



Celebrating Community

AT ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**Hot Lunch Orders Are Due
Tuesday, February 9 by 11:50 p.m.**

Auction Super Week Starts Today

Auction Super Week runs through February 19 to accommodate Mid-Winter Break. We encourage your donations of gift cards and merchandise according to the following grade themes:

- Preschool/PreK-STEM and dress-up fun; Fisher-Price Smart Cycle
- Kindergarten-American Girl/LEGO architecture skyline collection
- First grade-3D doodler fun
- Second grade-What's in your wallet? (gift cards and gift certificates)
- Third grade-Outdoor fun: electric scooter, skateboard, swingboard
- Fourth grade-Vroom Vroom: Cyber truck RC
- Fifth grade-Game console Xbox/Playstation
- Sixth grade-Tower Garden Growing System--www.towergarden.com
- Seventh grade-Outdoor cooking enthusiast:Ultimate Blackstone flat-top grill
- Eighth grade-One Mirror. Every workout. This is a nearly invisible home gym.
For more information, see <https://www.mirror.co/>



If you wish to donate, you can do so in two ways: Donate a monetary amount (this can be done via cash, check, or a gift card). Monetary donations can be put in the bins that each teacher will have in their classroom. Donate the product for your grade's theme. Product donations can be sent to the office.

The incentive for the whole school if we reach our goal will be a jeans day. The incentive for the grade that brings in the most monetary or donated-value amount will get a pizza party. The following article is a wish list of items that are very popular and much needed by the auction committee at this time for Super Week. Your generosity and donations will be greatly appreciated and the proceeds go directly to our students and staff. Thank you for considering a donation, thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you online on April 24. Look for more auction details soon!

All Saints Schedule Updates

All Saints appreciates families' understanding as we pivot when needed due to this year's unprecedented COVID events. Here are some calendar updates for the next few weeks. Please note these dates on your schedule.

- No school for students on Wednesday, March 3 and Thursday, March 4, so our teachers and staff members can receive their follow-up vaccinations. We are taking two days to accommodate for the possibility of stronger side effects of the second shots.
- Friday, March 5 will be a day of virtual learning, with students required to participate in sessions from home.
- In-person learning will resume on Monday, March 8.
- Because of the need for social distancing at this time, we are removing the Kindergarten Round Up from our schedule on Friday, March 26. Current Early Childhood and Kindergarten students will have regular classes that day.

Growing Leaders in Mind, Body, and Spirit

In The Know

February 8-19

Auction Super Week

February 9

Mass

10:00 a.m.

February 10

ASCS Spirit Day

February 12-16

Mid-Winter Break

February 17

Ash Wednesday Mass

10:00 a.m.

March 3 and 4

No School for Students

Educator Vaccination Day

March 5

Remote Learning

March 8

In-Person Learning Resumes

All Saints Needs Substitute Teachers

All Saints is actively looking to add to the list of contacts we maintain for our substitute teachers.

Because of COVID protocols, substitute teachers are in demand throughout the Metro Detroit area. Adults who have 90 college credits are eligible to apply. All Saints looks forward to having our parents and family members join our substitute list because we want applicants who support our children and our mission and are familiar to our students.

For more information and to apply, contact Ms. Strausbaugh at kstrausbaugh@allsaintscs.com.



Parent Lunch Dropoffs, Early Dismissal Pickup Process Changes

Parents who are bringing in forgotten lunches are asked to put the lunch on the cart between the front doors. Before the lunch hour, we will collect the lunches and put them on the milk cooler in the lunchroom. All students will be asked to check the milk cooler for their lunches. We will not interrupt classrooms to remind students to get their lunches. If there is no lunch for the student, we ask that the student go to the lunchroom window and let the supervisor know that they need a lunch.

Separately, if you have scheduled an afterschool appointment and need to pick your child up before loop-line dismissal, please note that the latest you now can do so is 2:15 p.m. Times after 2:15 p.m. cause disruption at the end of the school day, as teachers and students are finalizing assignments, collecting papers, and preparing for group dismissal.

COVID Protocol Reminders

We have a few reminders for you regarding COVID.

