



**Veterans' Day Celebration** ~ Thank you to all the very special Veterans who celebrated Mass with us for Veterans' Day. Several classrooms were treated to presentations by members of the military who generously shared their experience with the students. We are very thankful for everyone who served in order to provide our freedom!

**Parent Teacher Conferences** ~ Thank you to those who attended November Conferences. We look forward to working together with you and your children to achieve their learning goals. A HUGE Heartfelt **Thank You** to **all the families** who donated ingredients for the staff meals during conferences. Extra Special Thanks to **Chef Michael and Andrea Dewicki** for preparing amazing food and to Mercedes Barnum for her assistance. We're feeling blessed and grateful!

**HS Robotics Tournaments** ~ Our FTC middle school team did well in their November 2<sup>nd</sup> Kentwood Tournament! They scored 11<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams. Our FLL upper elementary team will be competing on November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Grandville Tournament. Thank you to Coaches Bill Clancy, Jon Grimshaw, and John Pyper, and the team members who have invested many evenings training for their events. You are welcome to come cheer them on. You go, Robotics 2019 Teams!

**Scrip News** ~ **NO SCRIP** the weeks of Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanksgiving Vacation** ~ No School Wednesday – Friday, Nov 27- 29. Enjoy!

**Financial Aid through Smart Aid** ~ Families wishing to apply for scholarships for the **2020-21 school year** will need to complete a **SMART AID application**. You may access this via <https://smartaidforparents.com/#/login>. Please use **CODE: HSPiritGR** for Holy Spirit students. Note the **DEADLINE is Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019** for the **first round** of applications. Feel free to call the office with any questions.

**Good News! Book Fair** ~ This year the PTA will be hosting a Good News! Book Fair Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to help with set-up, shopping hours, and tear down. See the Link Box in this newsletter or [Click Here](#) to sign up to volunteer. For questions, contact Kristin Adams.

**Advent/Christmas Program!** ~ We look forward to seeing you at our Four-Year-Old Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Program, "Waiting for the Light" on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Performances will be at 2pm and 7pm in Church. ***The four-year-old preschoolers will be performing at the 2pm program only.*** All four-year-old Preschoolers through Grade 6 students will wear Dress Up Christmas clothes (please, no t-shirts or jeans) to school on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**December 20th Birthday Party for Jesus** ~ You are welcome to join the whole school at a Birthday Party for Jesus starting in Church at 2:15pm on Friday, Dec. 20th, continuing in the Cafeteria with birthday cake. Help us start this Christmas season out right with the true meaning of Christmas.

## **Important Dates:**

**Sun., Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**

~Thanksgiving Food Packing  
11am in Church MPR

**Tues., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**

~Mass 8:45am  
~2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Midterms Online

**Wed., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>-Fri. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>**

~ Thanksgiving Break

**Wed., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

~ Advent Family Gathering/  
Potluck 6-7:45pm

**Fri., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

~ Mass - 8:45am

**Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

~Christmas Breakfast 8:30-11am

**Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Wed., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**

~Book Fair in Library

**Tues., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**

~Christmas Program 2 & 7pm

**Thurs., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**

~Titan Toddler Time 10:15am

**Fri., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

~Mass 8:45 am

**Sat., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**

~Evening of Worship 7pm

**Tues., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**

~Children's Choir Concert 7pm  
at St. Adalbert's

**Fri., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**

~Mass 8:45am  
~Jesus' Birthday Party 2:15pm  
~Newsletter/Calendar

**Mon., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> -Fri., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

~ Christmas Break

**Mon., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>**

~Classes Resume





**~ Thanksgiving Food Drive** – Thank you for your generous donations to the food drive!!  
**~ Clean Water for Haiti** – As we count our many blessings this Advent, we will do a water-filter fundraiser for our friends in Seguin, Haiti. Haiti ranks the lowest of any country in the global water poverty index. During Advent we will be collecting money to buy as many water filters as we can. Each filter costs \$30. The filters we buy will be installed by the West Catholic and Catholic Central High School students who are going on a mission trip to Seguin in April. **Thank you** for supporting our friends in Haiti!

### Reminders & Save the Dates

**Knights of Columbus Church BBQ** – Sat., Nov. 30, 6pm. Free Will Offering appreciated and all proceeds will go to support our local HSP Seminarian Nathen Steffens. See flyer in this newsletter for more information.

**Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ In Christmas” Poster Contest** – Entry forms which include contest rules and poster paper may be picked up in the school office. This contest is for grades K-8. Entries are due by December 6th.

**Giving Tuesday** – Giving Tuesday is coming soon! Mark your calendars for December 3 and [CLICK](#) to view our wish list or see the flyer attached to this newsletter for all the ways you could help!

**Christmas Breakfast** – The 28th annual Christmas Breakfast, sponsored by the Holy Spirit Education Foundation, will be held Saturday, December 7th, from 8:30 – 11:00am in the Holy Spirit Activity Center.

**School Advent/Christmas Program “Waiting for the Light”** – Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 and 7:00pm.

**Titan Toddler Time** – All children ages five and younger are welcome to join us Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10:15-10:40am in the Church Multi-Purpose Room for “Happy Birthday Jesus” activities. Come join in the fun!

**Meet Our Superintendent** – Our superintendent Dave Faber will be visiting here on Wednesday, December 18th. He will be available to meet with parents from 2:45-3:15pm in the Church Multi-Purpose Room. Welcome, Mr. Faber!

**PTA Meeting** – The next meeting is January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the library. Information regarding PTA activities and the October meeting notes are attached.

**YMCA Family Fun Night** – Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:15-9:30pm. This is our reward for reaching our Walking with the Spirit goal this year. More details to follow.

### Our 6th Annual Winter Carnival Will Be Held On Saturday, February 1, 2020, From 6:00-8:00pm

Please consider making a donation to this family friendly Holy Spirit community event. We are in need of cash or gift cards for our raffle (***don't forget all the options for scrip***). Some of the gift cards needed include: AMC Theater, B.C. Pizza, Celebration Cinema, Dick's, iTunes, Mr. Burger, Panera Bread, Peppino's, Schuler Books, Tanger Outlet, Target, TGI Friday's, Tropical Smoothie, Ulta, and Wendy's.

Please contact Melissa Radlinski at [melissaradlinski@hotmail.com](mailto:melissaradlinski@hotmail.com) or 217-6333 if you have questions. Donations may be dropped off at the school office in an envelope marked Winter Carnival Donation. Thank you.

### Awesome Authors Club!

Congratulations to the following HS published authors for October! Books needed for Christmas gifts must be submitted prior to **Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** in order to be ready in time.

**Y5:** Nathan S., Anniston N., Ella W., Callen G.

**1S:** Luke G., Arianna B., Jagger S., Brooklyn B., Emma V., Elyse B., Declan B.

**2F:** Maisie M., June A., Evelyn A., Kennedy N., Sofia M., Keira G., Grace M., Skyler P.

**3K:** Mia S., Avery N., Lucy S.

**5K/C:** Layla S., Emily H.

**6L:** Riley B.

### Birthday Book Club

Thank you to **Rogue C.**, our newest November Birthday Book Club Member.

Her donation to the school library is greatly appreciated! In return for her generosity, she has received a color day pass.





## December Birthdays



Penelope S.  
Helen K.  
Kennidy C.  
June A.  
Alex H.  
Mrs. Laura Russo

Alex M.  
Brianna D.  
Sophia S.  
Roman S.  
Caleb B.  
Mrs. Deb Russo

Megan B.  
Michael G.  
Wesley V.  
Rogue C.  
David M.  
Mrs. Duffy

Nola A.  
Isabella A.  
Lucy S.  
Lyla D.  
Alexis S.  
Mrs. Gignac

## Religious Education News

**Advent by Candlelight for Women** ~ Tues., Dec. 3rd at 7:00pm. RSVP with Diane Schoof @dschoof@hsparish.org  
**Advent by Bonfire for Men** ~ Thurs., Dec. 5th at 6:30pm RSVP with Diane Schoof @dschoof@hsparish.org

### **So, you want to become Catholic but the idea of the RCIA scares you?**

Let's talk. Depending on your situation, there *may* be another way for you.

Contact Diane Schoof @ 453-1591 or dschoof@hsparish.org.

**Confirmation** - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation will be celebrated at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Cathedral. Candidates and sponsors arrive at 6:30pm. Registration forms are due by Thanksgiving.

**Reconciliation** – Parent homework is due by Christmas break. I have only received two. All families, regardless of how many children they have previously had, need to complete this work. Bless you, Diane.

### **Upcoming Virtus Classes:**

Monday, December 2, 2019 – St. Mary Magdalen (Kentwood), 6:00pm.

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – Cathedral Square, GR, 1:00pm

Monday, February 10, 2020 – St. Mary Magdalen (Kentwood), 6:00pm.

**Sunday Mass** - [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org). - For when you're out of town and looking for a church for Sunday Mass, you can find local Catholic churches anywhere!

### Link Box ...

Book Fair [Sign Up Genius Link](#)

[Smart Aid Information Link](#)

[Virtus Registration](#)



*In Sympathy*

Please remember in prayer, The **Pittman/Seely-London Family** on the passing of their Great Grandmother, and **Mrs. Liebler** on the death of her Grandmother.

## Holy Spirit Mission Statement

*Our mission at Holy Spirit School is to live, learn, and share the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.*



**The Book Fair is coming!**  
**Books make great gifts! Buy now for Christmas!**

You are invited to the annual Holy Spirit Book Fair to be held in the school library. The Book Fair is the only fundraiser that provides books and teaching materials for our library and at the same time allows your child access to the newest and best in children's books. Your child's class will visit the Book Fair during the week of **December 9<sup>th</sup>-December 11<sup>th</sup>** during their regularly scheduled library time. Parents/grandparents are welcome to stop in any time during library open hours to view and purchase books.

A flyer, which will be coming home soon, has a small portion of the hundreds of books that will be available at the Fair. These books will be in stock and available to take home the same day, with payment made at the time of purchase. *If you will be sending a check, please make it payable to Holy Spirit Parent/Teacher Association and remember to add 6% sales tax.*

The Book Fair Committee is also planning a Community/Parish Kickoff in the school library on Saturday, December 7th from 8:30-11:00am during the Christmas Breakfast. We will have teacher wish lists posted for each teacher based on selections they would love for their classrooms. These books will be available to purchase and donate. You may also purchase a book and donate it to the library. A donor's card will be placed in the book to make a permanent record of your generous donation.



**Volunteers are still needed for a few spots to work the book fair, please use the following link to see dates and times available. Sign Up Genius Link.**

~Kristin Adams and the Library Committee

**Book Fair Schedule**

Date	Time	Class
Monday, December 9	8:45-9:15AM	7th
	10:15-10:45AM	7th
Monday, December 9	11:00-11:40AM	4th
Monday, December 9	1:30-2:15PM	6th
Monday, December 9	2:20-3:00PM	8th
Wednesday, December 11	9:50-10:10AM	Y5
Wednesday, December 11	10:10-10:30AM	KKam,
Wednesday, December 11	10:30-11:00AM	2nd
Wednesday, December 11	11:00-11:30AM	3rd
Wednesday, December 11	12:55-1:25PM	1st
Wednesday, December 11	1:30-1:50PM	KKpm
Wednesday, December 11	2:20-2:50PM	5th



## WISH LIST OF BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

### **Books by Kate DeCamilo including:**

Eugenia Lincoln and the Unexpected Package: Tales From Dekawoo Dr.  
Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Raccoon: Tales From Dekawoo Dr.  
Where Are You Going Baby Lincoln? Tales From Dekawoo Dr.  
Leroy Ninker Saddles Up: Tales From Dekawoo Dr.

### **Books by Adir Levy including:**

What Should Danny Do? School Day

### **Books by Tracey West including:**

Saving the Sun Dragon: A Branches Book  
Secret of the Water Dragon: A Branches Book



### WINTERY WEATHER

As our weather turns “wintery” ~ please help your child/ren remember to bring boots to school for outdoor recess. Students who wear boots may play on the blacktop area...otherwise students without boots will remain on the sidewalk so that the salt, slush, etc...is not tracked onto the carpet in the classrooms. Students who are fully dressed for winter (i.e. – snow pants, boots, hats, gloves, etc.) may choose to play on the playground equipment, the upper/lower fields, and/or go sledding when offered.

