



### Halloween

Preschool, Young Fives, and Kindergarten students are welcome to wear their costumes to school on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students in Gr. 1-3 are welcome to bring a costume for their afternoon party. Please keep costumes simple, Christian appropriate, acceptable, and with no weapons. The costume parade will take place in the hallway at 2:30.

### Report Cards

Today marks the end of our first quarter. Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and you can continue to get updates on your child's grades via Infinite Campus.

### Standale Chick-Fil-A Titan Give Back Night

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-7:00. The Standale Chick-Fil-A will give us a percentage of all sales during that time. You do not need to have a flyer. Support your PTA and enjoy dinner!

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

In today's email blast, you will receive the link to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences, which will take place on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups will open today and close at 4pm on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Veterans' Day

Please join us on **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** as we celebrate our Veterans during Mass at 8:30am. 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!

### Financial Aid 2025-2026

The Diocese will be using **Blackbaud Financial Aid Management** to provide the assessment for those applying for financial assistance. This is separate from School Admin and can be accessed via <https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school>. The Aid process for 2025-2026 is now open.

- If you're a first time Blackbaud applicant, please create an account and follow the on-screen directions by going to [Blackbaud-FA-Parent Instructions](#).
- If you already have an account, enter your user name and password to continue.
- The deadline for the **1<sup>st</sup> round** of aid awards is December 8, 2024.
- If you have questions, call Customer Assistance at: 1 (800) 360-8027, or email support at: [support@studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school](mailto:support@studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school).

### Important Dates:

**Sun., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>**

~Trunk or Treat 4-5pm

**Tues., Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

~Qdoba Night 4-8pm

**Thurs., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>**

~Halloween Parade 2:30

**Friday., Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**

~All Saints Day Mass  
8:30am

**Mon., Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**

~Absentee Pictures

**Tues., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**

~Report Cards Online

**Thurs., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**

~Chick-Fil-A Night 5-7pm

**Thurs., Nov 7<sup>th</sup> & Tues.,  
Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**

~ Parent/Teacher Conf.  
4:00-7:30

**Fri., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**

~Veterans' Day Mass  
8:30am

**Wed., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**

~ Titan Toddler Time 10:15

**Fri., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

~Mass 8:30am  
~Newsletter/Calendar

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

~Mass 8:30am

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

~No School - Thanksgiving  
Break

**Amazon Library Books Wish List** - Our librarians and teachers have started an Amazon Library Books Wish List which you are welcome to use for purchasing books for our library. Thank you for helping inspire our students with a great love of reading! [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1HMILLYIWYF0K?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1HMILLYIWYF0K?ref=wl_share)

### **Absentee School Pictures**

Absentee school pictures will be taken on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your teacher has your order form prior to Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY** - Today is the deadline to complete a survey regarding the proposed capital improvements to Holy Spirit. Below are links to the proposal and the survey. Your input is vital!

Information - <https://www.hsparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Holy-Spirit-MI-Study-Sheet.pdf>

Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HolySpiritStudy>

### **Arrival Procedures**

Students in grades 1-8 who are car riders may be dropped off between 8:00-8:15am. **Pull all the way forward along the sidewalk by the rectory**, so students may walk safely to the playground and not between cars. Please do not stop by the island located between the two parking lots as this causes traffic backup for the cars behind you.

### **Dismissal Procedures**

Remember to drive slowly and carefully as you pull out of the car line. Thank you, everyone, for your patience, kindness, and peacefulness in the parking lot as we strive for a swift and safe dismissal.

### **Hair Policy Reminder**

\* Hair must be out of the eyes (for girls *and* boys) and above the collar for boys.

\* No extreme hair colorings or styles. If hair is colored or dyed it must be of a natural color and cover the entire head. Hair must be a consistent length.

\* Hair extensions, striping, designs, and mohawks are not permitted.

### **First Spot Auction Parking Winners**

Congratulations to the Bouma Family who are the Auction winners of the Front Parking Spot for this school year!

### **Christmas Program**

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Program which will take place on **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30pm.

