

Conferences and Report Cards

Today marks the end of our first quarter. Report cards will be available online on November 6th. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 8th, and Tuesday, November 13th. To sign up for a convenient time for you, you are asked to use Sign Up Genius. Directions are being sent to you through your Infinite Campus Email.

Trunk or Treat Join us Sunday, Oct. 28th from 4:00-5:00 in the back parking lot. Dress up the kids, decorate your car, bring lots of treats to share and join in on the trick or treating. Prizes awarded! See attached flyer.

Student Council News

Our first Student Council Fun Day will be Favorite Music Genre Day on Friday, November 2nd. For a \$1.00 donation per family, students may wear their favorite country, rock, jazz, blues, pop, hip-hop, rap, or disco outfits. We will be donating the funds to Kids' Food Basket to help the hungry students in need. Thank you.

Veterans' Day

Please join us on **Friday, Nov. 16th** as we celebrate our Veterans during Mass at 8:45am. Should you know a Veteran who would like to come, please provide the office with their name so we may recognize them during our service. **See the form provided in this newsletter.** Following Mass, any Veterans who would like to share their experience are welcome to speak (for 15-20 minutes) with our students. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all those who served and continue to serve for peace and justice in our world!

Car Dismissal

Reminder ~ Cars in the wagon train take priority in leaving and should merge left when ready. Students should watch for their ride, and play in the grass only with parent supervision. No parking is allowed in the coned-off area as we do not want children crossing the line of traffic. Thank you for your patience as we try to dismiss students in a safe and timely manner.

Financial Aid 2019-2020

The Diocese will again use **SMART AID** to provide the assessment for those applying for financial assistance. This is separate from Smart Tuition and can be accessed via <https://smartaidforparents.com/#/login>. The Aid process for 2019-20 is now open.

- If you're a first time Smart Aid applicant, please create an account and follow the on-screen directions.
- If you already have an account, enter your user name and password to continue.
- The deadline for the 1st round of aid awards is December 1st.
- If you have questions, call Customer Assistance at: 1 (800) 360-8027.

Important Dates:

Sun., Oct. 28th

~Trunk or Treat 4-5pm

Wed., October 31st

~ Halloween Color Day & Parade at 2:30pm

Thurs., Nov. 1st

~ All Saints Day Mass 8:45am
~ CPR Class in CDC-6pm

Fri., Nov. 2nd

~ Student Council Color Day,
\$1per family

Tues., Nov. 6th

~Absentee Picture Day
~ Report Cards Online

Thur., Nov. 8th

~ P/T Conferences 4:15-7:30pm

Tues., Nov. 13th

~ P/T Conferences 4:15-7:30pm

Thurs., Nov. 15th

~Titan Toddler Time 10:15am
~Student Council Mtg 3:30pm

Fri., Nov. 16th

~ Veterans' Day Mass 8:45am

Tues., Nov. 20th

~ Thanksgiving Mass 8:45am
~ 1st Gr. Thanksgiving Feast
~Uccello's Giveback Night 4-8p

Weds.-Fri., Nov. 21st-23rd

~No School Thanksgiving Break

Wed., Nov. 28th

~Advent Family Gathering 6p

Fri., Nov. 30th

~2nd Quarter Midterms Online

Sat., Dec. 1st

~Christmas Breakfast/Book Fair
8:30-11am

News from the Boosters

Basketball Coaches Needed - If you are interested in coaching boys or girls basketball for our 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade teams, please fill out an application from the school office or school website (<https://holyspiritschoolgr.org/student-life/athletics/>) and turn it in **NO LATER THAN Friday, October 26th**. Applications can be sent to Damon Bouwkamp, Athletics Director, at athletics@hsparish.org. Practices for the 5th and 6th grade teams will begin the week of November 5th and practices for the 7th and 8th grade teams will begin the week of December 3rd.

Religious Education News

Virtus – Protecting Gods Children Trainings

Attention Classroom Helpers, Coaches, VBS Leaders, Field trip Supervisors, etc., below is the next opportunity to complete your Virtus training. Please visit www.virtusonline.org to view and register.

Sunday, October 28th – Aquinas College 1pm

***Attention Volunteers:** Did you know that even if you took the Protecting God's Children class for another school or parish, we do not have access to that information unless you add us to your locations. Also, if you had a background check completed at another school or parish we cannot use it and need to have one on file here. Therefore, please do the following:

- Add Holy Spirit School to the locations on your account. Contact Diane Schoof dschoof@hsparish.org with any questions if you cannot access your account or if it was from another diocese.
- Complete the required Background Check Authorization Form.
- Submit a signed Standards of Ministerial Behaviors Form.

Thank you for helping us to keep a safe environment for your children.

The Logic of Being Catholic – WCHS Family Speaker Series featuring Dr. Ray Guarendi- Sat., Nov. 3 from 9-11:30am at West Catholic. For more information and for tickets see flyer @ [WCHS Speaker Series](#).

Confirmation Dates for 8th Graders:

November 4th – Class 6:00-8:00pm

January 13th – Class 6:00-8:00pm

February 10th – Class 6:00-8:00p

March 3rd – Class 6:00-8:00pm

Ceremony TBA, 7:00pm Cathedral of St. Andrew
(Candidates and sponsors arrive at 6:30pm)

Reconciliation & First Communion Dates:

January 16, First Reconciliation Ceremony 6:30p Church

January 30, Parent 1st Eucharist Class 6:45p Chapel

March 2, Plate Making 9-10am

May 2, First Eucharist Practice w/parent 6-7:30p Church

May 5, First Eucharist Liturgy 1:00pm

HS Happenings

SAVE THESE DATES:

Saturday, Oct. 27th – Evening of Worship 7:30pm

Monday, Oct. 29th - 7th Grade Parent Meeting – 6:30pm in the Art Room to discuss plans for 8th grade graduation party.

Saturday, Nov. 24th - The HSEF Chicago Shopping/Museum Bus Trip. See details in newsletter.

Wednesday, Nov. 28th – Meet Our Superintendent, Dave Faber, on Wednesday, Nov. 28th. He will be available to meet with parents from 2:45-3:15 pm in the Church Multi-Purpose Room. Welcome, Mr. Faber.

Wednesday, Nov. 28th – Advent Family Gathering/Potluck 6pm. RSVP to dschoof@hsparish.org.

Saturday, Dec. 1st – Christmas Breakfast with Santa and Book Fair 8:30-11am

Saturday, January 26th – Grand Gathering Auction, Saturday, January 26 at the Goei Center

Saturday, Feb. 2nd - The HSEF will host the **Winter Carnival** from 6:00-8:00pm.



CPR/AED Training We will be hosting a CPR/AED Training Class on Thursday, November 1st from 6-7:00pm in the Child Development Center. Cost is \$30.00 per person and RSVP is required. For additional information and to sign up, contact Melanie Francis at mfrancis@hsparish.org or 453-3326 by Oct. 29

Holiday Food Drive

As we strive to serve others throughout the year, one thing we can do as a community is to come together to provide Thanksgiving food baskets for those less fortunate. Students are encouraged to donate something from the list below.

Preschool Macaroni & Cheese, Soup
Y5 & K Canned Fruit & Juice
Gr. 1 Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
Gr. 2 Peanut Butter & Jelly
Gr. 3 Cereal & Rice

Gr. 4 Tuna Fish & Canned Meats
Gr. 5 Canned Vegetables
Gr. 6 Cereal & Soup
Gr. 7 Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
Gr. 8 Peanut Butter & Jelly

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
Giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17*

Christmas Breakfast - Saturday, December 1st from 8:30-11am. Enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet, crafts for the kids, holiday music, live nativity, community atmosphere, and of course...Santa! Tickets available at the door. While you're there, shop the Scholastic Book Fair located in the school library! Books make great gifts! If you have Christmas decorations that you would like to donate to the Christmas Breakfast, please bring to the school office, where we will have a box available.

If you're interested in volunteering for this event, please use this link for the Sign Up Genius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4DAFAB23A5F94-santa1>



Direct Your Dollars -Direct Your Dollars fundraising opportunity. Simply collect your Spartan Nash (Family Fare, DW Fresh Market, Forest Hills Foods) receipts and drop them in the collection drawer outside the office. Our volunteer will tally the receipts and submit them for cash rewards for our school.

Library Birthday Book Club - We will continue to trade you a color day pass for a new book for our library, in honor of your birthday. If you would like to purchase a NEW book for our library, the kids would love to see the "Mercy Watson Book Series" or the "Tales from Deckawoo Drive Series".

IN SYMPATHY



*Please keep in your prayers the
Dewicki family on the loss of their Great-
Grandmother. May the memories of
their loved one live on in their hearts
and bring them peace*

CHICAGO BUS TRIP COFFEE, DONUTS, AND FUN PROVIDED! NOVEMBER 24, 2018

Enjoy a fun filled day of shopping, museums, dining and Christmas decorations in Chicago .The bus will depart from the Holy Spirit back parking lot at 7:00 am and return no later than 11:00 pm. 3 drop off points include: The Ford Field Museum of Natural History, Macy's on State Street, and downtown on Michigan Avenue. For reservations call/text Colleen Roth: (616)-304-0575 or email quadsmom@gmail.com. Tickets are \$55.00 p/person, checks payable to Holy Spirit Education Foundation. Seating is limited, so reserve your seat soon!



**Michael M.
Hallie M.
Bobby B.
Mrs. Kosnik**

November Birthdays!

**Alessandra M.
Ethan B.
William A.**

**Izzabella B.
Sawyer B.
Brenna O.**

**Paige S.
Grayson N.
Bryce D.**



PUBLISHING CENTER NEWS

We have opened the Publishing Center for the year as of 10/16. Look for our Featured Author's story next month!

We are having a new contest this year- The teacher of the homeroom class with the greatest percentage of participation in the publishing center will win a \$25 gift card to a place of their choice. There will be one winner in the Y5's-3rd grade and one winner in 4th-8th grade. Your teacher works hard, help them win!

For students who write this year (2 stories in grades Y5-3, 1 story in 4th-8th grades), we will have an ice cream party at the end of the year for qualifying students. We would like the lower grades to have their 1st story done by the end of January. Students in grades 4-8 who write 2 or more stories will have their name entered into a drawing for a free color day.

Remember- books make great gifts! And, if your young person wants to make a book but is not able to write it out yet, have them tell you the story so you can write it for them.

SEVERE WEATHER UPDATE

In the event that it is necessary to delay the start of school or cancel classes, Holy Spirit School will communicate with you through Grand Rapids area radio and television stations. You may also access school closing announcements thru the following Web Sites: www.woodtv.com or www.wzzm13.com.

Every effort will be made to make one of the following announcements by 6:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter...

| <i>Situation/Condition</i> | <i>Response/Policy</i> |
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| If the announcement is Holy Spirit School is closed: | Students do not report for school that day. This always includes Preschool and Child Care Programs as well. |
| If the Public School District you reside in is closed in your area: | No Catholic Schools Transportation in the A.M. or P.M. into the closed Public School District areas. |
| Catholic Schools have a two-hour delay: | Catholic Schools Transportation will begin transporting two hours after regular time. There will be no AM Preschool or Y5's or AM Kindergarten. Child Care will open at regular time for those enrolled in the program. |
| If the Public School District you reside in has a two-hour delay and Catholic Schools are on a regular schedule: | No Catholic Schools Transportation into the delayed district for the A.M. ONLY. |

If school is closed because of inclement weather, all extra-curricular activities, including athletic events and practices, scheduled for Holy Spirit or for Holy Spirit teams on that day, will be cancelled. (Education Commission policy #2060.1)

On those winter days when school is open but you feel weather conditions are unsafe for your child to go to school, you may keep him or her home. However, we ask that you call school and let us know that you are keeping your child at home. While we do urge you to call school when your child will be absent, please don't call the school to ask if classes will be cancelled because of the weather. Instead, we urge you to monitor Grand Rapids area radio and television stations, or their web sites, which will be informed immediately of any cancellations or delays.



Thank you to all the parents that have attended our first couple of PTA meetings of the year. It is always great to see some new faces coming out to support us! Our next meeting is not until January 22. Mark your calendars to attend!

We have a couple of social events coming up in the next few weeks...

- Trunk or Treat THIS SUNDAY, October 28. Park & Setup from 4:00-4:30, Candy distributed 4:30-5:00. This is always a well-attended and fun event.
- Titan Give Back Night at Uccellos- November 20. Remember to order your Uccellos scrip ahead of time. More details to follow!

The first couple months of the school year brought some great opportunities for learning outside the classroom, thanks to funds provided by the PTA! Our middle school enjoyed a visit to ArtPrize, the 8th graders participated in their class retreat at Camp Henry, Young 5s and Kindergarten took a trip to Schwallier's Country Basket and the 4Yr Preschool explored Post Family Farm. The 5th, 6th and 8th graders were also transported to their outreach locations by bus thanks to the PTA.

We will be gathering volunteers to help out at the Book Fair on Friday November 30th, Saturday December 1st during the Santa Breakfast and Sunday December 2nd. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Kristin Adams at kristin-adams@hotmail.com.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Kristin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm 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
 - Philip Alt - TREASURER – 616.862.8674 | Philip.alt@altcc.biz
 - Andrea Dewicki - SECRETARY – 616.350.0029 | andreadewicki@gmail.com
- **STAFF RECOGNITION:** Mr. Kalahar, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Leibler, Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Clancy, Mrs. Andersen, Mrs. Kalahar, Mrs. Radlinski
- **READING OF GOALS:** Kristin read the goals of the PTA
- **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**
 - Fiscal responsibility: we operate very efficiently and take pride in having minimal expenses and coming in under budget.
 - Unused funds are given back to the parish for use in capital projects
 - Strive to keep tuition at the steady 2% yearly increase so that families can budget and costs are still manageable.
 - Fr. Mark and Fr. Mike have been a continued blessing to Holy Spirit
 - They are active on the playground and in mass, very relatable for kids and staff
 - We are hoping to bring the school/parents/parish together to create a stronger community.
 - The dove logo is now being used for the school and the parish, striving for consistency. Encourage ONE Holy Spirit community.
 - All school mass is now on Friday morning at 8:45- we strongly encourage parents and family members to attend.
 - Teachers are keeping a mass journal this year. May write a few things in it that hit home or something that they want to carry with them throughout the week. This will help them to expand upon their faith life.
 - SSR: Sustained Silent Reading is being used this year for 15 minutes (Monday through Thursday) because reading is one of the fundamental building blocks of learning.
 - Registration: for the second year in a row are up 3%. Overall registration for the Diocese is down but Holy Spirit is up!

- Damon Bouwkamp has taken over as athletic director and is doing a wonderful job.
- Preschool: an afternoon session was opened up for the 3-year-old class. We have had many parents of 2-year old children touring our facility.
- Titan Toddler Time: Thursday, October 11 is the first for this year. We feel this is a great reason as to why enrollment is growing.
- Walking With the Spirit: Mr. Kalahar wanted to personally thank Kelly Clancy for her work and enthusiasm this year. She was thinking of handing it off to someone else because she thought a new voice was needed, but this turned out to be the best year yet! Revenue records were set and she rocked it!
- TREASURER'S REPORT: (Phil Alt) Phil prepared an income statement (attached)
 - Phil would like to establish a 3-5 year plan for the PTA budget.
 - Not a lot of activity since the start of the new fiscal year in July but items are starting to trickle in.
- Committee Reports:
 - Holy Spirit Apparel (Emily Bouma)
 - We just submitted first big order from the flyer sent home earlier this year.
 - There will be more "limited time" items but will also be "whenever items" available.
 - Will be another order with special items before Christmas
 - The site isn't compatible with Safari (iPads, iPhones) but we are working on it
 - 3% of sales goes back to Holy Spirit
 - There are toddler sizes available
 - Suggestion was made for less things with "Titans," more with "Holy Spirit."
 - No polo shirts- they cannot compete with Land's End, Old Navy's prices/quality
 - Birthday Board (Val Schwallier)
 - Thank you to Val and this committee for keeping the birthday board beautiful!
 - Book Fair (Amanda Koch/Beth Bott)
 - Have not met yet for this year.
 - Spartan Nash/Aunt Millie's/General Mills Box Tops (Mercedes Barnum)
 - There will be a color day on October 8
 - Everything she has to date is clipped/sorted.
 - Aunt Millie's is giving 10 cents per label through October
 - Spartan Nash- we are expecting our 3rd \$1000 check! As a reminder, \$150,000 in receipts turned in = \$1000 check to Holy Spirit. Can be receipts from Starbucks, but not gas receipts.
- Family Outreach (Mandy Tuttle) – No business. Let us know if you know of someone in need.
- Hospitality/Staff Conference Meals (Michael Dewicki)- in planning stages for Nov meals.
- Paper Gator (Lori DeBruyne)
 - There will be a flyer coming in the next newsletter to explain the Paper Gator
 - If anyone needs paper picked up, please call Lori or Kristin

- Parent Ambassador (Kelly Clancy)
 - HUGE THANK YOU to Kristine Olewinski for of her years of service in making the new family welcome dinner a success!
 - This year's dinner had the largest attendance to date!
 - We are looking for someone to replace Kristine. This position requires you to purchase and cook the food for the new family welcome dinner.
- Publishing Center (Rose Worm and Erin Gottleber)
 - Last year's competition resulted in 400+ books being published, which was the most ever!
 - There have been requests for a new competition
 - Teacher's competition- reward teachers with the highest percent of participation (Y5-3, 4-8...each group will have a winner. If tied, then highest % with 2+ books published will win)
 - Featured author will win a fast food lunch, have their story featured in newsletter and on the door.
 - (Y5-3) if publish 2 stories by themselves, will get ice cream treat
 - (4-8) if publish 1 story by themselves, will get ice cream treat, 2 will get them entered in a drawing for a color day pass.
- Room Parent Coordinator (Erin Gottleber)
 - Many new people have stepped up
 - Large classes may have 2-3 room parents
- Social Committee (Carrie Miedema)
 - 3 events this year: Oct 28 Trunk or Treat, Jan 20 Roller Skating Party, May 4 Ice Cream Social to coincide with Evening of Worship
 - Nov, May will be Titan Givebacks with Uccello's, will try to do another \$1 kickback with Biggby.
- Sunshine Committee (Emily Andersen)
 - Masses will be said for family members that have passed- will be last mass of each month. Will notify the families of the date of the mass for their loved one.
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Erin Gottleber)
 - Will be the week of May 6
 - Last year the teacher's lounge bathroom was renovated, added gallery wall (pics by Tim Ryan, Kristen Inbody). Meal was catered by Billy K.
- Variety Show (TBD)
 - Elise Hollister is still looking for a co-chair for this event.
- Walking With the Spirit (Kelly Clancy)
 - THANK YOU to the entire Holy Spirit community!!!
 - Heather Abram and Kristen Inbody took pictures that captured the sheer joy of that day
 - Not sure we can top the fire truck next year!
 - Sponsors and pledges helped us to raise upwards of \$34,500!
 - PLEASE support our generous sponsors.
 - Standale Little Caesar's wants to possibly do a Titan Giveback

- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- Grandparents' Day

- First ever! October 26
 - Addresses have been collected and packets mailed to grandparents.
 - Cannot attend? (Distance or if they are in heaven) bring a photo
 - Grandparents will sit with grandkids during mass, GPs will stay for a presentation on Holy Spirit
 - GPs will also briefly attend class with GK's, then go to a catered lunch in the gym
 - We will need some volunteers that day!
 - Purpose is to get people on campus, familiarize them with HS. We want to recognize them and their legacy.

- Auction (Erin Gottleber)

- Tickets go on sale October 1, save \$10 until Nov 1
 - Early bird raffle: 1st 100 tickets sold will be entered in the raffle for an echo
 - \$500 table of 10 people or \$50/ticket. \$600/table or \$60/ticket after Nov 1.
 - Gift Card donations wanted! \$25 and up, give to Erin Gottleber
 - Date is Jan 26, 2019 at the Goei Center.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2018 AT 7PM IN THE LIBRARY

Holy Spirit Mission Statement

Holy Spirit School promotes the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Students, parents and faculty form a Catholic family of faith.

Together, we challenge our students to achieve their fullest spiritual, academic, social, emotional, and physical potential



Holy Spirit School Calendar, November, 2018

Lunch Supervision, Grade 6 / For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org

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| | | | | 1 All Saints' Day <u>Mass 8:45</u> CPR Class 6:00 in the CDC | 2 Student Council Favorite Music Genre Fun Day \$1 per family | 3 |
| 4 Confirmation Class <u>6:00-8:00</u> Gospel Mk 12:28-34 | 5 Robotics <u>Library 6:30</u> Sign up for Conferences on Sign Up Genius by 8am tomorrow | 6 Absentee <u>Picture Day</u> Choir <u>3:20-4:20</u> Report Cards Online | 7 Robotics Library 6:30 | 8 Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 | 9 Mass 8:45 | 10 Robotics FTC Tournament |
| 11 Gospel Mk 12:38-44 | 12 Robotics Library 6:30 | 13 Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 | 14 Gr. 6-7 Visit <u>West Catholic</u> Robotics Library 6:30 | 15 Titan Toddler Time <u>10:15-10:40</u> Student Council Meeting 3:30 | 16 Veterans' Day <u>Mass 8:45</u> Newsletter/ <u>Calendar</u> Fall Sports Pictures Due | 17 Robotics FLL Tournament |
| 18 Gospel Mk 13:24-32 | 19 | 20 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Thanksgiving <u>Feast 1st Gr.</u> Choir <u>3:20-4:20</u> Gr. 1 Little Flowers <u>3:20-4:30</u> Uccello's Giveback Night 4:00-8:00 | 21 <u>No School</u> Child Care Open | 22 Happy Thanksgiving | 23 <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed | 24 |
| 25 Children's Choir <u>12:00 Mass</u> Feast of Christ <u>the King</u> Gospel Jn 18:33-37 | 26 | 27 Choir 3:20 -4:20 | 28 Welcome Superintendent <u>Dave Faber</u> Advent Family Gathering <u>6:00-7:45</u> Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 | 29 | 30 <u>Mass 8:45</u> <u>Book Fair</u> 2 nd Quarter Midterms Online | December 1 Santa <u>Breakfast</u> Book Fair 8:30-11:00 |



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To: All Holy Spirit School Families
From: Mr. Kalahar, Mrs. Ryan, and Mr. Wisniewski
Date: October 26, 2018
Re: Veterans' Day Mass, November 16, 2018, 8:45am

Dear School Families,

To celebrate Veterans' Day, we would like to invite Veterans to join us for a special Mass in their honor on Friday, November 16th.

During Mass, we will honor and thank all who have served in the United States Armed Forces. To do so, we need your help! **If you know a Veteran (Grandpa, Grandma, relative, parishioner, friend, neighbor) who has served in the Armed Forces, please ask him or her to consider joining us on Friday, November 16th, 8:45 am, for our Veterans' Day Mass.**

Following the Mass, any Veteran who is willing to speak with a class/grade will join them in their classroom to briefly (15-20 minutes) share their experience and/or bring memorabilia with them to share with the students.


So we may recognize our Veterans during the Mass and have the right amount of coffee and donuts, please ask him or her to complete and return the attached slip.

Thank you for your help and assistance with our Veteran's Day Celebration, 2018!

So we may plan for our Veterans' Day Celebration, please return this slip to school by Wednesday, November 7th.

Yes, _____, will be joining us on Friday, November 16th, for our Veterans' Day Prayer Celebration Mass.

 Years of Service: _____

 Branch of Service: _____

 Rank Achieved: _____

 Place Served: _____

 Is related to/friends with the following child/ren at Holy Spirit School:

_____ Grade/Class _____

_____ Grade/Class _____

_____ Grade/Class _____

_____ would be willing to briefly share his/her experience(s) as a Veteran with a small group of students.

SPORTS BANQUET SLIDE SHOW

Picture Request



Pictures are needed of all Fall sports teams
Volleyball, Soccer, Cross Country, Football

Please make sure to take pictures of your teams and players for this important video that will be shown at the Sports Banquet in the Spring.

Guidelines and Deadlines

1. Please turn in all photos for **Fall** sports to Tim Stong at etstong@yahoo.com no later than **Friday, November 16th** to be in the video. The video is an ongoing project, worked on throughout the year, enabling the editor to add pictures with each sports season.
2. Photos must be in a digital format on a CD or flash drive.
3. **Please** only send photos that are in focus and bright.
4. Get pictures of **all** the players on the team. Our goal is to have at least one picture of each player along with some team shots.
5. **Please** personally do this for your player. Most people are taking pictures of their child and not yours. It's important to the kids to be in the video, so please take a few pictures or ask someone to take some pictures for you.
6. **Please** do not send several hundred pictures for one team. Pick the best you have to send.



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HOLY SPIRIT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Trunk or Treat



..... **HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY EVENT!**

INVITING ALL HOLY SPIRIT FAMILIES FROM OUR SCHOOL AND PARISH TO PARTICIPATE!

Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018

*** Bring your costumed children & treats to share! ***

~ **Park & Setup: 4:00 - 4:30**

~ **Candy Distributed: 4:30-5:00**

~ **Cars Dismissed: 5:10**

WHAT IS A TRUNK-OR-TREAT?

To promote a safe and fun Halloween environment for our children and families, Holy Spirit is hosting its 5th annual trick-or-treat alternative. Kids can trick-or-treat from trunk to trunk in a line-up of vehicles parked in the church's parking lot with trunks or tailgates full of goodies.

Interested in decorating your car (not required)? Pick a theme for your car, dress up the kids and bring LOTS of treats to share with all! Cars will begin lining up in the back parking lot at 4PM and trick-or-treating begins at 4:30 PM.

PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING TRUNK DECORATIONS!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY COSTUMES AND TRUNK DECORATIONS, PLEASE & THANK YOU!

Questions? Contact Kelly Clancy at kclancy@hsparish.org or 616.402.6752

SPONSORED BY HOLY SPIRIT PTA SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Join us
for the annual

Holy Spirit Christmas Breakfast

sponsored by the
Holy Spirit Education Foundation

Saturday, December 1st

8:30-11am

in the Holy Spirit Activity Center (gym)

Tickets Available at the Breakfast

Adults \$7 Kids \$3

Kids 2 and under are free!

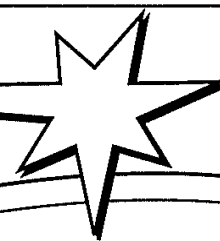
**Includes a delicious breakfast buffet, crafts
for the kids, live nativity scene & Santa!**

***Also, check out the Scholastic Book Fair - open during
the breakfast, located in the library!**

Questions?

Contact Holly Mullen Holly_Bergman@hotmail.com or Ann Foley AnnFoley805@gmail.com

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

November 2018

Parish of the Holy Spirit
Religious Education



Thoughtful Moments

St. Gertrude the Great

Born in thirteenth-century Germany, St. Gertrude was raised and educated by the Benedictine nuns. Nothing is known of her parents and she is thought to have been orphaned. She loved learning, especially languages. Eventually St. Gertrude became a nun. When she was about twenty-five, she began having visions of Jesus, which continued until her death. She was known for her holiness, her kindness to the rich and poor, and her prayers for the souls in Purgatory.



Kindness always

Jesus asked that we always be kind, no matter how we are treated. *"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth"* (1 John 3:18).

"No trial has come to you but what is human. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"



Are you raising a future saint?

If your child's halo hasn't yet appeared, don't give up hope that you have a saint-in-the-making. In fact, some of the saints were distinctly un-saintly in their early lives, too. Helping children get to know the saints presents models of holiness they can follow. For example:

St. Augustine drove his mother crazy. A devout Christian, St. Monica agonized over her son's partying, paganism, and lack of respect for holiness. She prayed for him for years and kept faith in God's power to work miracles. Slowly, Augustine straightened up, was baptized, and became one of the great saints of the Church.

St. Francis of Assisi loved his carefree

life of luxury and barely gave a thought to the poor. God had to literally knock him off his feet with a deadly illness to get his attention. After that, he even lived without many of what we consider basic necessities. With his mother's blessing, Francis denied God nothing for the rest of his life.

St. Thomas Becket enjoyed power and riches as a close friend of England's King Henry II.

To please the king, he almost forgot his love for the Church. Thomas came to his senses and gave up his power and position to protect the Church. He was martyred for it.

If they can do it, our youngsters can, too.