### ILLNESS

If a child is ill, he/she should remain at home. The Health Department suggests that a child who is well enough to be in school is well enough to participate in all school activities, including outdoor recess and physical education. If a child is ill and remains at home during the school day, the student may not attend extra-curricular activities on that day (Education Commission Policy #6146.2.)

If a child becomes ill during the school day, a parent, relative, or a person designated on the child’s enrollment form will be notified to come and get him/her.

What follows is a summary of the Health Department publication entitled, “When to Keep Your Child Home.” The school also uses these guidelines to determine if a child should be sent home from school as well.

<b>FEVER</b>	<b>Do not allow child to return to school until fever-free for 24 hours. (unassisted-without medication)</b>
COLD, COUGH	“Heavy cough” and hacking cough... <b>keep home in bed even though no fever.</b>
SORE THROAT	Sore throat, but no other symptoms...go to school... <b>BUT</b> check the throat for spots - and check for a fever. If either is present, keep the child home and call the doctor.
RASH	<b>Do not send a child with a rash</b> to school until your doctor has said that it is safe to do so.
HEADACHE	Usually need not be kept home. (If you wish your child to take medication for headache, you will need to bring the medication to the office in a labeled container, with a completed Medication Administration Release Form. (see school web-site at <a href="http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org">www.holyspiritschoolgr.org</a> under “Families and Students” – “Parent Forms”.)
EARACHE	Consult your doctor without delay.
TOOTHACHE	Consult your dentist.
VOMITING	Please keep the child home. They may return 24 hours after their stomach has calmed. Consult your doctor if it persists.





A huge thank you to Chef Michael and Andrea for all of their hard work in coordinating and preparing the conference meals, as well as all of the parents who sent in ingredients or donated their time to help serve the meal. This is an awesome way to give back to our teachers while they put in a few very long days during conference time!

Second quarter is underway and Christmas is right around the corner! In the next couple of weeks, your student will bring home information regarding the annual gift collection for staff Christmas gifts. Be sure to look for this and contact any of the PTA officers if you have any questions!

With the holiday shopping season drawing near, don't forget to take advantage of fundraising opportunity offered through **Amazon Smile**. Use this URL, which will take you directly to the fundraising page for Holy Spirit: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-6019642>. Thank you in advance!

Similar to last year, we will be having a birthday party for Jesus in lieu of classroom Christmas parties on December 20th. Look for an email in the next few weeks for ways that you can help during this fun event.

In this season of **THANKSGIVING**, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers who give of their time, talent and treasure every single day in this community! We are blessed to be in a place with such a generous spirit. Happy Thanksgiving!





