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SECRETARIAL SENTIMENT

by Lisa Hunter, School Secretary

As school secretaries, Mrs. Rey and I work the front line of St. Augustine School. We hear every compliment, complaint, family story and tales of parenthood,..and that's just from the students!

We put band aids on boo boo's, ice packs on bonked heads, and lend an ear to frustrated students. We've heard every possible name for body parts and they're funky functions. The younger the kids, the more uncensored they tend to be. But there is a common thread among all the students; they're real, want to be accepted, and are willing to help others.

As adults we don't always retain those admirable qualities. Instead we become someone else in order to be accepted, and the only people we're typically willing to help is ourselves. How would it feel to be like our kids? To be real? To help others because we want to?

Romans 12:2 tells us "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind..." while 1 Peter 4:10 says "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another..."

This week consider taking some quiet time to shut out the noise of the world. Be the person God made you to be, not the person you think you have to be. Let God speak to your heart so you can be transformed into a true servant of the one who came to serve.

BE STILL

There is still time to join other St. Augustine and Holy Family parishioners for **A Day of Reflection** at the Capuchin Retreat House in Washington Township on Thursday October 19, 2017 from 9am - 2pm. \$25 suggested donation Contact Lee Baeyens at (586) 727-4198 for more information.

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A FIRST FOR THIRD GRADE

by Ellen Kauffman, 3rd grade teacher

Every grade has something to look forward to. Second graders make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. There are many firsts in third grade, but one of them happened last week. On Wednesday, the students hosted their first school Mass. That means the third graders read the introduction, First Readings, Psalm, and intercessions. They were also the greeters, ushers, and brought up the gifts.

Students started practicing their readings the week before so that they could pronounce all the hard words. Then on Monday and Tuesday, we practiced the whole Mass at church so all the third graders would know what to do. On the day of our Mass, many of the parents make special arrangements to come to church to see their children in their new role. That Wednesday morning, the students were really excited, but also very nervous. In the end, they all did a great job. Those who did not get an opportunity this time are looking forward to our Mass in November so they will get a turn.

If you ever get the chance to come to a Mass on Wednesday morning at St. Augustine, you will get to see our students in action.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY OCTOBER 20TH

Please keep the school staff in your prayers during their in-service day.

HALLOWEEN, OCTOBER 31ST

Students may wear their Halloween costume over their uniform on October 31st. No play knives, guns, or weapons. No masks.

AUCTION TICKETS ALMOST GONE

Approximately **50** tickets remain for the annual school auction held at Maniaci's Banquet Center.

GET YOUR TICKETS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE