women and children! We are overjoyed at the defeat of Initiative 439 and the success of Initiative 434.*

*Nebraskans have sent a clear message to the rest of our nation: Nebraska is a pro-life state that will stand up for its most vulnerable citizens.*

*As we celebrate this important victory for life and the dignity of the human person, we reaffirm our longstanding commitment to every mother, father, child, and family in our state, to work for their support, and to be, in the words of Pope Francis, ‘islands of mercy in a sea of indifference.’*

*We call on every Nebraskan to join us in this mission of mercy, love, and unyielding resolve.”*

**Eucharistic Revival:** “Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.” – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

**Scholarships:** The Odyssey scholarships have been granted. If you have questions about your scholarship, please call the office.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- November 8 Mass of Remembrance – Parishioners who have died during the past year will be remembered at this Mass while their names are read and a candle brought forward in their honor.  
Dental Health Check-Up - Please turn in permission papers if you would like your child’s teeth checked at school.
- November 11 Veterans Day remembrance by the flagpole after the 8:15 am Mass.
- November 13 No hot lunch today. Our head cook is taking a professional development day.  
Third graders have their class Mass at 8:15 am.
- November 15 Mid-term
- November 18 No afternoon bus services today
- November 19 6:30 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting

### **Coming Home today:**

Public Health Solutions Dental Day form