*If your child requires a test for COVID, it must be a PCR test and not a rapid test. These are more accurate and more reliable.

*If one household member is symptomatic and waiting for pending COVID results, please keep all students home until results are received.

Hot Lunch Orders Due Tomorrow

The March hot lunch menu is online. Place orders here by tomorrow night, Tuesday, February 9, at 11:50 p.m. No late orders can be accepted. Place your child's order at this link: <https://allsaintscatholicsschool.h1.hotlunchonline.net/frontend.php>

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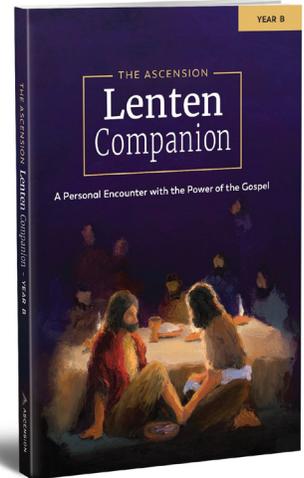
(734) 459-6873 Attendance

Ash Wednesday Is February 17; Lent Starts in Just 9 Days

All Saints invites you to join a growing number of parents and staff members who have been participating in the Advent and Lenten reflections. These reflections have made significant impacts on people's lives. Please see the testimonies below:

"We decided to do the Advent Journal series as a family to prepare for the Christmas season. Since the boys are older, we did the daily readings on our own (except Josh and I read together before bed) but came together on Sundays to watch the videos, discuss, and pray. At first, we weren't sure how this was going to work, but as Christmas drew near, we settled into a little family ritual. We lit candles, dimmed the lights, prayed first, then took turns with the readings. Some nights we had lively discussions and questions, others were more reflective. Honestly, we did more talking than journaling. Still, these moments together brought us a sense of Christ's presence, away from the distractions of the world."

The Baker Family



"The Lenten journal is a quick, simple way to make daily, substantial improvements to your spiritual life and enhance your Lent season. It's been a blessing to me and I would highly recommend everyone to participate!"

Angela Kalkofen, parent

"DIY for Faith- This series is such a wonderful, easy way to focus on your Lenten journey as an individual or group. We gathered some friends and did a one-hour weekly zoom meeting. You can do it alone within your home or branch out and start a small group. Embrace the change of focus this year. Try this easy format. This series will give you great hope in your journey to Easter."

Carol Pisarski, Director of Admissions

"This book really made the Advent season come to life for my husband and me. It drew a clear picture of the humanity of the Holy Family, and we were able to share the anxieties and joys that they were feeling as they were preparing for the birth of our Savior. It helped us reflect on our relationship as husband and wife and our relationship with our children. It gave us the freedom to expect more from our family life and gave us the liberty to accept our imperfections. Prior to this book, my husband found it difficult to read his Bible, but he shared with me that he could feel God speaking to him through this book and the scriptures."

S.J.L.

"These Lenten journals by Father Mark Toups have been a huge blessing to me the last few years. They are brief and easy to follow, but incredibly impactful. His writing style is original and inspiring, pointing out new perspectives that I've never considered before. They make it easy to keep your eyes trained on Jesus."

Megan Krogmeier, parent

"These programs offer a unique way to pray with scripture by using Imaginative Prayer. By immersing yourself in the scene of the Gospel story, you get a completely different perspective of God's word, one that will reignite your faith."

Mike and Pam Rensi, parents

This Lenten program includes an inspirational journal and engaging videos featuring Father Mark Toups. Join us and experience real spiritual formation and growth, finding yourself changed from the beginning of Lent to Easter. Visit ascensionpress.com for more details. Send an email to Mary Ann Jenkins at mjenkins@allsaintscs.com to request your copy or copies of your journal today. Include the name of your oldest child and his or her homeroom teacher. The journals will be delivered to you through your son or daughter. Once you receive your journal, please send \$5 (per journal) in an envelope to Mary Ann Jenkins.

