



2018-19 Registration

Thanks to everyone who has registered with SMART and returned registration materials for the 2018-19 school year. If you have not done both, please do so ASAP and feel free to call the office with any questions you may have. We're excited! It's going to be a great year!

National Teacher Appreciation Week – May 7-11

We would like to wish a heartfelt **Thank You** to our staff. We are blessed and grateful for our highly qualified, dedicated teachers here at Holy Spirit and all those who help to provide a faith-filled, academically challenging, and enriching education for your children.

May Crowning

Please join us Wednesday, May 2nd, as we honor Mary, our Mother, during our 8:45 am All School Liturgy and May Crowning. Students are encouraged to wear blue or white uniforms that day in honor of Mary.

Earth Day Recycle Art Challenge

Congratulations to our winners! **Grades 2-5: 1st Place:** Sam B., Mia H., and Lexi S. **2nd Place:** Drew B., Andrew L., Brady K., and Cam I. **3rd Place:** Riley B., Tessa B. Katelyn K., and Maddie B. **Grades 6-8: 1st Place:** Danny G., Dom I., Collin W., and Lucky T. **2nd Place:** Nora A., Skyler P., Amber W., and Aniah T. **Tie for 3rd Place:** Rose P. and Hallie M., Ava B., Brenna O., and Will S. Congratulations to all the students on their wonderfully creative recycled creations!

First Communion and Confirmation

Congratulations to the children of our parish who will receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 6th, and the young adults who were Confirmed on Tuesday, April 10th. We pray for, support, and encourage them as they grow in their faith and become stewards of Christ in our community. We are still in need of two Eucharistic Ministers for the First Communion Liturgy. Please contact Diane Schoof at dschoof@hsparish.org if you would like to sign up.

March Reading Month Bookmark Contest

Congratulations to Mackenzie C. in 2F, Natalie W. in 3K, and Jessica F. in 8W for designing the winning bookmarks. They have received a color day pass, a free skate pass from Walker Ice & Fitness, and copies of their bookmarks have been made for students to use.

Student Council News

Thank you to all of the families who have participated in our Lenten Project by supporting our 16 new refugee friends from the Learning Cafe at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Our Student Council Members met with them for a couple of Board Game Nights, collected \$137 for technology needs, and collected board games and school supplies. We are in the process of planning an ice cream and soccer night here on our field once the weather gets warmer. Thank you!

We will have our last Student Council sponsored Color Day on May 4th. The theme is Movie Character Day. Cost is \$1 per family with the proceeds going to Mrs. Becky Theile, a former Holy Spirit teacher who is battling cancer. Casual or dress-up attire is acceptable, but must comply with guidelines listed within the dress code.

Important Dates:

Friday, April 27th

~Yearbook Orders Due
~Variety Show Forms Due

Wednesday, May 2nd

~May Crowning Mass 8:45 am
~Wear blue uniforms

Friday, May 4th

~Movie Character Day
\$1.00 per family
~4th Quarter Mid-terms Online
~Spring Sports Pictures Due

Sunday, May 6th

~First Communion Mass 1pm

Wednesday, May 9th

~Uccello's Give Back Night 4-8pm

Friday, May 11th

~Sports Banquet RSVP Due

Friday, May 18th

~Sports Banquet 6-10p (RSVP by 5/11)

Sunday, May 20th

~Pentecost Celebrations

Monday, May 21st

~Boxtop, Aunt Millie's, Tyson,
and Family Fare Color Day

Friday, May 25th

~Newsletter/Calendar

Monday, May 28th

~Memorial Day
~No School, CDC Closed
~No Scrip

Friday, June 1st

~Community Day/Variety Show
~WWTS Shirt Color day

NEWS FROM THE BOOSTERS

The Holy Spirit 2018 Sports Banquet will be held on **Friday, May 18th** from 6pm-10pm in the Activity Center. Cost is \$15 per family, which includes student athlete and parents. Dinner will be followed by a guest speaker, slide show of the year in sports, and a DJ and dancing from 8pm-10pm. Please complete **the RSVP Form included** in this newsletter and return to the office **NO LATER THAN MAY 11th**. Thank You!

Sports Banquet Slide Show Picture Request - Pictures are needed of all Spring sports teams, baseball, soccer, tennis, track, lacrosse and softball. Please submit pictures in digital format on a CD or flash drive no later than Friday, May 4th.