## **PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION BUDGET MEETING AGENDA**

### **October 22, 2019**

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Joylynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and said the opening prayer
- **BOARD IDENTIFICATION:**
  - Joylynn Kelly - PRESIDENT – 616.301.4514 | [joylynn6476@yahoo.com](mailto:joylynn6476@yahoo.com)
  - Andrea Dewicki - VICE PRES. – 616.350.0029 | [andreadewicki@gmail.com](mailto:andreadewicki@gmail.com)
  - Philip Alt - TREASURER – 616.862.8674 | [Philip.alt@altcc.biz](mailto:Philip.alt@altcc.biz)
  - Jeffrey Novosad - SECRETARY – 616.808.6057 | [jnovosad@hotmail.com](mailto:jnovosad@hotmail.com)
- **STAFF RECOGNITION:**
- **READING OF GOALS:** Andrea read the goals of the PTA
- **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**
  - Middle school Book Club back in-progress this year and has approximately 12 students
  - Titan Toddler time kicked-off last Thursday, 10/17 with 24 kids and 17 parents
  - Teacher Professional Development this Friday, 10/25
    - Topic: Theology of the Body
  - Parent Teacher conferences – 11/14 and 11/19
    - New software in place – Meet the Teacher
  - Veterans Day Mass – 11/15
  - Ministry Fair – 10/26 and 10/27 weekend masses
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Phil reviewed the updated income statement to date
  - Following WWTS and timing of the school year, PTA holds a surplus of revenue over expenses
- **Committee Reports:**
  - Holy Spirit Apparel (Emily Bouma)
    - Plan to send out another reminder soon for holiday purchases
  - Birthday Board (Val Schwallier)
    - Val to be transitioning
  - Book Fair (Kristin Adams)
    - Switching from Scholastic to [Good News! Book Fair](#) (12/6 to 12/11)
  - Hospitality/Staff Conference Meals (Michael Dewicki)
    - Menus are being planned for meals prior to family conferences
    - If you want to volunteer to bring ingredients or volunteer your time, please sign up on the parent participation survey when it is sent for next year with the registration materials. For this year, email Michael or Andrea to be included.
  - Paper Gator (Joylynn Kelly)
    - Double points in the month of October
  - Parent Ambassador (Kelly Clancy) – No business



- Publishing Center (Rose Worm and Erin Gottleber)
  - Potential use of Sign-up Genius under evaluation
- Room Parent Coordinator (Erin Gottleber) – No business
- Spartan Nash/Aunt Millie's/General Mills Box Tops (Mercedes Barnum)
  - 11/1 turn-in date for physical label
  - Search AmazonSmile to link to Holy Spirit PTA
  - Current box top revenue less than same time last year
- Family Outreach (Mandy Tuttle) – No business
- Social Committee (Carrie Miedema)
  - Trunk or Treat on 10/27/19 from 4p to 5p
    - In case of rain, head to the gym!
  - Roller Skating on 1/19/20 from 5:30p to 7:30p
  - Titan Give Back on 11/12/19 from 11:30a to 10p at The Local (can also use Script)
  - PTA donuts after 1/5/20 mass
  - Looking for additional members
- Sunshine Committee (Emily Andersen) – No business
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Erin Gottleber) – No business
- Variety Show (Elise Hollister)
  - PTA will be reaching out to those who have expressed interest (thank you!)
- Walking with the Spirit (Kelly Clancy)
  - Exceeded budgeted goal!!
  - YMCA night Saturday, 2/22/20
- Topics of Discussion
  - PTA Winter Carnival Donation – sponsoring the prize room (a budgeted line)

\*NEXT MEETING JANUARY 28 AT 7PM IN THE LIBRARY\*



## **Publishing Center Announcement!**

Congratulations to Mia S. in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, for being the **Featured Author of the Month**.

Mia has won a lunch of her choice and her story, “**Stuck in a Snowglobe**”, is featured below.

### **STUCK IN A SNOWGLOBE**

*This book is dedicated to my mom.*

#### Chapter 1

I woke up in a snowglobe. It is hot and spacious. I see a snowman.

I look for a way to get out. I dig and dig and dig. I see no way to get out. I keep looking. I find a key.  
There is a door in the ground.

I get the key and it opens the door. Now, I’m in a smaller snowglobe. “It’s useless.” I try punching the glass; it doesn’t work. I broke every bone in my hand.

I finally get out, but I’m still small. My sister stepped on me. Now I’m as thin as paper. I look for a potion to make me big. I find it.

“Oops!” Now I’m too big. I find the one to make me normal. I drink it. Now I’m normal size, but I’m a ghost.

I go back in the snowglobe. “Darn it, I’m stuck!” Wait. I’m a ghost. I slide out. I’m still a ghost.

#### Chapter 2

I find a potion to make me human. I drink it, but I am still small in that darn snowglobe.

I kick it over and it breaks. When I touch the air, I get big again. Finally I am free!