For more details about the program, please watch a video featuring Fr. Mark Toups at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKg5olPPi1s&feature=youtu.be>

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*21st Annual
Growing Our Future
Virtual Auction & Gala
Saturday, April 24, 2021*



Annual Auction Is Coming April 24

Dear Families,

Our 21st annual *Growing Our Future* Auction and Gala is rapidly approaching. Although this year's event will be virtual due to COVID, it will still be a significant way for our community to come together to support our students!

Mark your calendars! This year's event will be on Saturday, April 24, 2021. We are looking forward to an evening of fun, and fundraising to benefit the students and faculty of All Saints Catholic School. Our annual auction serves as All Saints' largest fundraiser of the year, and we cannot do it without you!

Although we will not have a live auction component, we still plan to feature many of the categories our families enjoy bidding on, including our popular "Teacher or Staff Member of the Day" and our Giving Tree donation requests.

**Save the Date:
April 24, 2021**

Your generous donations provide our auction committee with the valuable products and services used to create the numerous raffle baskets and auction packages available for bidding. If you are able to help, we ask that you consider a donation of goods or services to benefit the auction. If parents and families would like to create their own baskets to donate to the auction, the planning committee would appreciate your creativity! Top basket themes that have done well in the past include liquor and lotto, women's/men's pampering, fitness baskets, golf packages, craft baskets, religious baskets, and sports memorabilia, among others.

ThankScriping Days Are Coming Soon!

All Saints families--Get ready to earn up to 19% back, with more than 60 bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards through the Great Lakes Scrip Program.

It's the first February ThankScriping Day, and it's two days long. Mark your calendar for the big event, happening February 18 - 19.

This is a huge opportunity to multiply All Saints' earnings with bonuses on many popular brands.

Things to know:

--Bonuses apply to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards only.

--Families must have an online account to participate.

For more details, contact All Saints' Scrip coordinator Lin Keller at lindseymariakeller@gmail.com

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Resurrection Parish Hosts Ash Wednesday Observances

Resurrection Parish invites All Saints families to join them for Ash Wednesday observances on February 17.

- 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Noon communion service
- 12:30 p.m. ash distribution service in the parking lot
- 7:00 p.m. Mass

Distribution of ashes will be available beginning after 8:30 a.m. Mass through noon, then again following the 12:30 p.m. distribution service through 4 p.m.

Resurrection Parish extends a warm welcome to those waiting in the parking lots for pick up, to come inside and receive ashes before/after dismissal or to attend a Mass or service listed above.

Fund for All Saints Campaign Continues

Thank you to all who have already donated to the 2020-2021 Fund for All Saints campaign. We have received more than \$55,000 so far, after formally launching this year's effort just a month ago. We are grateful for everyone's support and generosity.

The Fund for All Saints is a wonderful opportunity to support our school, especially right now in honor of Catholic Schools Week. Donations can be made online at the following link: www.allsaintscs.com/donate

Virtues in Practice--Cheerfulness

"Cheerfulness is the virtue that helps us to be joyful, even when times are hard. God loves us and wants us to be truly happy. We can think and act in a way that is gloomy, forgetting God, and dragging ourselves and others down, or we can count our blessings, praise God for His goodness, and lift everyone up toward Him. So make the choice to be joyful in the Lord and spread hope through joy!" (*Virtues in Practice*, 2013)

Classroom Happenings



For the third and fourth quarters, Mrs. Zahari and Mrs. Roose are teaching an 8th grade elective that alternates between dissection and life skills. On Thursday in dissection, Mrs. Zahari's students dissected owl pellets. By discovering different types of bones in the pellets, the students can figure out what the owls ate. Some students found bird bones, while others found rodent bones. In a few weeks, the class will be dissecting worms.



Thank you to our All Saints families for your incredible generosity in donating baby items to support Mary's Mantle! Our families sent in more than 500 newborn-to 3-month outfits and sleepers, more than 100 baby shampoo/baby wash bottles, more than 75 containers of diaper cream, and more than 50 swaddle blankets. Due to the overwhelming donations, Mary's Mantle will forward any extra items to assist other area crisis pregnancy and pro-life organizations to help families in need.

