



PRAIRIE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear families,

As your principal at PCS, I'm on a spiritual journey with you. There are many questions that come to my mind when I reflect daily. "How can I be a better Christian, leader and parent?" What I now call, "my portable office" is my car. During my drive to and from school, I usually do the following:

- Watch for deer
- Catch up on phone calls
- Pray the rosary with my audible app
- Use the time for daily reflection

During my car ride yesterday, I thought...do you remember the part of the Creed where we professed believing that Jesus is "consubstantial" with the Father? In case you were confused and wondering like I was, here's what the word means from an excerpt from the book "More Than Words" that explains it. For a little background, this word and many other words were changed in 2011.

Here is their explanation of the word: If you've ever had a best friend or been completely in love, or if you've known someone almost your whole life, you know what it is like to say 'We're basically the same person. If you've known twins, you've probably noticed how they seem to know what the other is thinking, whether they are identical or not. If you've attended a wedding and heard the priest reference that the two become one flesh (Mark 10:8), you know that there is a sacred joining of two together. But when we talk about the union of God the Father with God the Son, it is not enough to just say that they are the same. They are both God ... one God in three unique Persons. By asking us to now use the word consubstantial when we pray the Creed (remember, the Creed is a statement of what we believe as Catholics) the Church is reminding us of the importance of professing that the Father and the Son are the exact same substance.

That means we believe that what they are made of, what they both are at their very core, is the same, just as Jesus Himself said: 'The Father and I are one' (John 10:30).

Now, many of you may have known the meaning of "consubstantial", but I didn't. I just thought I would share one of my own personal questions and maybe I could help someone else. "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery-the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them." (CCC 2223)

Pray that you will understand Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully man.

One final note if you want to go a little deeper: the idea of the Father and Son being consubstantial is one of the ways that the early Church answered against heresies about who Jesus was. When some wanted to say that Jesus was not fully human or was not fully God, or when others did not believe that He was eternal, the Church professed her belief that Jesus and the Father are One God of the same substance. The concept of homoousion, which is now translated into consubstantial, was first clearly articulated at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD (which is where the Nicene Creed came from).

With peace~
Mary Henry, Principal

No School – There will be no school on November 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. *There will not be a newsletter or brown envelope next Tuesday.* If there is any information that needs to go home, we will send a Skylert. Happy Thanksgiving to all. Enjoy your time off.



Veterans Day Program – We are thankful to all who came to the Veterans Day program. We had such a great turn out, and so many positive comments. We will leave the Wall of Honor up until the end of November.



Thanksgiving Food Drive – The PCS Student Council will be sponsoring a Food and Personal Items Drive. The class that brings in the most items will win an ice cream surprise! The items can be brought into your child's homeroom teacher from Monday, November 26th to Monday, December 17th. Please remember to think of others during this holiday season. Thank you!

Prayer for Understanding and Wisdom of All things

Thank you Father for the wonderful way that we have been created in Your likeness – for the amazing way that our bodies and minds function. Lord I pray that You would enable me a deeper understanding of You. Your will, Your ways, and Your person.

Teach me what You would have me do in the place where You have planted me. Help me day by day Lord to fix the eyes of my heart and the gaze of my understanding on You. Use my hands and my feet to lift and carry others and may I walk in the paths that You have set before me and not stray from Your will for my life.

Lord I pray that the thoughts of my mind would be continuously upon you, so that I may speak only those things that are pleasing to You and think only those thoughts honoring to Your name. I ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

Christmas Program – This year's Prairie Catholic Christmas Program will be Wednesday, December 12th, at 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria. The make-up date will be the following Wednesday, December 19th.

Calendar Sweepstakes - Coming home today are 6 calendars to each family. This fundraiser could raise as much as \$15,000.00 for the support of Prairie Catholic Schools. We need everyone's help for this fundraiser to be successful. Remember if you sell 5 calendars, you get the 6th free. Please turn in sold slips and money to the school office. Good luck & keep selling!

Coming Home Today

Below is the information coming home this week. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

- Newsletter
- Weekly Church Bulletin
- Scrip form
- Calendar Sweepstakes Information & Calendars

Upcoming Events

November 15th – Academic Eligibility

November 21st – 23rd – No School – Thanksgiving Break

November 26th – Food Drive Begins

November 30th – Mid Term 2

December 6th – Progress reports going home

December 12th – Math Counts Competition

December 12th – Christmas Program