### **Girls On The Run Coach**

We are looking for Gr. 3-4 Girls on the Run coaches. Practices are held twice a week for ten weeks in the spring from 3:15-4:45. Claire Brennan is our site liaison. Please contact the school office or Claire at [claire.amat96@gmail.com](mailto:claire.amat96@gmail.com) if you are interested or have questions about this program. What an excellent opportunity to stay in shape and help girls develop social, emotional, and physical skills!

### **Hot Lunch Updates**

Please be sure to check your lunch account balances for your children in Infinite Campus, under >fees>food service. Payments can be made through Infinite Campus using your parent portal. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Occasional supply issues can cause last minute changes to the lunch menu. Therefore, we ask that you check for the most up to date changes on the Holy Spirit School website real time calendar: <https://holyspiritschoolgr.org/>. You may also click the Calendar Tab at the top to see the full month.

### **School Family Outreach**

New baby? Upcoming surgery? Loss of a family member? Need something? Email our School Family Outreach Committee – [pta@hsparish.org](mailto:pta@hsparish.org) or fill out this [Google Form](#) and let us help!

## Religious Education News

**Confirmation Date:** The date for Confirmation this year is May 7, 2025 at 7pm. All candidates and sponsors need to be seated by 6:30 at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. The liturgy usually takes an hour and a half to two hours.

**Due by Thanksgiving:** Parent First Reconciliation homework and Confirmation registrations are due by Thanksgiving.



**Advent Retreat**  
**Saturday,**  
**December 7**  
**9:30am-Noon**

Join us for a quick, no-frills Advent Retreat featuring the materials of **Dr. Brandt Pitre** as he takes us on a journey through the Jewish Roots of Christmas!

A simple breakfast will be provided.

To Register, contact the Religious Education Office 616 453-1591 [dschoof@hsparish.org](mailto:dschoof@hsparish.org) by December 1, 2024.



### 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, bring a bag chair, snacks to share, and your beverage of choice Brats & German Wieners provided

RSVP by November 30 to  
Dan Wood 616-735-6032

## Advent by Candlelight

*An invitation to all women to join us for an evening of Prayer, Reflection & Community as we hear words of faith from our guest speaker, Kris Palaszek*



Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 7pm

Holy Spirit Church

RSVP by November 26, 2024

at 453-1591 or [reledoffice@hsparish.org](mailto:reledoffice@hsparish.org)

Select from one of these options when registering:

**Choose the Martha Hostess Option** if you are someone who 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. Purple tablecloths are available upon request. You can decorate your table anytime between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm on December 3.

**Choose the Mary Option** if you are not the hostess type and just want to come. This is a great way to meet new friends.



Anniston N.  
Isabelle Z.  
Izzabella B.  
Sophia J.  
Liam A.  
Skylar M.  
Mrs. Kufera

## November Birthdays!

Miles B.  
Jackson F.  
Anna G.  
Grayson N.  
Stella B.  
Callan G.

Annalise A.  
Luke F  
Brock B.  
Phillip W.  
Hunter B.  
Wyatt S.

Catherine S.  
Theodore G.  
Hudson E.  
Josie R.  
Emmett T.  
Emilia L.



### SEVERE WEATHER, CANCELLATIONS & BUSSING INFORMATION

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](http://www.woodtv.com) or [www.wzzm13.com](http://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>  |
|--|---|
| 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.

## PUBLISHING CENTER NEWS

The Publishing Center is off to a great start. **Seventy-two** books have already been published! Please continue to encourage your children to write stories, poems, and graphic novels! If they are having trouble coming up with ideas, here are a few: write about a family vacation/stay-cation, a favorite animal, a favorite activity they like to participate in, or write a new ending to their favorite book. Tell them to imagine and write about their dream vacation, what it would be like to travel to outer space, or time travel to the past or future.

### **AWESOME AUTHORS CLUB!**

#### ***Congratulations to the following HS Published Authors***

**KK:** Tatum D.

**1H:** Kate S., Max V., Henry G., Ayla D., Natalie K., Jude G., Miles B.

**1M:** Kennedy P., Jase W., Maxine J., Rio R., Kennedy P., Iris S., Sofia W.

**2J:** Piper M., Emma W., Shai D., Isabelle Z., Jackson P., Todd R., Lucy K., Cole N., Alivia M., Lucy S.

**2M:** Hailey Y., Finley D., Addy W., Sam P., Ryker B., Bennett H., Finley M., Hazel B., Vin A.

**3D:** Ocea H., Russell J.

**3K:** Josiah J., Eden G., Ellenor S., Danica G., Nola A., Oliver M., Max K., Charlee J., Mya G., Amelia B.

**4D:** Quinn H., Zavver H., Ellory R., Ella W., Charlotte T., Mary S., Cora P., Lila G., Wesley F., Clara B., Nate S.

**4O:** Calvin G., Brooklyn K., Greyson K.

## SCRIP NEWS

The next local order will be placed on November 4<sup>th</sup>. These are the only businesses that you can choose Ship to Coordinator for. Not a member yet? Sign up at [raiseright.com/](http://raiseright.com/). If you have any questions, please contact April Alt at [scrip@hsparish.org](mailto:scrip@hsparish.org).

### **Local establishments include:**

Amway Grand Plaza

Nawara Brothers

Arsulowicz Eye Care – Dr. Jennifer Simon

Beaches and Braces

Grand City Dentistry

Mansfield Family Dentistry

Dr. Joel Carroll

Dr. Laura Fogle

Enjoy Orthodontics

Standlale Dental

### IN SYMPATHY



*Please keep in your prayers the Erhorn Family on the passing of their Grandfather, the Norder and Scott Russo Families on the loss of their Great-Grandmother, and the Beekman Family on the death of their Grandfather. May the memories of their loved ones live on in their hearts and bring them peace*

## Titan Sports Update

### Sports Fee for Fall and Winter

Please remember to turn in your sports fee of \$125 per student to the school office. If you want this fee to be added to your tuition, please email Terri Kelly at tkelly@hsparish.org to set this up. If paying by check, please make a check payable to Holy Spirit Athletics and turn it into the school office. Please turn in cleaned volleyball jerseys, in a bag, to the school office with players name on it.

**Boys Basketball** – Holy Spirit athletic handbook was emailed to parents. Please review with your child and send the last page signed to the school office. Please make sure your child attends practices. If unable to attend, please let the coach know. Download the Teamsnap app for schedules and communication with coaches.

### Practices for boys basketball are as follows:

#### Mondays at Holy Spirit Gym

5:00 to 6:30 5th Grade Boys  
6:30 to 8:00 6th Grade Boys

#### Tuesdays at ASA Gym

5:30 to 7:30 7th Grade Boys  
7:30 to 9:00 8th Grade Boys

#### Wednesdays at Holy Spirit Gym

5:00 to 6:30 5th Grade Boys  
6:30 to 8:00 3rd Grade Boys

#### Thursdays at Holy Spirit Gym

5:00 to 6:30 6th Grade Boys  
6:30 to 8:00 4th Grade Boys  
8:00 to 9:30 8th Grade Boys

#### Thursdays at ASA GYM

5:30 to 7:30 7th Grade Boys

#### Fridays at Holy Spirit Gym

3:15 to 4:45 4th Grade Boys  
5:00 to 6:30 8th Grade Boys

### Graceac will open registration for Winter 2 sports

- Girls Basketball grades 3rd thru 8th
- Ski Grades 6th thru 8

### Registration will open November 1st and Close December 1st.

You must register your child in order to participate. There is no fee at registration. You are responsible for the one time sports fee to Holy Spirit which is \$125.

Please make sure your child has a sports physical turned in before the first practice.

**Register at:** [graceac.com](http://graceac.com)

Athletics will be selling the old Holy Spirit Football Jerseys. (Limited amount) During Conferences on November 7th and 12th. We have 3 styles. Cost will be \$20.00 each.