Growing Leaders in Mind, Body, and Spirit

*Virtues
in Practice*

Faith ~ Hope ~ Charity

Virtues in Practice
Monthly Newsletter

February 2021



February's Virtue - *Cheerfulness*

“**Cheerfulness** is the virtue that helps us to be joyful, *even when times are hard*. God loves us and wants us to be truly happy. We can think and act in a way that is gloomy, forgetting God, and dragging ourselves and others down, or we can count our blessings, praise God for his goodness, and lift everyone up toward Him. So make the choice to be *joyful in the Lord* and **spread hope through joy!**”
(Virtues in Practice, 2013)



Cheerfulness and Sacred Scripture

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Then the just will be glad; they will rejoice before God; they will celebrate with great joy.

Psalm 68:4

Pre-K-2nd Grade

Prayer: *Act of Hope*

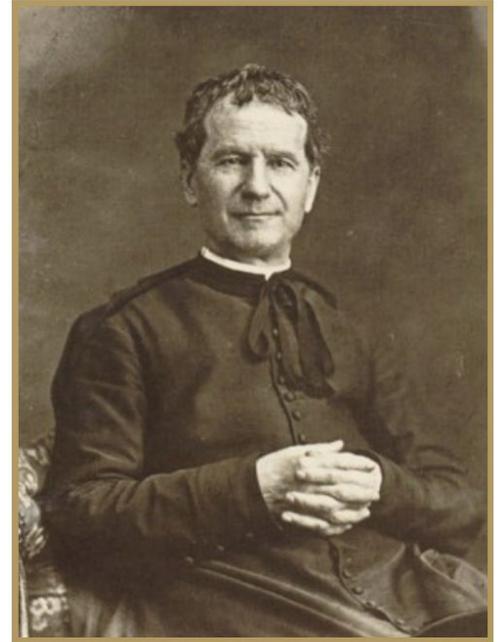
What is Cheerfulness? *Looking on the bright side*

Saint: *Saint John Bosco (Feast Day: January 31)*

As a child, Saint John Bosco gathered other boys his age on Sundays after Mass to tell them Bible stories and do magic tricks, or walk on a tightrope, or juggle for them. When he grew older, John Bosco founded the Salesian Order of priests to help homeless boys have a safe home and learn a trade. He asked the boys to say three *Hail Marys* each night so that the Blessed Mother would keep them away from sin. He encouraged the boys to be like Jesus in everything they did, whether they were working, studying, or playing.

Dear Saint John Bosco, help me to serve others in joy. When I see others who are sad, help me to have a cheerful heart and bring them hope. Amen.

Saint John Bosco, pray for us!



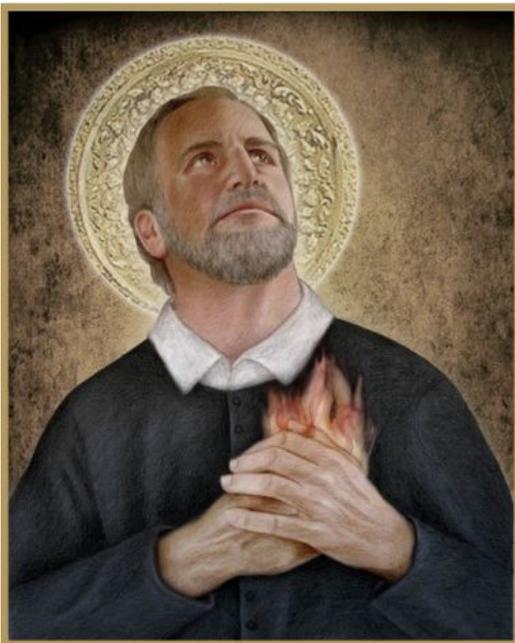
Saint John Bosco, photograph, 1880

3rd Grade - 5th Grade

Prayer: *Act of Hope*

What is Cheerfulness? *Looking on the bright side*

Saint: *Saint Philip Neri (Feast Day: May 26)*



Saint Philip Neri
by Tracy Christianson

Philip Neri was known as “Pippo buono,” or “good little Phil,” because he was a cheerful, thoughtful boy and well-liked. Philip’s cheerfulness helped others remain hopeful and faithful. As an adult, he used his sense of humor and friendliness to gain the attention of passersby and helped them give up their careless ways of life to follow Christ. His heart burned and expanded with love for God and others. He often asked, “Well, brothers, when shall we begin to do good?”

Saint Philip kept a Bible and a joke book by his bed. He hung a little sign on his door that said “The House of Christian Mirth.” He said, “Christian joy is a gift from God flowing from a good conscience.” Many came to know Christ through the cheerfulness of Saint Philip Neri.

Dear Saint Philip Neri, you always used the gift of cheerfulness to bring joy and happiness to others, especially when they were sad or troubled. Help me to do the same so others will know of God’s love for them. Amen.

Saint Philip Neri, pray for us!

6th Grade-8th Grade

Prayer: *Act of Hope*

What is *Cheerfulness*? *Looking on the bright side*

Saint: *Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro (Feast Day: November 23)*

Miguel Pro was the oldest son of a large Mexican family. He was a lively youth, gifted at mimicking voices of his family, friends, and neighbors, and at putting on dramas. He loved to tease his brothers and sisters and to play practical jokes on his family. Yet he was kind and sensitive to others' feelings too. He never used his humor to hurt others, but only to make them laugh.

At the age of 20, he felt God calling him to become a Jesuit priest.

When he began at the seminary, the government began to persecute the Church in Mexico, closing schools and taking Church properties.

Eventually the government closed the seminary and the Jesuit novices had to flee in disguise and complete their training abroad.

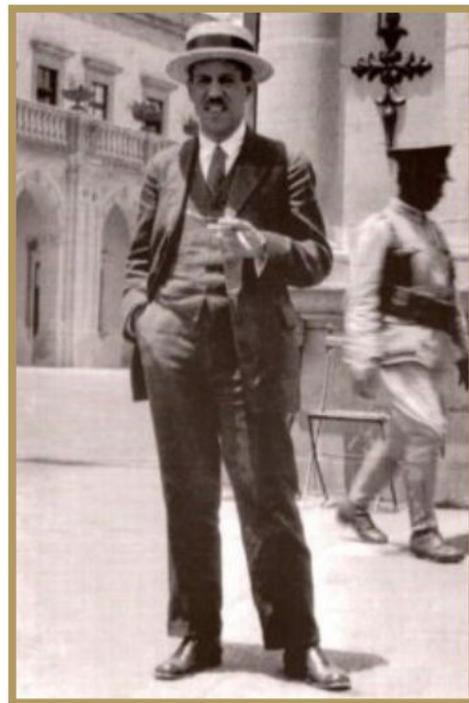
After being ordained, Father Miguel Pro returned to Mexico to serve the persecuted Church. He was arrested in 1927 and, without a trial,

he was condemned to death. Blessed Miguel walked by the soldiers, who were going to shoot him, and said, "I forgive you and I will pray

for your families." As they shot him, he yelled out, "¡Viva Cristo Rey!" *Long live Christ the King!*

Despite the fact that it was illegal to attend Mass, 30,000 people lined the streets for Miguel's funeral Mass shouting "¡Viva Cristo Rey!"

[For much more on Blessed Miguel's life and martyrdom click [here](#).]



Blessed Miguel Pro in disguise

Dear Blessed Miguel Pro, you used your gifts of humor and cheerfulness to draw others to Christ. You proclaimed your belief in Him, even when it cost you your life. Help us also to use the gifts God has given us for the good of others and to stand firm in the Lord, even in the face of hatred and persecution. Amen.

Blessed Miguel Pro, pray for us!

Monthly Home Project Suggestions -cccc

For details on these and **other** suggestions, see the **Virtues in Practice Parent Guide** for the Year of Hope and the month of February. ([ASCS: Virtues in Practice](#))

All: Hang up a copy of the *Act of Hope* on the refrigerator. Pray the *Act of Hope* together as a family. (See the end of this newsletter for a large-print copy.)