### **THE END**

#### *About the Author*

*Mia loves to draw and color. Art is her favorite subject. She wants to be a doctor or a scientist when she grows up. Outside of school, she likes to swim in the summer and play in the snow during the winter.*





## Holy Spirit School Calendar, December, 2019

Lunch Supervision, Grade 5 / For updated information go to [www.holyspiritschoolgr.org](http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org)

1 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Mt 24:37-44	2 Little Flowers 3:20-4:30	3 <u>Choir 3:20</u> Advent by Candlelight <u>7:00</u> <u>#GivingTuesday</u>	4 New Principal for <u>the Day</u> Advent Family Gathering 6:00-7:45	5 Advent by Bonfire 6:30	6 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest <u>Entries Due</u> Mass 8:45	7 Santa <u>Breakfast</u> Book Fair 8:30-11:00
8 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent <u>Mt 3:1-12</u> Children's Choir 12:00 Mass	9 Book Fair Gr. 4, 6-8	10 Christmas Program <u>2:00 &amp; 7:00</u> 3Pre attend 8:30- <u>11:00</u> 4Pre attend <u>1:30-3:00</u> Y5, K attend 1:30-3:15	11 Book Fair Y5-Gr. 3 & 5	12 Titan Toddler <u>Time 10:15</u> Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 Mass 8:45	14 Evening of Worship 7:00
15 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent <u>Mt 11:2-11</u> Christmas Basket Packing 11:00	16 Peter Pan Musical All- Cast Read Through 3:25-5:00 In the 100 Room	17 Student Council <u>3:20-</u> <u>4:00</u> West Catholic Choir Concert 7:00 at St. Adalbert's	18 Superintend ent Dave Faber <u>Visits</u> Board of Directors Meeting 6:30	19 Last Turn-in Day for our Advent Haiti Water Filter Donations, Thank you!	20 <u>Mass 8:45</u> Birthday Party for Jesus 2:15 Church 2:40 <u>Cafeteria</u> Newsletter & Calendar	21
22 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mt 1:18-24	23 <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	24 Christmas Eve Children's Choir 4:00 Mass <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	25 Christmas !	26 <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	27 <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	28
29 Feast of the Holy Family Mt 2:13-23	30 <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	31 <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	January 1 Solemnity of Mary Happy New Year!	January 2 <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	January 3 <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	January 4





## Advent by Candlelight

An invitation to all ladies to  
join us for an evening of prayer,  
community, and reflection.

**“Wait for the Plan”**  
with guest speaker,  
**Angie Ciccone**

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7 o'clock**  
Parish of the Holy Spirit

**RSVP by November 28, 2019**  
at 453-1591 or [reledoffice@hsparish.org](mailto:reledoffice@hsparish.org)

Select from one of these options when registering:

**Choose the Martha Option** if you are someone that enjoys decorating and being a hostess. Invite up to 7 of the special women in your life and treat them to a great dessert. We have 60” round tables to “reserve” **while they last**. White tablecloths are available upon request. You can decorate your table anytime between 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm on December 3rd.

**Choose the Mary Option** if you are not the hostess type and just want to come. Please bring a “special” dessert to pass. This is a great way to meet new friends and to share this wonderful night.





# **ADVENT BY BONFIRE**

**Join the Men of  
Holy Spirit Parish  
for An Evening of  
Prayer & Reflection.**

**Food, Beverages,  
& Bonding  
to share in the  
Advent Season.**

**Thursday,  
December 5  
6:30pm**

**Outside!  
Dress warmly  
And bring:  
-a bag chair  
-a snack to pass  
- your own beverages**

**Brats and burgers  
will be served.**

**RSVP by Nov. 26  
Dan Karamol  
616-560-6815**





*Join us for the annual*

# HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

**sponsored by the Holy Spirit Educational Foundation**



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2019

**8:30- 11 am in the Holy Spirit Activity Center**

*Tickets available at the door*

**Adults \$7 - Kids \$ 3 - 2 and under free!**

**Breakfast and Santa are available until 10:30**

Includes a delicious breakfast buffet, kids crafts, live nativity scene, Santa, and the Holy Spirit community! Shop the Good News Book Fair during the breakfast

questions? [holly\\_bergman@hotmail.com](mailto:holly_bergman@hotmail.com), [annfoley805@gmail.com](mailto:annfoley805@gmail.com)



"Dressing for  
Advent:  
How to Protect  
Yourself  
from the  
Cold Winds  
of Bitterness,  
Cynicism,  
Rudeness,  
and Polarization."

Thursday, December 12  
6:30pm  
Holy Spirit Church  
2230 Lake Michigan Dr.



Fr. Phil Shangraw



# HOLY SPIRIT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHURCH BBQ



All proceeds will go to Support our  
local HSP Seminarian  
Nathen Steffens.



**NOVEMBER 30, 2019**

**6pm (After 5pm Mass)**

Sohie Meats Pulled Pork Sandwich  
or Hot Dog w/chips Basket and  
Beverages

Great Food, Fellowship, and  
Christmas Music!!

**FREE** will offering!!



# I, 2, 3, 4

## We declare a

Penny War!

**Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

### RULES:

Each grade has their own bucket for collecting money. **Add** points to your grades' total by adding **pennies and bills**. **Subtract** from other grades' totals by adding **silver coins** to their buckets.

#### Pennies & Bills

All pennies and bills **ADD** points to the grades' totals

#### Silver Coins

All silver coins **SUBTRACT** points from the grades' totals

### GOAL:

**• RAISE MONEY FOR HAITI WATER FILTERS •**

#### Points:

##### Adding:

Penny	+ 1 point
\$1 bill	+ 100 points
\$5 bill	+ 500 points
\$10 bill	+ 1,000 points
\$20 bill	+ 2,000 points

##### Subtracting:

Nickel	- 5 points
Dime	- 10 points
Quarter	- 25 points

### WINNERS:

The grade with the highest number of points!



# **LIFT FOR LIFE**

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## **BENEFIT FOR JOSH VAN ROOYEN'S TRANSPORTATION NEEDS**



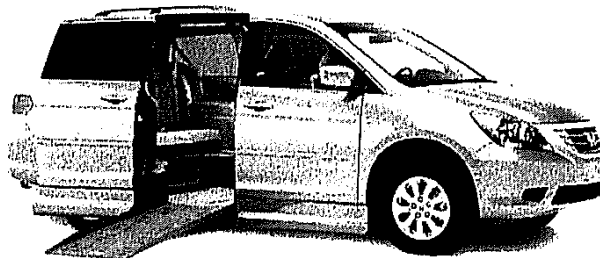
**FOOD, CASH BAR, RAFFLE, GAMES  
LIVE & SILENT AUCTION**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019 @ 5:30 PM**

**WHERE: STS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL GYM  
1433 HAMILTON NW  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504**

**ADMISSION: FREE WILL OFFERING**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED! SPREAD THE WORD!  
HELP US HELP JOSH!**



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## JOSH'S STORY

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Joshua Evan VanRooyen is 11 years old. He was born on May 18, 2008. He was three weeks early, and seemed healthy at first. Shortly after birth he began to suffer bad seizures. After many tests he was diagnosed with a rare hereditary metabolic disorder called NKH, or Glycine Encephalopathy. This is considered to be a terminal illness, as most who have it don't live to see their third birthday. At 11 years old, Josh is beating the odds. His childhood has been filled with many hospital visits for illnesses and infections that would be considered trivial to most of us. Add to that the regular visits to multiple specialists for many associated health issues, and multiple doses of several medications daily. Josh uses a wheelchair, has vision issues, has a feeding tube, is cognitively delayed at about two years old, is nonverbal (but VERY vocal), and relies on others for most of his needs. That being said, Josh is a happy boy whose blue eyes and bright smile light up a room. He loves music, playing with his brother Eric who also has NKH, seeing family and friends, and being out and about.

Josh also loves school. He is in sixth grade at Lincoln Development Center. He loves his friends, his teachers, and the ability to have more freedom than at home. Unfortunately he misses multiple days of school during the year when he has appointments, because we have no way to get Josh and his chair all the way to school from appointments. He usually rides the bus to school. Appointments usually require public transportation or insurance paid transport (which is to and from home only).

