



# Celebrating Community

AT ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## February Hot Lunch Ordering Ends Tonight

# New Family Open Houses Are Coming January 24 and 31

All Saints is hosting two new-family open house events on Sunday, January 24, and Sunday, January 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., by appointment only. Word of mouth is an excellent way to communicate about All Saints and the educational programs we offer.

Please let your family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers know about our school and invite them to schedule a visit. Although we are full for both dates, more time slots will be made available for January 31. To book a time, visit: [www.allsaintscs.com/openhouseappointments](http://www.allsaintscs.com/openhouseappointments)

Current ASCS parents who would like to help lead tours should contact Mrs. Pisarski at 734-459-2490 to volunteer.

## Schedule Updates for January

Please be sure to mark your calendars! There will be no school for students on this coming Friday, January 15 and Monday, January 18, for teacher professional development days.



# Registration for 2021-2022 Continues for Current Families

Early Childhood--Grade 8 registration for current families continues through January 22. Please complete your registration form by Friday, January 22 at 3:00 p.m. to help us determine how many open spots we have available prior to our January 24 and 31 open houses for new families.

COMMUNITY GROUNDED IN JESUS CHRIST



SMALL CLASS SIZE

DIVERSE AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE

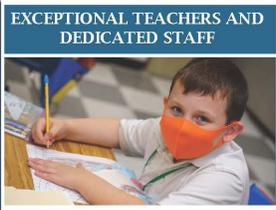


OPEN HOUSE

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EXCEPTIONAL TEACHERS AND DEDICATED STAFF



STEM AND ROBOTICS OPPORTUNITIES

RIGOROUS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

CULTURE OF FAITH AND SERVICE



CLASSROOMS INFUSED WITH TECHNOLOGY  
1:1 DEVICES

*Growing Leaders in Mind, Body, and Spirit*

## In The Know

### January 11

February Hot Lunch Orders Due Tonight by 11:50 p.m.

### January 12

Mass  
10:00 a.m.

### January 15

No School for Students  
(Teacher PD Day)

### January 18

No School for Students  
(Teacher PD Day)

### January 22

Early Childhood Registration and K-8 Re-Enrollment for Current ASCS Families Due by 3:00 p.m.

### January 24

New Family Open House  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
By Appointment Only

### January 31

New Family Open House  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
By Appointment Only

## Hot Lunch Orders For February Are Due by Tonight, January 11

The February hot lunch menu is online. Place orders here by tonight, Monday, January 11, at 11:50 p.m. No late orders can be accepted.

Place your child's order at this link:

<https://allsaintscatholicschool.h1.hotlunchonline.net/frontend.php>

## Virtues in Practice--Fidelity

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.

*(1 Peter 2:21)*

## 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 \$53,000 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. Donations can be made online at the following link:

[www.allsaintscs.com/donate](http://www.allsaintscs.com/donate)

## Parent Recess Volunteers Needed

All Saints is looking for parents who are interested in volunteering for recess. For more information and to volunteer, contact Kim Polakowski at [kpolakowski@allsaintscs.com](mailto:kpolakowski@allsaintscs.com).

## Facilities Committee Parent Volunteers Needed

We are looking for parent volunteers to serve on our facilities committee to assist with future planning and identifying monthly/annual building maintenance projects and schedules.

Responsibilities include monthly meetings (virtual and in-person), researching contractors, products, and projects, and providing feedback and guidance on capital expenditure projects.

Ideally we would love to have background/expertise in the following areas:

Finance  
Civil Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
Plant Management  
Business  
Building Trades



If you are willing to give of your time, please contact Kristen Strausbaugh through email at [kstrausbaugh@allsaintscs.com](mailto:kstrausbaugh@allsaintscs.com).

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Some of our 3rd graders were busy last week building a snow tunnel during recess. They were excited to show the All Saints community how much work they put into their snow creation.

## ***St. Catherine of Siena Hosts Open House***

St. Catherine of Siena Academy is conducting tours on Tuesday, January 12, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The high school is located at 28200 Napier Rd, Wixom, MI 48393. If you tour SCA that day, you will receive a 15% off coupon for Jimmy Johns. SCA is also hosting an open house on Thursday, January 28, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

St. Catherine of Siena Academy is an all-girls Catholic high school located in Wixom, MI. Learn more about the athletic, extracurricular, academic, and faith opportunities that await your daughter in the SCA sisterhood by visiting [www.saintcatherineacademy.org](http://www.saintcatherineacademy.org) and registering to attend our upcoming open house! Enroll now for four years that will prepare your daughter to set the world ablaze!



