



The Ferd Word

...weekly spotlight on a word to know at St. Ferdinand School by Principal Folino 😊 Nov 14 2019



LAYING DOWN ONE'S LIFE - THROUGH A LIFE OF LOVE



To commemorate Veteran's Day, four local Vets joined St. Ferdinand School in a day of celebration in their honor. After a blessing at mass, the Vets were treated to coffee and donuts, and then the Vets shared their stories and answered the many questions the students had about their service. The Vets then concluded their morning with a sub sandwich lunch and dessert.

Their visit truly made real, at a student level, what service in the military requires.

Further, these Vets truly served as role models who lived out the Gospel message from John quoted in the above image at the top of this page.

Although many of us will probably not be required to lay down our actual lives for anyone else, we, too, can look for little ways to do this. Recently, I found this quote online regarding this topic:

How do I live this out in my own life, as a friend, as a co-worker, as a parent and as a spouse? It all starts by making Jesus first in my life. In Him is the power to love. Without Him we can do nothing.

Even with Jesus, love is hard work. ... Living a life ruled by love often means making hard choices. Love will always cost you something, but not loving will cost you more. Love requires sacrifice, and the only person we can ever lovingly sacrifice is ourselves

(<https://relevantmagazine.com/life5/what-does-laying-down-your-life-really-mean/>).

I am proud to see love shown by the students and staff at St. Ferd's through actions such as the food drive collection, comforting each other as needed, and sharing compliments. Inspired by our Veteran visitors, in our own little corner of the world, and in our own little ways, we are living out these words.