West Catholic Football and Cross Country Meetings - There will be a football parent meeting on Monday, April 30th at 7pm in the WC Cafetorium, and cross country parent meeting on Monday, May 7th at 7pm in the team room. All incoming 9th grade families who are interested in or planning upon participating in either next year are invited to attend to learn about summer conditioning and sign ups.

PUBLISHING CENTER NEWS

Awesome Authors Club

Congratulations to the following students who published books during the month of March.

KDG: Kazi R., Marcus A., Grace M., Sofia M., June A., Ashley M., Isabella S., Nora L., Kennedy N.

1H/S: Avery N., Lucas A., Jacob B., Drew S., Brianna D., Alex G.

2F: Mackenzie C., Ashton J., Hannah V., Declan A., Torey M., Rogue C., Helen K., Lucy E., Kelsey B., Gabe N.

3K: Caroline D., Luca M., Judy H.

Ice Cream Contest

Congratulations to the students in **6C** and **3K**. They are the winners of the Ice Cream Contest and will receive an ice cream party. Thanks to all who participated!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Adam H.	Gabe N.	Brooklyn B.
Emma V.	Katelyn A.	Ethan L.
Mason S.	Evelyn A.	Justin H.
Owen A.	Luciano M.	Myani Z.
Leo C.	Evelyn B.	Kayden K.
Amber W.	Anna M.	Jacob T.
Aislynn S.	Holly S.	Sophia M.
Riley B.	Charlie V.	Rylie B.
Jacob W.	Mrs. Schoof	
Mrs. Carlstrom		

Third Quarter BUG Awards

Congratulations to the following 4th-8th grade Holy Spirit students who received the "BUG Award" at the end of the 3rd Quarter for Bringing Up a Grade, while maintaining all other grades.



5th – Will C, Matthew G, Jack H, Mike M, Michael N, Eli R, Celeste S, Lexi S, Trace T.

6th – Cole B, Makayla B, Hadley P, Agata S, Holly S, Blake T, Ava V.

7th – Nora A, Gabe A, Matthew B, Alysse G, Lexi G, Colin H, Karlie K, Aniah T.

In Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers **Mrs. DiGiovanna** on the passing of her Brother and the

DeBruyne Family

On the death of their Grandfather.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.





Holy Spirit Child Development Center:
Summer Care Program 2018: Enrollment Information

It is that time of year again to be thinking about summer activities and vacations. The CDC staff is very excited and has been busy planning activities for our 2018 Summer Care Program. Summer Care will begin on Monday, June 11, 2018 and ends on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. The Summer Care Program is available for Holy Spirit School children and other children enrolled in schools within the GR Catholic Diocese. Children must be in Preschool (3 years of age and toilet-trained) through 8th grade. The center hours are 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed Wednesday, July 4-Friday, July 6). Each day will be filled with special activities for all the children. There are also weekly destination field trip opportunities for children who will be entering 1st through 8th grade in the fall. For enrollment information and availability please contact Melanie Francis at mfrancis@hsparish.org.

HS HAPPENINGS and SAVE THE DATES

2018 Variety Show



Students: It's that time again! It's never too early to start thinking about how you would like to show off your talents. This year's Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, June 1st. Please pick one talent to showcase. Parents, if you are interested, and available to help with the Variety Show, we are looking for your help during the scheduled lunch hour rehearsals from 11:45-12:15, on May 7-25. Please contact Elise Hollister or Paula Ryan. **The entry form can be found in this newsletter and online and must be returned, with parent signatures, no later than Friday, April 27th.**

Graduation Planning Meeting for 7th Grade Parents - Our final planning meeting for parents is Monday, May 14th at 7:00pm in the Art Room. Please join us!

2018 Community Day - Friday, June 1st, is our Community Day complete with Praise Service, Games, and Variety Show. This will be a *Walking With The Spirit T-Shirt* Color Day. Please be sure to keep this shirt as we will be using this again next year.

Walking With the Spirit will be Friday, September 14, 2018 This is the eleventh year that the Holy Spirit School PTA will be planning this exciting walk-a-thon style event to benefit all Holy Spirit School students. The funds raised by *Walking With The Spirit* are used to fund essential programs such as technology enhancements, school library, the Publishing Center, class field trips and more. More information regarding volunteering and other opportunities will be available soon!

Walking With The Spirit 2018 Sponsorship Opportunities If you or your employer would be interested in supporting *Walking With The Spirit* with a financial or other contribution, please contact Kelly Clancy at holyspiritwalk@gmail.com. There are many unique benefits with sponsoring the event.

Library News

Congratulations and Thank You to Aniah T., the newest member of our Birthday Book Club! Aniah has donated a book to the school library in honor of her birthday and has received a color day pass for her generosity. Thank you!