Josh lives with his mom Nancy, dad Paul, older sister Katie (13), and younger brother Eric (9). When he goes places with his family, it involves being transported in their 2006 minivan with no functioning AC, which is difficult for him because his body temperature does not regulate well. The minivan has almost 200,000 miles on it, and is unmodified. He has to be lifted up into a car seat (which he doesn't like) and then his sixty pound chair has to be lifted into the back of the van. Once he gets moving Josh is very happy, and loves to watch the world go by.

His handicap van will help with Josh's quality of life. He will get safely to appointments and therapy. He won't have to have unnecessary school absences. It will allow him to go out with his family to visit other family members, go into the community (sensory movies are a favorite!), and see more of the world outside his house. Maybe even meet with other families struggling with the same issues at an NKH Conference.

Josh has a grant from the State of Michigan, and Lori's Voice nonprofit is helping with some of the cost of transportation. However, his family needs to cover the rest of the cost. Josh is a blessing to his family, who want to help him experience the world outside his home. But as he grows, and his needs remain substantial, Josh's family needs help from the community. The family will be extremely grateful for any financial help you can provide toward the cost of a handicap van, which will enhance Josh's life considerably.

Any item large or small is welcome as a donation to be auctioned at Josh's fundraising event, **Lift for Life**. To arrange pickup of auction items, please call Mary ann or Nick Friar (J's Journey) at (616) 785-3240.

If you are considering a monetary donation, **please make your check payable to: Cindy Taylor (Aunt)**. Cash / Checks / Visa / Mastercard will be accepted.



# #GIVINGTUESDAY

## AT HOLY SPIRIT

Join us and make a big difference at Holy Spirit on Tuesday, December 3!

**Wireless Mic System for the Church.** This new wireless mic system would greatly reduce the amount of cords needing to be run each time we have a group (Contemporary Ensemble, High School Praise & Worship Team) rehearsing or performing in the church, whether for Mass or other events such as Evening of Worship. This would also streamline our setup before and teardown after each event. Estimated Cost: \$1,500.

**Laminating Machine for the School.** The current one is wearing out quickly and is used on a regular basis for classroom materials. Estimated Cost: \$1500-\$3000.

**Die Cut Shapes for the Ellison Die Cut machine.** Several of these are worn down and aren't as easy to use as they once were. PRICES VARY.

**Two Light Tablets.** The preschool and childcare programs are in need of these to use for sensory learning and to teach science, math, engineering, art and more.  
Estimated Cost: \$160.00 each.

**Measuring Items for Science Lab.** Total Estimated Cost: \$4,297.20

Digital Scale 250g capacity: \$124.55 each x 14 total = \$1743.70

Digital Scale 2500g capacity: \$126.95 each x 6 total = \$761.70

Triple Beam Balance: \$150.33 each x 10 total = \$1503.30

Beakers 250mL capacity: \$10.10 each x 10 total = \$101.10

Beakers 10 mL capacity: \$3.75 each x 10 total = \$37.50

Beakers 50 mL capacity: \$3.30 each x 10 of these = \$33.00

Beakers 100 mL capacity: \$3.50 each x 10 of these = \$35.00

Beakers 1000mL capacity: \$27.40 each x 3 of these = \$81.90

**New Desks and bookshelves for 4th Grade.** The ones they currently use are 20 years old. They are in need of 28 new desks and 5 bookshelves for the classroom. Estimated Total Cost: \$5,042.

Desk: \$150.00 each x 28 total = \$4,200.00

36" Bookshelf: \$164 each x 3 total = \$492.00

48" bookshelf: \$175 each x 2 total = \$350.00

**iPads for First Grade:** Because of the high demand for online learning resources, the 1st grade would like to have iPads readily available for math and reading development. Estimated Cost: up to \$2,500.

**3rd Grade TV and Apple TV.** Estimated Cost: \$525.00

**Kindergarten Learning Tools**—Floor Puzzles, Cushions/Pillows, Plastic Clipboards, Do-A-Dots, New Play Food, Jumbo Tweezers, Straw Connector STEM Toys. Estimated Cost: \$373.00

**Young 5's Wooden Play Refrigerator.** The current one has been fixed several times this year and is no longer fixable. The kids really love playing in the kitchen but can't safely play with it anymore.  
Estimated Cost: \$230.00