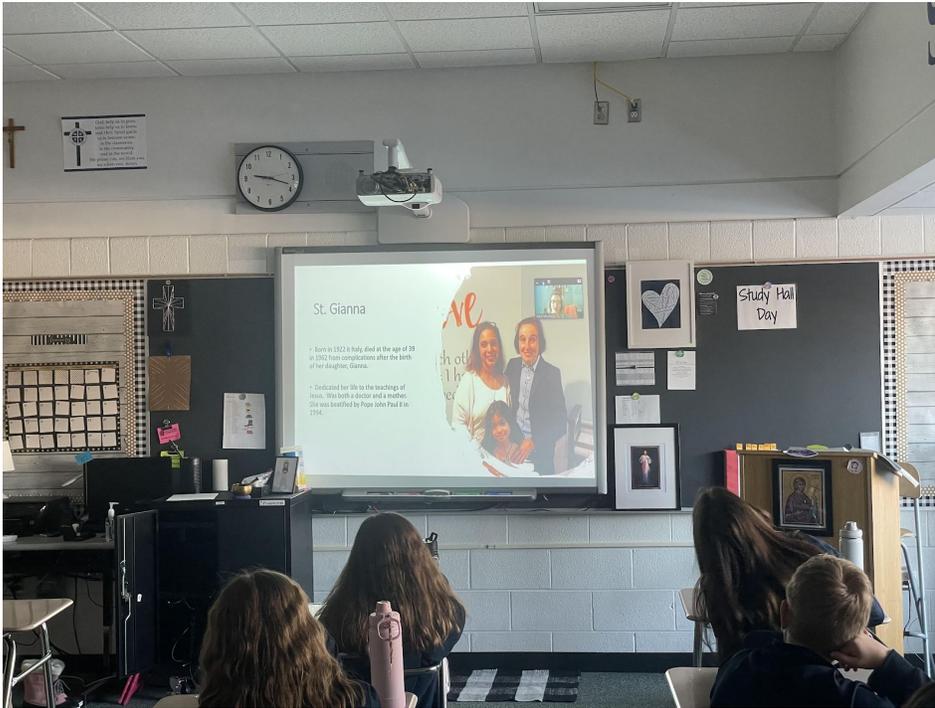
Pre K-2nd Grade: List appropriate ways to make people smile. Count how many times you can make someone smile each day.

3rd-5th Grade: Learn some appropriate jokes and share them.

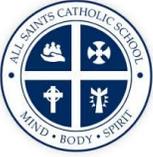
6th-8th Grade: Listen to oldies music together and discuss cultural trends toward happiness or sadness. What is the root? What are the effects?

Cheerfulness is looking on the bright side!

Virtuous Happenings at ASCS



Mrs. Roose's 7th/8th grade religion classes had the privilege of meeting with the executive director of *Mary's Mantle*, a Catholic home for expectant mothers located in Oakland County. Over ZOOM, students learned about the mission of *Mary's Mantle*, the impact it has on expectant mothers in need, and even how the daughter of Saint Gianna Molla (one of last month's ViP Saints!) visited *Mary's Mantle*. Powerful and lasting virtuous development happens every day in every way!



For more information or for suggestions on monthly classroom activities/home projects please see: [Virtues in Practice](#) program website. Also, for .pdf versions of ALL *Virtues in Practice* materials please see the [Catholic Identity](#) tab at [All Saints'](#) website.

-2020-2021 Virtues Committee

What is a virtue?

A good habit is called a virtue. A bad habit is called a vice. Habits grow by practice. God always gives us the grace to choose and do what is good. If we think about what is right and open our hearts to God, we will make good choices and grow in virtue. Virtues make us free, happy, and holy. (*Virtues in Practice*, 2013)

We are all working together to show children that God is first and foremost in our lives. The graces from this prayer are needed to open hearts, to guide leaders, and to beg the healing that only Our Lord can provide.

Act of Hope

O my God,
relying on Your almighty power
and infinite mercy and promises,
I hope to obtain pardon of my sins,
the help of Your grace,
and life everlasting,
through the merits of Jesus Christ,
my Lord and Redeemer.
Amen.