PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

St. Catherine of Siena Newsletter October 9 2018

WEEKLY REFLECTION!

The Book of Job was the main focus in the readings last week. Essentially, it is about undeserved suffering. Job's every attempt to answer the question, why is there suffering, falls short. Job lost all his 7 children, all his property, and was afflicted with sores. Job begins to curse his life. The Book continues with Job trying to figure out why he is suffering. Eventually, God responds to Job, but the answer is beyond his understanding. What finally gives Job the peace he needs is the intimacy of experiencing God Himself, something his friends could not do for him. We all have our own crosses to bear. Although we may question why there is suffering, we can find reprieve in knowing God, in all His greatness, is choosing to intimately communicate with us.

Important Items

- October 8: Light rail representatives and St. Catherine of Siena Admin met to discuss logistics concerning construction.
- October 9: Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins
- October 12: No School
- October 15-16: Parent teacher conferences
- October 19: St. Mary's 8th Grade Day
- October 26: Xavier's 8th Grade Day

Curriculum

- Teachers from across the Diocese will gather at Xavier College Prep this Friday for their Teacher In-Service.
- Thanks to St. Mary's High School for donating a playhouse to pre-school.
- Below is the ITBS School's Profile data indicating the percentage of classes that showed One Year's Growth for Grades 2-8.

⇒ Reading: 83%

⇒ ELA Total: 83%

⇒ Math: 100%

⇒ Core: 100%

⇒ Social Studies: 67%

⇒ Science: 100%

Saints of the Week:

Grades Pk-2nd

St. Hyacinth: *While in mass, the town was being attacked. After mass, he took the ciborium in his hands and began to flee the church, when he heard a statue of Mary ask, "...my son, why dost thou leave me behind? Take me with thee and leave me not to mine enemies." The statue was made of heavy alabaster, but he carried it along with the Holy Eucharist.*

Grades 3-5

St. Tarcisius: *He was a 12 year old boy, while carrying the Eucharist to Christians in prison who were condemned to die. On the way, a group of playmates asked him to join their game, but he refused. The small gang of boys noticed he was carrying something and recognized him as Christian, so they started to beat Tarcisius.*

Grades 6-8

St. Margaret Clitherow: *She was arrested and killed for harboring priests. She was stretched out on the ground with a sharp rock on her back and crushed under weights.*