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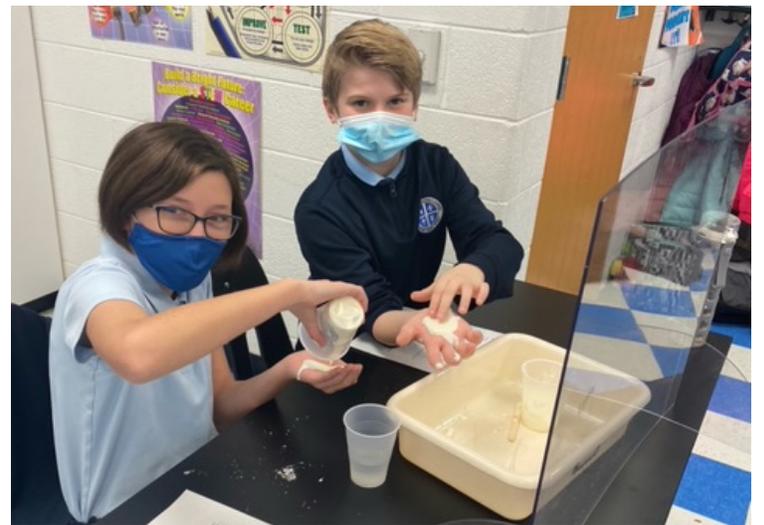
# Classroom Happenings



Mrs. Zahari's 7th grade science classes participated in an exercise to learn about limiting factors and ecosystems. For this activity, some students were given cards representing wolves, and others had cards representing resources, such as food, water, and habitat. The students lined up in Red-Rover fashion and had to find their matching card on the other side to keep moving ahead over the course of several rounds of pairings. This exercise allowed the students to see how competitive it is for animals to survive as resources become scarce in their environment.



Mrs. Werner's 5th grade science students made models of the blood as part of their unit on the circulatory system. Students were able to use various materials to represent the plasma, red and white blood cells, and platelets found in our blood. The models were a great visual as the classes discussed what each part of the blood does for our body!



Sixth-grade students in Mrs. Werner's class simulated the plasticity of the earth's mantle. Students learned how the asthenosphere, which is the lower part of the mantle, is solid rock that flows. Using a cornstarch-and-water mixture, students were able to understand how the mantle appears solid, but flows like a liquid.

*Growing Leaders in Mind, Body, and Spirit*

*Virtues  
in Practice*

*Faith ~ Hope ~ Charity*

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Monthly Newsletter

January 2021



## January's Virtue - *Fidelity*

“Fidelity expresses constancy in keeping one’s given word. God is faithful.’ These words from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraph 2365) remind us that because God is faithful to His promises, we can and must be faithful to ours. Like God, we make promises and commitments to *others*, not to things but to *persons*. In baptism, God promises us that as His adopted children, we will be able to live our lives on earth in such a way that we can be united with Him forever in heaven. We, in turn, promise to accept the graces He gives us to live as His witness in the world. We all know what it’s like to make and keep a promise, and to have promises made and kept to us. (And likewise, the pain caused by broken promises.) In response to the tremendous faithfulness of God, we should make our own declaration of the psalmist: ‘The Lord is my portion; I have promised to keep [His] words.’ (Psalm 119:57)”

*(Virtues in Practice, 2013)*



### *Fidelity and Sacred Scripture*

*Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.*

Romans 13:8

*For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.*

1 Peter 2:21

## Pre-K-2nd Grade

Prayer: *Act of Hope*

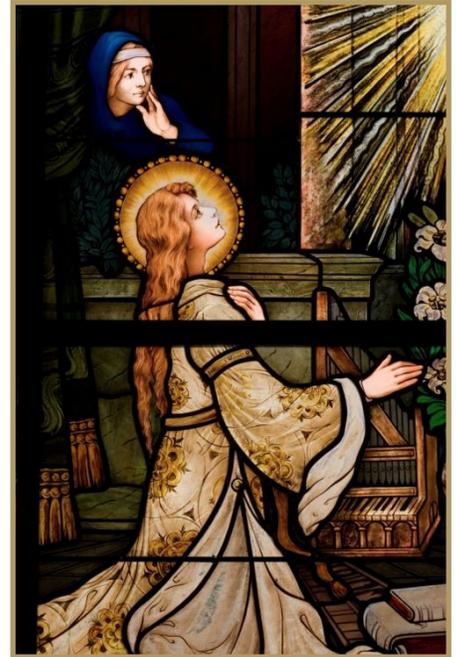
What is *Fidelity*? *Being faithful to promises and commitments*

Saint: *Saint Cecilia (Feast Day: November 22)*

Saint Cecilia prayed every day and could see her guardian angel. She promised to give her whole life to God and never get married. But her parents asked her to marry a wealthy young man, Valerian, and Saint Cecilia always obeyed her parents. While the wedding music played, she sang prayers to God in her heart. That is why she is the patron saint of music. She taught Valerian about Jesus, and they both gave their lives to God.