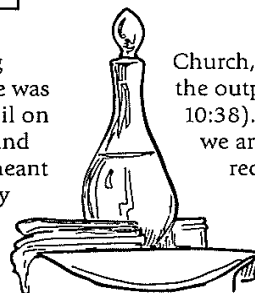


Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the Bible, dedicating someone to God's service was symbolized by pouring oil on them: priests, prophets, and kings were anointed. It meant that they were set apart by God for an important mission. For the early

Why do Catholics use oil in Sacraments?

Church, this anointing also symbolized the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38). In Confirmation, for example, we are dedicated to God's service and receive an increase of the Spirit's gifts, which are symbolized by the oil (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1303).



Calm down and parent with love

Do you find yourself yelling more than you would like? When your child does something wrong, is anger your first response? In fact, anger is damaging to the parent-child relationship because it can cloud our judgment. It causes us to act impulsively rather than with love. It takes only a split-second to lose control and say or do something you will regret.

Watch for it. Anger is difficult to control under certain circumstances. When you are depressed, afraid, unwell, or tired, you are



particularly vulnerable to a rush of anger.

Stay close to God. When you don't take enough time to nurture your spiritual life, your anger can be quick to flare. Try to remain conscious of these conditions and protect yourself with daily prayer and frequent Sacraments.

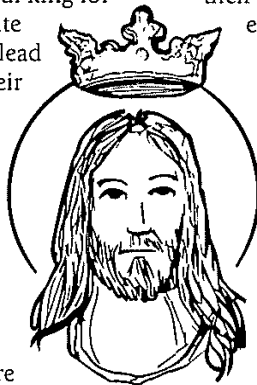
Care for yourself. Keeping yourself healthy mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually is something you do for yourself AND your family. If anger is a problem for you, figure out what is needed to stem your anger and get help right away.

Scripture LESSON

John 18:33b-37; Christ the King.

God promised a powerful king for his people who would unite them, fight for them, and lead them to victory against their enemies. This image of a triumphant Messiah-King kept God's people going. When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, hopes ran high: was he the one?

On Good Friday, the image of Jesus, bound, seemingly powerless before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, was not what they had in mind. They didn't want a leader who talked of love, suffering, and service. They wanted someone who would wipe



their enemies off the face of the earth.

Jesus is King—not just of Israel, but of us and the whole universe. He told Pilate that his Kingdom is not of this world, not bound by the limits of an earthly kingdom.

What can a parent do? Jesus' kingship is about peace and justice, concern for the poor, the needy and the marginalized in society. Teach children to serve

Christ by showing their love, patience, and kindness to all, at home and at school. Their actions will tell others who their King is.

Feasts & Celebrations

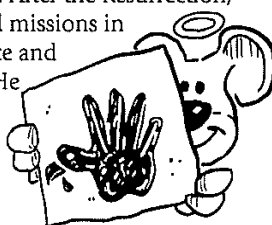
Nov. 1 – All Saints Day. The early Church honored the martyrs by assigning each a feast day. However, the persecutions were so horrible, there were more martyrs than days to commemorate them, so Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day.

Nov. 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1231). St. Elizabeth was married at the age of 14 to Louis IV of Thuringia. Renowned for her generosity to the poor, she joined the Secular Franciscan Order upon her husband's death, where she spent the rest of her life caring for

the poor.

Nov. 25 – Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised his people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.

Nov. 30 – St. Andrew (1st Century). The son of a Galilean fisherman and brother of Simon Peter, he introduced Jesus to Peter. After the Resurrection, he conducted missions in Turkey, Greece and Macedonia. He was martyred on a X-shaped cross.



Parent TALK

Not about the money.

It was time to do the Christmas shopping and I was dreading it. Money was tight but all the kids

talked about were gifts. When they presented their foot-long gift lists, I decided to teach them about giving, instead.

When we went Christmas shopping, I gave them jobs. I assigned each child a relative for whom to buy a gift and gave them a budget of \$10. They soon figured out that there wasn't much they could buy with \$10.

Still, they made a game of shopping resourcefully. Kara found a purse that was half off for Aunt Dayna. Tessa found a "World's Best Grandma" coffee mug for my mother. And our youngest, Toby, found a funny necktie for Uncle Tobin at the Goodwill store.

The children had lots of fun, but most importantly, they learned it wasn't about the gifts, but the love and thought we give each other.

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