### WEST CATHOLIC/CATHOLIC CENTRAL/COMMUNITY NEWS

WC Future Falcon News - [Click Here](#)

CC Open House - Nov. 10th, 1-4 PM - [click here](#)

8th Grade CC Shadow Days, Now - Dec. 1 - [clickhere](#)

CC Middle School Strength and Conditioning Camp, Now – Dec.11 - [LINK](#)

CC Presents The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe – Oct 30-Nov 2 – [LINK to tickets](#)

West Michigan Youth Ballet – THE NUTCRACKER - [link](#)

## **Spanish Class News at Holy Spirit – October 2024**

Here is what has been happening with Spanish class in the month of October!

KDG- We continue to practice numbers to 10, colors (have added verde and marron/café) and are learning the song, “Alrededor” in which the students do different movements around the library-ask your child about this song!

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades- Pretty soon you will see your child’s work come home from the Parts of the Body Unit that we have almost completed. Students should be able to identify on their own some of the body parts and if you know Spanish, you can quiz them to see how many they can identify! We also learned about the Royal Family in Spain (España) and students were able to understand simple descriptions of the family in Spanish.

4<sup>th</sup>- We continue to work through the first unit of Vamos. Soon, we will start to learn some cultural Christmas songs to prepare for caroling in December around the school!

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades- We are in Unit 2 which focuses on animals/body parts and sounds. The cultural section will be on Costa Rica about a special lantern parade which students will learn about in November. Students will receive a grade for first quarter in Spanish.

7<sup>th</sup> grade Second hour- We are also in Unit 2 (see 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade note above). Students recently did a Spanish speaking country report and are reporting out their findings to their classmates.

7<sup>th</sup> grade Third hour- We are currently in Unit 3 which starts to focus more specifically on calendar phrases and asking/answering about physical descriptions. Students will soon learn about the country of Peru.

8<sup>th</sup> grade- Eighth graders will take the Unit 2 assessment the last Tuesday in October. We will soon start on Unit 3 (see 7<sup>th</sup> grade 3<sup>rd</sup> hour notes above).

Feel free to meet with me during conferences! I will be available on Thurs. Nov. 7 only.

**Students in grades 5-8 will receive letter grades for all 4 quarters for Spanish class.**

Loreal Long

K-8 Spanish

[loreallong@dogrschools.org](mailto:loreallong@dogrschools.org)



FROM

The goals of this organization shall be:

- A) To bring into closer relation the home and the school, so parents and teachers may work together in educating children in a Catholic Christian environment.
- B) To develop between teachers and parents such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education



**PTA** | HOLY SPIRIT  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA  
October 22, 2024**

- **[ATTENDANCE SHEET](#)**
  
- **CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER:** Emily Bouma @ 7:02pm
  
- **BOARD IDENTIFICATION:** Individually
  - Emily Bouma - PRESIDENT | [ebouma1205@gmail.com](mailto:ebouma1205@gmail.com)
    - Kelsey- 9th WC, Alex- 6th, Hanna- 4th
  - Melissa Radlinski- VICE- PRESIDENT | [melissaradlinski@gmail.com](mailto:melissaradlinski@gmail.com)
    - Jaxson- 7th , Mya- 5th, Ellory- 4th, Isaac-Y5
  - Philip Alt - TREASURER | [Philip.alt@altcc.biz](mailto:Philip.alt@altcc.biz)
    - Marcus- 7th, Owen- 6th, Nola- 3rd
  - Tanya Kooistra - SECRETARY | [tkooistra@gmail.com](mailto:tkooistra@gmail.com)
    - Charlotte-4th, Lucy- 2nd
  
- **STAFF RECOGNITION:** Melissa Radlinski
  - Tanya Kooistra
  - Kathleen Houdek
  - Katie Martinez
  - Paula Ryan
  - Pat Kalahar
  
- **ROLE CALL:** Individual Parents: Parent Name(s), Student Name(s) and Grade(s)
  
- **READING OF GOALS** (see goals at the bottom of agenda): Melissa Radlinski
  
- **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Pat Kalahar
  - **September 28, 2024-** Auction- thank you support- estimated net \$140,000.00- \$125,000 into Ed. Foundation (not everything has been reconciled yet)
  - **October 18, 2024-** Professional Development- AM- Theology of the Body, PM- Student Anxiety and Staff Mental Health- Beth Boshoven
  - **October 24, 2024-** Screenager + The Anxious Generation- led by Sarah Grey
  - **November 7 and 12, 2024-** Parent Teacher Conferences

- **December 3, 2024**- Giving Tuesday- Rejuvenating the Gym- new light, new stage, new paint, new sound
  - More conversation around the Parish building project and discussion of some creative solutions
  - Questions- who can people express concerns to? (Father Mark or Kate Muir)
  - QR Code- this is our last chance to voice our opinion- BE SURE to fill out the feasibility study survey and BE HONEST! - closes this weekend
- **March 21, 2025**- Spring Musical- Beauty and the Beast
  - Most parts have been auditioned for and assigned
  - Interested in helping? Contact the school office.
  
- **TREASURER'S REPORT: Phil Alt**
  - Revenue
    - WWTS- raised \$43,477- a few lingering dollars still out there
    - \$1,477 above our budgeted amount 😊
  
  - Expenses:
    - Most of these come as the year goes on
  
- **OPEN DISCUSSIONS/TOPICS:**  
*These topics are given space to be discussed but no resolve is to be expected*
  - GRACEAC - Sports Phil Alt
    - Consensus of frustrations:
      - Scheduling
      - Timing of schedule release
      - No funding of sports
      - Transparency of funds
      - Costs - breakdown for each sport
        - Could Brad Sturgell come to a meeting?
    - Not a full booster committee to bring concerns to
    - The Diocesan vision to grow/add sports was not paired with additional support to administer it, so there are now some organizational issues.
      - Hard to go backwards- how do we eliminate 3rd and 4th grade sports at this time?
      - Parents could run a “club” type sport for the younger grades
  
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - Apparel - Chair: **Melissa Radlinski**
    - Christmas orders
    - New design is approved
    - Website in the works
    - Snow bags and toddler stuff
    - ??? Embroidered non school uniform spirit wear
  
  - Birthday Board - Chair: **Stephanie Kozlowicz**
    - Nothing new to report
  
  - Hospitality / Staff Conference Meals - Chair: **Mercedes Barnum**
    - No committee chair present
    - Pat and Mercedes met- comfortable with the plan
    - Parent Participation Volunteer- sign up genius coming soon

- Parent Ambassador- Chair: **Julie Brown**
  - Going very well
  
- Publishing Center - Chair: **April Alt**
  - No committee chair present- no report given
  
- Room Parent Coordinator - Chair: **Amanda Sekelsky**
  - No committee chair present
  - Reminder for room parents to send out sign up genius for Halloween Parties
  - **Thursday, October 31, 2024-** 2:30pm-hallway parade with little kids
  
- School Family Outreach- Chair: **Melissa Jaszczyszyn**
  - Google form has been created and shared in Friday follow ups and newsletters
  
- Social Committee- Chair: **Katie Bouwhuis**
  - WC tailgate was great and very well received
  - **October 27, 2024- 4:00-5:00pm-** Trunk or Treat
  - Looking into a Kick off or close out for CSW- stay tuned!
  - Looking into Griffins and Whitecaps games- stay tuned!
  
- Teacher Appreciation Week - Chair: **Emily Bouma**
  - More information coming soon
  
- Titan Givebacks- Chair: **Katie Johnson**
  - **October 29, 2024-** Qdoba- flier coming this week
  - **November 7, 2024-** Chick-Fil-A
  - **December 5, 2024-** Uccellos
  - **January 2025-** date still undecided- Adobe- full day give back
  - **February 2025-** date still undecided- Chipotle
  - Another possible give back in the future:
    - Roasted Sports Bar on a Tuesday
  
- Variety Show- Chair: **OPEN**
  - No committee chair present- no report given
  
- Community Day - Chair: **Andrea Berndt**
  - No committee chair present- no report given
  
- Walking with the Spirit - Chair: **Kelly Toland**
  - No committee chair present- Treasurer shared report

- **CALENDAR EVENTS:**

- **Thursday, Oct. 24th @ 6:30pm-** Screenagers Elementary School Edition parent movie viewing
- **Sunday, October 27th @4pm** [Trunk or Treat](#)
- **Tuesday, October 29th-** [Qdoba - Alpine Give Back Spirit Night](#)-Flyers coming home next week.
- **Monday, November 4th-** Absentee School Pictures
- **Thursday, November 7th and Tuesday, November 12th-** Parent-Teacher Conferences

- **COLOR DAY DRAWING:**

- Emily Bouma
- Annie Williams
- Melissa Jaszczyszyn
- Katie Bouwhuis

- **MOTION FOR DISMISSAL @ 8:05pm**

**THIS YEAR'S MEETINGS**

~~September 24, 2024 - 7pm~~

~~October 22, 2024 - 7pm~~

January 28, 2025 - 7pm

March 25, 2025 - 7pm



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

## Featured Author of the Month

Congratulations to Finley M., and Bennett H, in Grade 2M, for being the Featured Author of the Month. They have won a treat of their choice, and their story is featured below.

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### The Bat

*This book is dedicated to My Grandma*

There once was a bat named Bart. He had a great and loving family. But one day an owl attacked! His mother died and the rest of his family flew away. Bart was all alone in the cold and dark night.

When he was flying, he saw something. He dove closer. Then he noticed that it was a pear tree. He landed on a sturdy branch and started eating. Then he got full.

He was about to take off but something fell on Bart's head. "OUCH!" he yelled. A squirrel had dropped a nut on Bart's head. He did not like that! He said, "Who are you?" "My name is Pumpkin. What's your name?" she said. "My name is Bart."

"I am trying to find my family," he said. "I think I saw a colony of bats." "Thanks," said Bart. Then he took off into the sky. He saw his family! He rejoiced!

He flew up and somebody noticed him. "Hey everybody, it's Bart!" He lived happily ever after.

**The End**

### About the Authors

Bennett likes the color blue. Math is his favorite subject. The Detroit Lions is his favorite team. He has two sisters, Lucy and Sophie. Finley thinks Bennett would make a great quarterback someday! But Bennett would like to be an architect since he enjoys building and drawing.



## Holy Spirit School Calendar, November, 2024

[Lunch Supervision, Grade 6 / For updated information go to \[www.holyspiritschoolgr.org\]\(http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org\)](http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org)

|  |  |   |   |   |   |                                    |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
|  |  |   |   |   | 1<br>All Saints'<br>Day<br>Mass 8:30              | 2                                  |
| 3<br>Gospel<br><u>Mk 12:28-34</u><br>Meet the<br>Teacher<br>Conference<br>Sign-ups<br>close<br>tomorrow<br>at 8:00am | 4<br><u>Absentee<br/>Picture Day</u><br>Robotics<br>6:00-7:30<br>Library | 5<br>Report<br>Cards<br><u>Online</u><br>Choir<br>3:15-4:15 | 6   | 7<br>Parent<br>Teacher<br>Conferences<br><u>4:00-7:30</u><br>Chick Fil-A<br>Give Back<br>Night<br>5:00-7:00 | 8<br>Veterans' Day<br>Mass 8:30                   | 9<br>Student<br>Choir<br>5:00 Mass |
| 10<br>Gospel<br>Mk 12:38-44  | 11<br>Robotics<br>6:00-7:30<br>Library                                   | 12<br>Parent<br>Teacher<br>Conferences<br>4:00-7:30         | 13  | 14  | 15<br><u>Mass 8:30</u><br>Gr. 5<br>Field Trip     | 16                                 |
| 17<br>Gospel<br>Mk 13:24-32  | 18<br>Robotics<br>6:00-7:30<br>Library                                   | 19<br>Choir<br>3:15-4:15                                    | 20<br>Titan<br>Toddler<br>Time<br><u>10:15-10:45</u><br>6:30 Board<br>Meeting | 21<br>Turn in Food<br>Drive Items<br>by tomorrow  | 22<br><u>Mass 8:30</u><br>Newsletter/<br>Calendar | 23                                 |
| 24<br>Gospel<br>Jn 18:33-37  | 25<br>Robotics<br>6:00-7:30<br>Library                                   | 26<br><u>Mass 8:30</u><br>Choir<br>3:15-4:15                | 27<br><u>No School</u><br>Child Care<br>Open                                  | 28<br>Happy<br>Thanksgiving   | 29<br><u>No School</u><br>Child Care<br>Closed    | 30                                 |

## *Thanksgiving Food Drive*



### *Lower EI (Y5-GR. 3) vs. Upper EI (Gr. 4-8) Food Drive Contest October 28-November 22*

Feeding the needy is part of serving one another, and as we serve others, we are serving Christ! We are having a Thanksgiving Food Drive to collect the following items for Catholic Charities to share with those in need. The lower elementary classrooms will compete with the upper elementary classrooms to see who can bring in more food items. There will be two designated tables for students to place their items on. On the last day of the competition, we will count the items to declare the winners. A special surprise will be awarded! Parents, this is a good opportunity for your children to do some extra chores to earn money to purchase food items. What a perfect opportunity to Love Like Jesus!

- **Canned Vegetables**
- **Black Beans**
- **Lima Beans**
- **Black-eyed Peas**
- **Red Beans**
- **Canned Fruit**
- **Canned Tomato Products**
- **Boxed Potatoes**
- **Boxed/Bagged Stuffing**
- **Canned Tuna / Chicken – Low Sodium**

"The generous will themselves be blessed,  
for they share their food with the poor." Proverbs 22:16



# Holy Spirit

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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To: All Holy Spirit School Families  
From: Mr. Kalahar, Mrs. Ryan, and Mr. Wisniewski  
Date: October 25, 2024  
Re: **Veterans' Day Mass, November 8, 2024, 8:30am**

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 8<sup>th</sup>.

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 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 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, 2024!

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*So we may plan for our Veterans' Day Celebration, please return this slip to school by Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.*

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_, will be joining us on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.



Holy Spirit School PTA Presents



FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT  
SCHOOL AND PARISH  
COMMUNITY

Holy Spirit School Back  
Parking Lot

Offering a safe and fun environment for  
families to trick or treat from lined up  
vehicle trunks and tailgates!

BRING YOUR COSTUMED CHILDREN AND LOTS OF  
CANDY TO SHARE!

You may choose to decorate your trunk/tailgate,  
though it is not a requirement.

Line up begins at 4:00pm

Candy will be received from 4:30-5:00pm

# QDOBA IS BRINGING FLAVOR TO OUR COMMUNITY



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# #GiveCatholicWM on GIVINGTUESDAY

Dec. 3, 2024

**Our goal this #GivingTuesday is to raise \$55,000 to rejuvenate the gym: a new stage (for parish and school use), LED light replacements, revamped paint scheme, replacement padding on the walls, and an upgraded sound system.**

*Will you be a part of this radical day of generosity?*



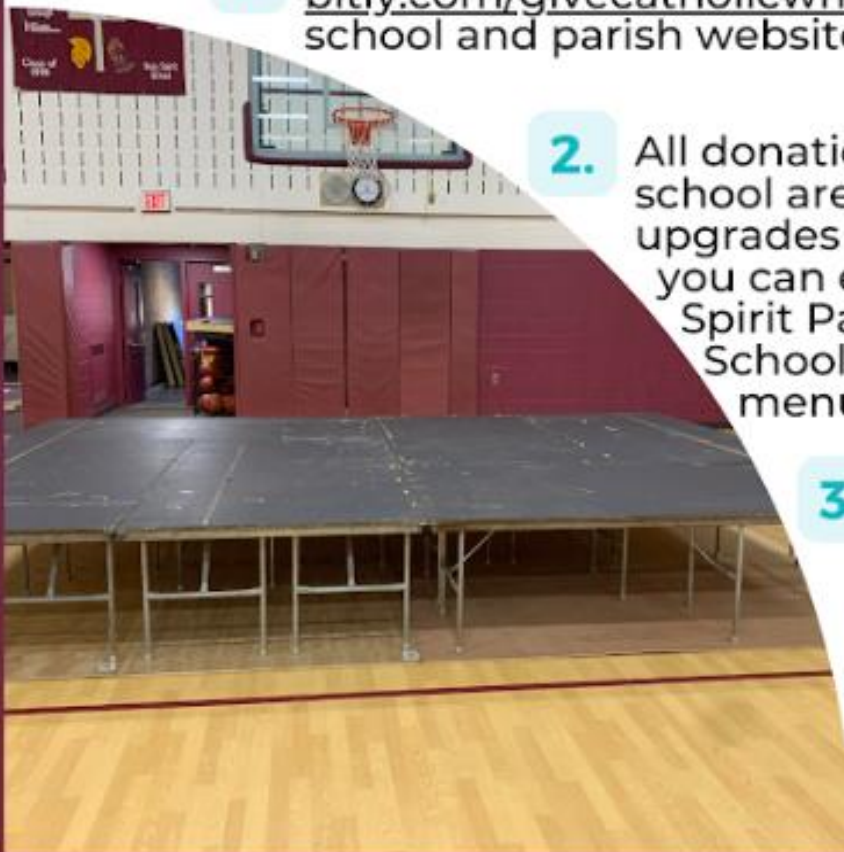
## HOW TO GIVE:

