

# Academy Update

## What's Been Happening...

The month of April came and went like the rainy days we can't seem to get enough of. This is usually the shortest month of our school year, due to days off during Holy Week, followed by Easter vacation. Nonetheless, from the Kindergarteners going on an exciting field trip to Mobius, to the seniors jumping time zones to Italy, it's been a busy month to say the least. In the grade school, auction projects were a focus during the month, and they were all a big hit at the auction itself last week.

The first graders received a private choir lesson from Mother Mary Dominica - a great privilege! Learning the importance of the roles of our priests, they are also making extreme unction kits to see what a priest would need in a life or death situation. Second graders continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion ... the most special event which is now just days away. Interestingly, every boy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is a Knight of the Altar and has served at Stations of the Cross during Lent, and every girl is a member of the Sodality! The third grade just finished their Saint reports and students are currently reading Charlotte's Web. They also entered a contest for the local realty company

Home in which they drew pictures of their houses and wrote 'what my home means to me.' Fourth graders are loving science class ... they learned how to power a lightbulb with a battery and a wire! They are also enjoying reading the life of Saint Dominic Savio and making Resurrection cookies which helped them understand the events of Holy Week.

In grades 5 and 6 it is that time of year again when Sister Corrine Marie assigns 'The Research Project' ... a big project her students have tackled annually since '07. This year's topic was various countries of the world. As always, the students finished these projects with flying colors and they are on display, outside the classroom....stop by to appreciate their hard work!

When you hear that "Easter Vacation is the only 'exciting' thing that happened this month," you know the junior high boys are ready for summer vacation! But they did say they were proud to have passed their 100th lesson of math, so that is something! The junior high girls are working on little stories in Latin class, which they intend to produce as small individual books... a fun project for them!

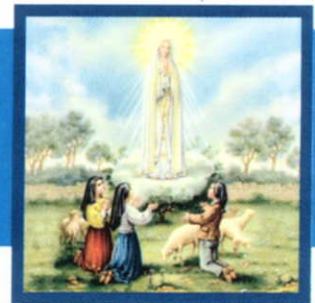
In the high school, *Julius Caesar* skits were performed by the freshman-sophomore literature class as they read the play. They

also enjoyed dissecting animals in biology class. The high school boys did a great job as part of the schola chanting the Major Litanies during the procession on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The juniors are busy producing the yearbook and starting to raise some class funds for their senior year. And the big event for seniors, of course, was their trip to Italy. The spent time in Mugnano at the shrine of St. Philomena, in Naples and Assisi, as well as three and a half days in Rome itself. If you missed it, they kept a blog of their daily activities which you can read here:

<http://When-in-Rome-2017.blogspot.com> It was truly an amazing and inspiring trip that they will remember forever!

The last weekend of the month was the annual auction, an event that involves the entire Academy... students, teachers, and parents. With auction projects from the grade school as well as the high school mosaics and carpentry classes, students helping serve the meal, wash the dishes, greet guests, park cars, and many dedicated hours by parents putting the whole event together, it came off once again as a

Kindergarteners enjoying the Science Center



Ethan works with Mr. Murry on the 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade auction project.



Students take advantage of a short break during the Auction.



A group photo on one of the lovely