*Saint Cecilia, please help me to give God first place in my life. Help me to be like you, and sing joyful songs to God in my heart, knowing that He always keeps His promises and helps those who hope in Him. Amen.*

*Saint Cecilia, pray for us!*



Saint Cecilia, stained glass window from Saint Cecilia Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee

## 3rd Grade - 5th Grade



Blesseds Luigi and Maria

Prayer: *Act of Hope*

What is *Fidelity*? *Being faithful to promises and commitments*

Saint: *Blesseds Luigi & Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi (Feast Day: November 25)*

Throughout their lives, Maria and Luigi served the Church by faithfully living the vows of their marriage and through their many charitable works. The family was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and prayed the Rosary together each evening. Because of the holiness of their lives and their particular witness to the virtue of fidelity in their marriage, in 2001 Luigi and Maria became the first married couple to be beatified together. November 25, the date of their wedding anniversary, is now celebrated as their feast day.

*Blesseds Luigi and Maria, please help me to practice the virtue of fidelity. Help me to remember that in all things, whether big or small, the Lord is pleased by my fidelity to what I have promised. Like you, may I put all my trust in the Lord in moments of great difficulty and remain faithful to what I know to be true and good. Finally, help me to hope in His promise to bring me to heaven by living faithfully the vows of my baptism here on earth.*

*Amen.*

*Blesseds Luigi and Maria, pray for us!*

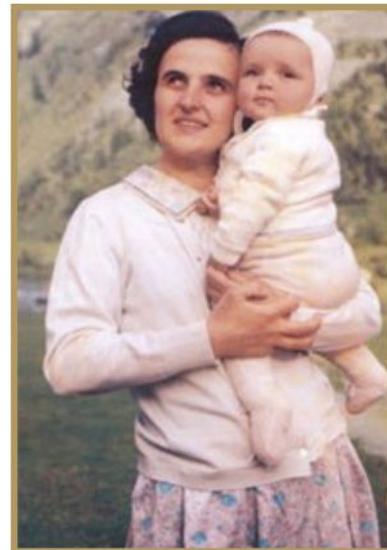
## 6th Grade-8th Grade

Prayer: *Act of Hope*

What is *Fidelity*? *Being faithful to promises and commitments*

Saint: *Saint Gianna Molla (Feast Day: April 28)*

Gianna Beretta Molla was born in Magenta (Milan), Italy, on October 4, 1922, the tenth of 13 children. After earning degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia in 1949, she opened a medical clinic in Mesero in 1950. She was a pediatrician, but gave special attention to mothers, babies, the elderly and the poor. She considered her work a mission from God and exercised great care in fulfilling her responsibilities. Gianna became engaged to businessman Pietro Molla, and they were married in 1955. In September 1961, while pregnant with her fourth child, Gianna had to make a heroic decision. Physicians diagnosed a serious condition that required surgery. The surgeon suggested that Gianna undergo an abortion in order to save her own life. Gianna replied, "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child. I insist on it. Save the baby." On April 24, 1994, Pope John Paul II beatified Gianna Beretta Molla. At the beatification ceremony, the Holy Father said that Gianna's act of self-sacrifice was possible only after a lifetime of preparations. Saint Gianna Molla continues to remind the Church and the world of the virtue of fidelity, because of her faithful commitment to her family and to God.



Saint Gianna Molla

*Dear Saint Gianna, you were faithful to your family even to the point of death. Intercede for us, asking God for the grace and courage to make lifelong commitments and the strength to keep them. Help us to trust in the grace He provides for us to fulfill vows made to Him. Amen.*  
*Saint Gianna Molla, pray for us!*

### Monthly Home Project Suggestions - Fidelity

For details on these and **other** suggestions, see the **Virtues in Practice Parent Guide** for the Year of Hope and the month of January. ([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: Make a new year's resolution and focus on keeping it. Choose something small. If you make a mistake, pray for **fidelity** and try again!

3rd-5th Grade: At your baptism, your parents made promises on your behalf. What were they? Find out what "baptismal promises" are and use them as an examination of conscience this month.

6th-8th Grade: Are there commitments that go with the sacrament of confirmation? Find out what they are and choose a way you can practice those commitments this month.

**Fidelity is being faithful to promises and commitments.**

## Virtuous Happenings at ASCS



### Patience is a virtue...

Waiting for the right moment, students in Mrs. Roose's 7th/8th grade religion classes were surprised with their humility letters prior to Christmas break. Special arrangements were in the works for weeks for parents and other significant family members to send a letter sharing what special gifts and talents they see working in the lives of our junior high students. It was a powerful thing to witness these students read how their family members see God working in their lives; they truly are...

*Saints in the Making!*



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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.