The week of Monday, May 21st will be the LAST week to check out books from the library. All books checked out will need to be returned the week of May 29th.

2018 Yearbook Sale

Don't forget to order your 2018 yearbook! Cost remains at \$10 per book. Please complete the Order Form sent home with your child and return by **Friday, April 27th**.

Student Needs Survey To assist us with appropriate classroom placement for your child next fall, you may access the Student Needs Survey on our website. This survey will help us to understand your child's optimum learning environment from your perspective. Please complete and return to the office no later than **May 25th**.

Lost and Found

Just a reminder to check the Lost and Found bins the next time you're in the building. Before we know it, the school year will be over and all items not claimed **by June 8th** will be donated.

Used Uniform Sale

We will again be offering the Used Uniform Sale on Community Day, **Friday, June 1st**. Items may be dropped off in the office the week of **May 29th**. Please pin an envelope to each item with your asking price, size, last name and classroom. If you would like to donate your proceeds or leftover items, please indicate "donate" on the envelope. A table will be set up in the hallway on Friday.

Summer Activities & Summer Skills Sharpener

Be sure to check out the hallway and the link box included in this newsletter for area **summer camps/classes** being held, including those from **West Catholic and local colleges**. In addition, Holy Spirit will be offering the **Diocesan Summer Skills** program for students. This is a 20 day review packet of essential academic skills in math, reading and more. **Additional information is provided on the attached flyer, including instructions on how to order your packet.**

Summer Theatre Camp News!

Mr. David Inbody, our school musical director, is holding two Summer Drama Camps this year. Students entering Gr. 6-10 can attend June 11-22 at Coopersville High School. Students entering Gr. 2-5 can attend July 9-20 (1/2 days) at Holy Spirit. See the Link Box for additional date and location details on both. Registrations are available in the office.

May, the Month of the Rosary

To celebrate the month of the Rosary, we will be praying a decade of the rosary every day during the month of May. In honor of Mary, students are encouraged to wear blue uniforms for the May 2nd May Crowning.

Scrip News

There will be no scrip on Memorial Day and the last week of scrip for the summer is June 18th. If you have not already done so, please set up your online account. That way, you can still shop while we're on break!

BOX TOPS, FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS, AUNT MILLIES LABELS

Cut and Save those Box tops, receipts and bread labels! Our last turn in day is **Monday, May 21st**. Please visit www.SchoolSpiritPrograms.com to find the brands eligible for earnings. Please cut out the Logos and UPC Codes prior to turning them in. Your clipping at home will save our coordinators countless hours of clipping and snipping!

Vacation Bible School

This year's VBS will be held on June 11-14 from 6:30-8:30pm. We are in need of adult volunteers to lead groups of students through our stations. Please email Diane Schoof at dschoof@hsparish.org to volunteer. Thank you!

LINK BOX

[GR Diocesan Welcome Scholarship](#)
[GR Diocesan SMART TUITION Enrollment Website](#)
[GR Diocesan SMART AID application link](#)
[Aquinas STEM Summer Camp](#)
[John Ball Zoo Summer Camps](#)
[Calvin College Outdoors Inspired Summer Camps](#)
[Calvin College Sports Summer Camps](#)
[Calvin College Summer Baseball Camps](#)
[2018 Into the Woods Theater Camp Info](#)
[2018 Jungle Book Theater Camp Info](#)



PTA ELECTION:

During the March PTA meeting, our treasurer was announced! Please join in congratulating **Phil Alt** as the new PTA treasurer! We feel confident that he will do a fantastic job. **Angela Dusseau** will be completing her role for the 2017/2018 school year. If you see Angie, please thank her for all the hard work and dedication she has put into her position.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Thank you to everyone that has turned in Spartan Nash receipts. We will be receiving our SECOND \$1000 check from them this year. We are all very thankful for this community program from Spartan Nash!! Keep shopping!! We have one more Boxtops/Aunt Millie's/Tyson/Family Fare Color Day scheduled before the end of the year on Monday, May 21.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Thanks to all who attended the Ice Cream Social on April 14th. It was very well attended and a fun event for all, followed by a beautiful concert at the Evening of Worship. Thank you to the Social Committee for donating the ice cream, toppings and paper products for this event!

TITAN GIVE-BACK EVENTS

Mark your calendars... Our next Titan Give Back Night is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th from 4:00-8:00 at Uccello's in Standale. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

HOLY SPIRIT APPAREL

In the next few weeks we will be adding a couple new items to the HS Apparel website. Keep an eye out for a flyer in the near future.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING Minutes– March 27, 2018

- Kristin called the meeting to order at 6:59 and said the opening prayer.
- BOARD IDENTIFICATION
 - Kristin Adams - PRESIDENT – 616.893.9251 | kristin-adams@hotmail.com
 - Joylynn Kelly - VICE PRESIDENT – 616.301.4514 | joylynn6476@yahoo.com
 - Angela Dusseau - TREASURER – 616.735.0316 | dusseau5@comcast.net
 - Andrea Dewicki - SECRETARY – 616.350.0029 | andreadewicki@gmail.com
- STAFF in attendance: Mr. Kalahar, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Duffy, Ms. West, Mrs. Clancy, Mrs. Stroh, Mrs. Carlstrom
- READING OF PTA GOALS (Kristin Adams)
- PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (Pat Kalahar)
 - March 9 was an in-service day. “Classroom Learning Lab”
 - Teachers went to other schools
 - Got ideas, gave feedback
 - March 12, teachers from other schools visited Holy Spirit.
 - Very beneficial for everyone involved
 - March was National Reading Month
 - Kids voted on books for the reading bracket. Final 2 are “A Dog’s Purpose” and “Wonder.”
 - There is a middle school book club that meets during lunch. Thank you to Mrs. Swider, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Pyper for their time on this!
 - Students have been collecting supplies for refugee children.
 - School Supplies, snacks were collected
 - Refugee children invited to evening of worship
 - Holy Spirit students met with them to play board games
 - This effort was featured on the Diocese web page
 - There were approximately 220 people at each performance of Willy Wonka Jr.
 - Roughly 100 students participated on the musical this year.]
 - HUGE thanks to everyone who helped to put this on, especially Dave Inbody!
 - Career Day will be held on April 18.
 - 19 professionals will be presenting
 - Each student can attend four 25-minute sessions.
 - Thank you so much to Angela Dusseau for her service as PTA treasurer for the past 3 years!
- TREASURER’S REPORT (Angela Dusseau)

- We received payouts from several things.
 - Royalty from Holy Spirit Apparel
 - \$39.47 from Amazon Smile
 - \$215.49 from Uccello's Titan Give Back Night
- Funds were spent on:
 - 8th grade technology items
 - 3rd grade field trip to Frederick Meijer Gardens
 - Transportation to the Symphony
 - Parent Bowling Night
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - Apparel (Emily Bouma/Kristin Inbody)
 - New items will be added soon, including moisture wicking uniform polos. Will have samples in the office for sizing.
 - Birthday Board (Val Schwallier) No news, thank you for beautiful boards!
 - Book Fair (Carrie Miedema/Beth Bott)
 - 1st Saturday in December w/Santa Breakfast- scheduled for next year
 - Beth will be taking over next year.
 - Box Tops/Spartan Nash/Aunt Millie's (Barb Caputo/Mercedes Barnum)
 - Mercedes will take over box tops from Barb after this year.
 - Collection as dropped from past years. It was suggested to change turn in dates/color days because General Mills changed the turn in dates.
 - We have turned in another \$150,000 in Spartan Nash receipts! We will receive another \$1000 check!
 - Aunt Millie's is submitted in October.
 - Tyson Project A+ is new! We get 25 cents per label, and there is a new collection box for them.
 - Spartan Nash owes us \$1000! We are \$50,000 away from our 3rd check.
 - Family Outreach (Mandy Tuttle)
 - Let us know if you know of someone that needs help from this committee.
 - Will be sending out a meal train after spring break for a HS mother, please keep their family in your prayers.
 - Paper Gator (Lori DeBruyne) No update. Have not received a payment lately.
 - Parent Ambassador (Kelly Clancy) No news.
 - Publishing Center (Rose Worm/ Erin Gottleber)
 - Rose is thinking that they will not have a contest next year. It seems to have inspired the people who already write to publish more instead of inspiring those who do not write. Do not want to overdo it with contests.
 - Will continue to showcase an author in the newsletter.
 - A parent suggested keeping the contest but having a sliding scale for entries per book published.
 - Room Parent Coordinator (Erin Gottleber)
 - Nothing to report. Erin sends monthly emails to the room parents.
 - Social Committee: (Carrie Miedema)

- Ice cream social will take place before Evening of Worship on April 14
 - Adult Bowling night was not well attended. We struggle with adult only events.
- Sunshine Committee (Emily Andersen)
 - Have provided 21 sympathy cards to families, average 4 per month.
 - Emily suggested having mass dedicated the loved ones that have passed as another nice thing for families. She has offered to head this up.
 - \$10/mass
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Erin Gottleber/Shelley Hoffmann)
 - Will take place May 7-11 this year.
 - Plan is in place, will be changing a few things.
 - Possibly Billy K catering for lunch, other awesome surprises.
- Teacher's Conference Meals (Michael and Andrea Dewicki)
 - Another successful round of conference meals! Thank you to all the volunteers and those who donated supplies.
 - It's very easy to volunteer! You can do as much or as little as you want. If you're interested in cooking, you can help with that. If not, you can serve, clean, do dishes...
- Variety Show (Elise Hollister)
 - Elise is looking for a co-chair! Please contact one of the PTA board members if interested!
 - This event is in the planning stages, we are looking for volunteers
- Walking with the Spirit (Kelly Clancy)
 - Will take place in 2018 on September 14 with festival weekend.
 - This will be our 11th annual walking with the spirit!
 - Thank you to Kristin Inbody for the bookmarks for reading month!
 - Looking for new sponsors, please continue to support our current sponsors!
 - Not a T-shirt year, low operating costs. Want to keep it fresh, exciting.
- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:
 - Parent Workshops
 - We received a suggestion from a parent who has relatives at a different catholic school in the area. The school holds 4-5 parent workshops each year touching on topics such as:
 - Anxiety
 - Internet/social media use and safety
 - Nutrition, healthy living
 - Mental Health awareness
 - Could tie in with the Be Nice program
 - We might consider sending a survey to parents to get a feel for what they might be interested in.
 - Could work together with another school or the Diocese.
 - New PTA Treasurer
 - Phil Alt will be taking over for Angela Dusseau Phil has 3 children ages 6, 4 and 2. His two older children currently attend Holy Spirit.
 - He is a CPA and has degrees from GVSU and MSU. Attended St. Joe and West Catholic

FEATURED AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to June A., in Grade K-AM for being the Featured Author of the Month. June has won a lunch of her choice and her story is featured below.

THE CAT

This book is dedicated to Molly who really, really likes cats.

The cat sat on the hat. Her name was Kiki.

The dog sat on the log in the bog in the fog. His name was Bud.

The chick liked chicks. Her name was Chicky.

The bird liked Nerds. His name was Lerds.

The cheetah had feetah. The deer liked to tear. The cheetah's name was Speedy.
The deer's name was Spindle.

The horse's name was Lorse. He was the owner of the horse course.

The elephant got tangled up in a rope. And his sister's name was Melephant.

The rabbit has a good habit.

All the animals wanted bubblegum, but the rabbit got a carrot cheeseburger.

THE END

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

June likes to play the Wii and to swing on her swings at home. She will be doing a cool thing at the YMCA called "Kids Cook". The people in her family are her Mom and Dad, Declan, herself, Peter, Paul, and Blaise. She still has a kitty and is hoping for a dog. She loves both kitties and dogs. Her favorite food is ice cream. She wants to be a scientist when she grows up.

2017-18 YEARBOOK SALE

Don't Miss Out! **Order now for a yearbook this spring!**

Return the following form to your teacher by Friday, **April 27**.

Please order ____ yearbooks for the _____ family.

I have enclosed \$10 for each book ordered.

Checks may be made payable to Holy Spirit School.

Please send the yearbooks home with _____

in _____ Grade/Class.

Parent's Signature _____

*****CUT AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT*****



Holy Spirit School Calendar, May, 2018

[NWEA MAP Testing 4/23-5/18](#)

[Lunch Supervision, Grade 1](#) / For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org

April 29 5 th Sunday <u>of Easter</u> <u>Jn 15:1-8</u> Children's Choir 10:00 Mass	April 30 Girls on the Run (GOTR) 3:30-5:00	May 1 No Choir	2 May Crowning <u>Mass 8:45</u> Wear blue uniforms	3 Gr. 4 <u>State Fair</u> <u>GOTR 3:30</u> 6:00 First Eucharist Practice	4 Student Council Movie Character Fun Day <u>\$1 per family</u> 4 th Quarter Midterms Online	5
6 First Communion <u>1:00</u> 6 th Sunday <u>of Easter</u> Jn 15:9-17	7 Teacher Appreciation <u>Week</u> GOTR 3:30	8 Choir 3:20	9 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Y5 & all K attend in AM <u>Field Trip</u> 3:15 Gr. 2 <u>Little Flowers</u> Uccello's Giveback Night 4:00-8:00	10 GOTR 3:30	11 Gr. 4-5 <u>Lansing</u> <u>Trip</u> Sports Banquet RSVP Due	12
13 <u>Mother's Day</u> <u>Ascension</u> Mk 16:15-20	14 GOTR 3:30	15 <u>Choir 3:20</u> 6:00 Board Meeting	16 Mass 8:45	17 3:15 Gr. 1 <u>Little Flowers</u> <u>GOTR 3:30</u> Student Council 3:30	18 Gr. 2-3 <u>Field Trip</u> Sports Banquet	19 Matthew Kelly at the DeltaPlex
20 <u>Pentecost</u> <u>Jn 20:19-23</u> Children's Choir <u>12:00 Mass</u> Band Concert @WC 3:00	21 Boxtop/ Aunt Millie's/ Tyson/ Family Fare Color Day	22 Choir 3:20	23 Mass 8:45	24 Gr. 8 Exams <u>Full Day</u> Gr. 5-6 <u>Field Trip</u> 3Pre Picnic 11:00-1:00	25 Gr. 6 <u>Field Trip</u> 4Pre Picnic <u>11:00-1:00</u> Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 <u>Dismissal</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	26
27 Solemnity of the <u>Holy Trinity</u> Mt 28:16-20	28 <u>Memorial Day</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	29 Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 <u>Dismissal</u> <u>Choir 3:20</u> Last day to return library books	30 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Last day for 4- yr old <u>Preschool</u> Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 Dismissal	31 Last day for 3-yr old <u>Preschool</u> Gr.7 <u>Field Trip</u> Gr. 8 <u>Class Trip</u> Used uniform sale tomorrow	June 1 WWTS Shirt <u>Color Day</u> <u>Community Day</u> 9:00 Praise Service 10:00 Games 12:45 Variety <u>Show</u> All K & Y5 attend in am	June 2

2018 Sports Banquet
Sponsored by the Holy Spirit Boosters
Dinner provided by: Three Men and a Grill

Date: Friday, May 18th
Time: 6:00pm – 10:00pm
Cost: \$15 per Family

The annual Holy Spirit Boosters Sports Banquet will be held to celebrate another sports season which gives our students at Holy Spirit the opportunity to learn and play sports.

Dinner will begin promptly at 6:00 followed by a guest speaker and a short program recapping our year in sports and thanking many people involved in making our year possible. **We request that all student/athletes sit with their parents during dinner. They can sit together during the slide show.**

Once again, we will have a slide show covering our year in sports here at Holy Spirit.

There will be a D J from 8:00 until 10:00pm playing music for our students and parents to cap off a fun evening. We ask that all students DO NOT leave the building. Parent Chaperones are appreciated.

Please fill out the section below for your reservation to the Banquet which will assist us in getting an accurate count of those attending the dinner and banquet. **Return to the school office in care of M. Nawrocki, Athletic Director, NO LATER THAN MAY 11th.**

Thank you for your support.

Your Holy Spirit Boosters Board.

Reservation

DUE DATE: 5-11-2018

Family Name: _____

Attending: Adults _____ Students _____

Paid: Cash: _____ Check # _____

PARENTS AND ATHLETES ONLY PLEASE – NO YOUNGER SIBLINGS

2018 Holy Spirit School - Variety Show

The 2018 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, June 1st.

Again this year, we are encouraging students to show off their special talents and gifts to perform an original act. Students may consider presenting:

- A dance routine
- A dramatic reading
- A stand-up comedy routine
- An instrumental or vocal piece
- The “sky's the limit!”

We are asking students to please refrain from lip syncs. All vocal pieces must have karaoke-style or live music for accompaniment.

The Variety Show entry form is to be turned into the school office by **Friday, April 27th**. Please be sure to fill out the form and read this letter completely with your parents, so you understand all the rules. Each participant must have his/her parent's signature.

Acts should be no longer than 2 minutes. Parents, please listen to the music your child has chosen as well as approving dance moves, jokes, and costuming. If deemed inappropriate and/or suggestive, your child will be asked to choose different music, dance moves, and/or costuming.

Please note!!! You must get your music to Mr. Joe Houdek jhoudek@hsparish.org in the form of iTunes or YouTube by Friday, May 11th.

Rehearsal and approval dates will be announced the week of **May 7th** and will be held during lunch hour from 11:45-12:15 in the gym. These dates are to give out information to all the acts and/or approve the content of the act. These are not open practice sessions. Students are responsible for organizing the members of their act and practicing at home or at times other than the final rehearsal and approval dates. Keep in mind during your practicing that the stage area is 16 feet long and 12 feet wide.