**1.** On December 3, 2024, visit [bitly.com/givecatholicwm](https://bitly.com/givecatholicwm) or find the link on the school and parish websites and social media.

**2.** All donations to the parish and school are being directed to the upgrades in the gymnasium, so you can either select "Holy Spirit Parish" or "Holy Spirit School" from the dropdown menu.

**3.** Make your donation.

**Thank you  
for your  
generosity!**





JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL  
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*Santa Breakfast*

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH**

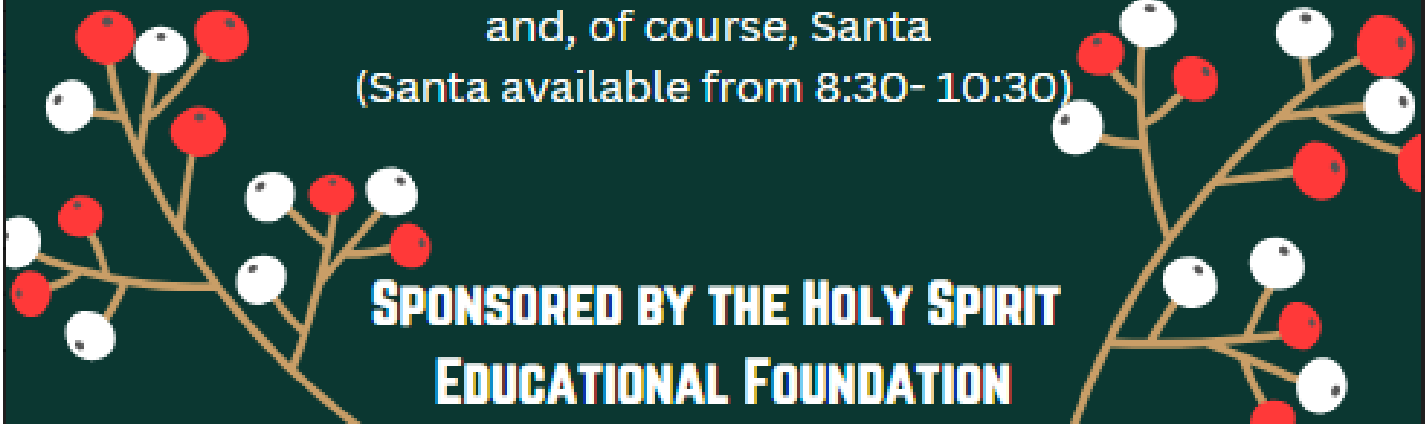
**8:30 - 11 AM.**

**HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITY CENTER (GYM)**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BREAKFAST  
(CASH/ VENMO)

**ADULTS \$10 | CHILDREN \$5 | UNDER 2 FREE**

Enjoy delicious breakfast, kids crafts, live nativity,  
and, of course, Santa  
(Santa available from 8:30- 10:30)



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