If you have any questions or concerns, we will be happy to help you.

Variety Show Committee

Elise Hollister
Angela Dusseau
Holli Sweedyk
Lizzie Duffy
Paula Ryan

Music/Sound Equipment Coordinator

Joe and Kathleen Houdek

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL
Variety Show Entry Form - 2018

TYPE OF ACT: _____

SONG TITLE/ARTIST: _____

Please Note: *All participants must be enrolled at Holy Spirit School.
Depending upon the number of interested participants –
students may be limited to one performance.*

	<u>List of Persons Participating:</u>	<u>Grade/Class</u>	<u>Phone #:</u>	<u>Parent's Signature</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Length of act (**Not to exceed 2 min.**): _____.

Equipment Needed (provided by participant): _____.

Equipment Needed (provided by Holy Spirit): _____.

Parents are requested to help at the rehearsals or with show set-up – please include a phone number where we might contact you to schedule a time to help (i.e. assisting with 11:45-12:15 rehearsal sessions, making phone calls from home, decorating for show)

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number _____ Day _____ Evening _____

Date rec'd: _____ Rec'd by: _____ Act approved: _____

S³ Summer Skills Sharpener 2018



Summer Skills Program

Summer Skills Sharpener (S³) is for those students who traditionally participated in the GRASP program through GRPS.

The objective behind this program is to provide a 20-day review packet of essential academic skills in: Math, Reading, and more! (5th - 8th grade program also includes Science). The program serves grades K-8th grade. This is a parent-friendly program allowing parent(s) and child(ren) to set the pace for this review and maintenance program, as well as providing answer keys for parent use.

Every grade level packet includes reading comprehension questions for at least one book (can be purchased at most book stores or borrowed from local libraries), and basic math skills reinforcement.

How to Order: (must complete BOTH steps- Weebly step and Payment step)

1. Weebly step:

Go to www.summerskillssharpener.weebly.com

Click on "How to Order"

Fill in the Family and School Information Form (click submit)

2. Payment Step:

Click "Buy Now" and proceed to fill in your credit card information

The cost of this program is \$17.50.

*If order is placed **by May 18th at 8am**- packets will be delivered to your child's school.*

*If order is placed **after May 18th at 8am**- packets available for pick up at Holy Spirit School.*

(pick up available from 8:00am-4:30pm from June 4-June 29)

*Last date to order will be **June 1st at 8am**-There will be no late orders.*

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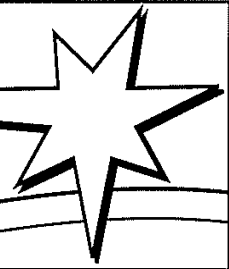
Location: Standale Uccello's

4787 Lake Michigan (616) 735-5520

Please bring in printed flyer or show on your electronic device to participate when placing your order!

* One drink purchase per meal is required. Alcohol sales are not included in donation total. Valid only at specified locations during designated times. Flyers must be distributed prior to event

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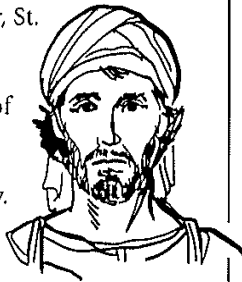
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Thoughtful Moments

St. Joseph the Worker

As a carpenter, St. Joseph, earthly father to Jesus, used the work of his hands to serve his family and community. He taught his Son his trade, working



side-by-side in his shop. Jesus also learned dedication, integrity, and the dignity of work from the example of his earthly father.

As the protector of the Holy Family and the spouse of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is an example of strength and obedience and devotion to God.

Our spiritual GPS

Children understand the importance of maps. When we want to travel somewhere new, a map or GPS can show us how to get there. The 10 Commandments are our spiritual GPS – if we follow them, we will get where we want to go.

"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me" (Matthew 18:4-5).



Parenting tips from the Mother of God

God chose Mary to be the Mother of his Son, and gave her the preparation she needed to do the job. Jesus thought so highly of the mother she became, that his dying thoughts were of her. During this month for mothers, we can take parenting tips from the Mother of God:

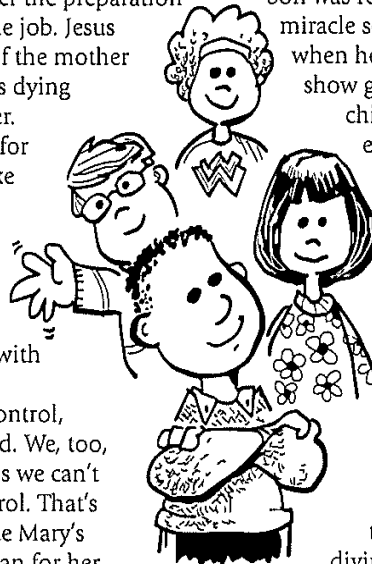
"May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). When faced with events beyond her understanding or control, Mary leaned on God. We, too, encounter situations we can't understand or control. That's when we can imitate Mary's trust in God. His plan for her worked out better than she could have dreamed. The same will be true for us.

"Do whatever he tells you"

(John 2:5). Mary knew when her Son was ready for his first public miracle so she gently nudged him when he hesitated. We, too, can show gentle confidence in our children's competence and encourage them to reveal their strengths when they hesitate to believe in themselves.

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart...." (Luke 2:19).

When the extraordinary happens, our first impulse is to tell someone. We want advice or attention. Yet, throughout life with her divine Son, Mary kept to herself and reflected in private moments. She sought only God's counsel because he knows best.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Mary our Mother?

Mary's role in history is to bring people to her Son. "The Virgin Mary... is clearly the mother of the members of Christ" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #963).

When Jesus hung on the cross, Mary and St.

John were there (John 19:26-27). Jesus told her, "Woman, behold your son," and to John, "Behold your mother."

At that moment Mary became the mother of us all. Because of her special relationship to Jesus, she is the perfect intercessor for us.



Make your home a church

Your home can be a domestic church in which you meet God every day. Try these suggestions for creating a sacred space:

Give prayer a central place in your home. Cover a table with a special cloth in the color of the liturgical season. Add a crucifix and small statues or pictures of saints, a family Rosary, a Bible, and add a candle. Leave space to kneel before it. No space for a prayer table? Fill a large basket with pillows, your Bible and some Rosaries, and take it wherever you can gather for prayer. Use it often.



Add sacred objects. Put a crucifix in every room, add holy water fonts, put up icons. Displaying sacred objects in each room of your home will help your family to remember that God is always with you.

Start personal spiritual traditions. Pick days that are special to each of you – birthdays, patron saint feast days, anniversaries. Sing favorite hymns, recite prayers that you write yourselves. Read your favorite Scripture story or verse.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20, “I will be with you always.”

Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the mountain-top in Galilee so the crowd with them could see the Resurrected Christ and get their final instructions: to go, baptize and make disciples, and to teach them all he had taught them. Jesus also promised his disciples, and us, that he will be with us always.

Because Jesus is God, he is present everywhere. However, we encounter him in a special way in the Sacraments, especially in Holy Communion. At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and wine, blessed

them and gave them to his disciples, saying, “*This is my body ... (this is my blood) ... Do this in memory of me*” (Luke 22:19). When the priest prays

over the bread and wine at Mass, they become Jesus’ Body and Blood. This is how Jesus keeps his promise to be with us always.

What can a parent do?
Remind children that Jesus

loves them and is with them everywhere, especially in the Sacraments. Tell them that in every Catholic church where the Eucharist is kept, Jesus is really present, waiting to spend time with them.



Feasts & Celebrations

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker (1st century). Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a carpenter dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 20 – Pentecost (1st century). Today, we celebrate the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit was given to the Apostles following the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus.

May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury (604). Despite mistakes and failures, Augustine persevered as a missionary in rough and dangerous

times in England. Wisely, he purified and retained local customs into Christian rites. His efforts would eventually bear fruit in the conversion of England after his death.

May 30 – St. Joan of Arc (1431). The patron saint of France, St. Joan was inspired by God in a vision to lead the French to victory during the Hundred Year’s War against England. Her troops successfully freed Orléans from the English. She was captured, sold to the English, and falsely accused of sorcery. She was canonized in 1920.



Parent TALK

When my father died, we began visiting the cemetery regularly to pray for him. I noticed that some of the

surrounding graves looked neglected. They had dead flowers or mildew obscured the name on the stone. It was sad that the people buried there had no one

to take care of their memorials. Prior to our next trip, we picked up cleaning supplies. We spiffed up the tombstones and cleaned up the areas around the graves. We said a prayer over each tombstone we cleaned for the person it named.

“Why are we doing this?” Tessa asked. “The dead people won’t care.”

I explained that caring for graves and praying for the people they contain is considered “burying the dead” – one of the Corporal Works of Mercy the Church asks us to do for others. I reminded the children that whatever kindness we do for others, we do for Jesus.

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