



Celebrating Community

AT ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Join Us for Mass Online at 10 a.m. Tomorrow

A Note From Mrs. Birecki About Our Upcoming Online Scholastic Book Fair

How about some good news? The spring Scholastic Book Fair is back on ---- online that is!

Scholastic is opening up their Scholastic Store for a virtual book fair. Our All Saints book fair will run from Wednesday, April 8th, 2020 to Tuesday, April 21st, 2020. All you will have to do is click on a link that I will be sending out once our homepage is set up and running. I will publish this link via the school's website and Facebook page. The link will take you to the Scholastic Store, where you will then set up an account and begin your shopping. All book-only orders will qualify for free standard shipping to the location of your choice. You may share the link with family members, who will be able to purchase books and have them sent directly to your home. All Saints will receive 25 percent of all purchases made within this time frame.

The Scholastic Store's selection surpasses that of any book fair. It offers a variety of different kinds of books and workbooks. A nice feature is that some of the books and workbooks are organized by grade level.



As we have all learned in the last few weeks, we have to practice patience, especially when it comes to technology! This is a new service Scholastic is developing, and there may be some "glitches" along the way.

If you have any questions or are in need of suggestions, please do not hesitate to email me at sbirecki@allsaintscs.com.

Blessings,
Mrs. Shannon Birecki
Librarian

Yearbook Orders Can Be Placed Online

Orders for All Saints Yearbooks for the 2019-2020 school year can still be placed.

Visit the All Saints website at www.allsaintscs.com/store to purchase your child(ren)'s yearbook by April 15.

The cost is \$26 per copy. A few extra copies will be ordered and available for purchase once all of the copies that were reserved in advance are distributed.

Yearbook orders due by April 15, 2020

The price of copies that are not reserved in advance will be \$30, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Growing Leaders in Mind, Body, and Spirit

In The Know

Monday, April 6--Wednesday, April 8
Distance Learning Continues

Tuesday, April 7
Online School Mass
10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 9
Holy Thursday--NO DISTANCE
LEARNING

Friday, April 10
Good Friday--NO DISTANCE
LEARNING

Sunday, April 12
Easter Sunday

Monday, April 13
Distance Learning Resumes

Tuesday, April 14
Online School Mass
10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 17
Families in Prayer Online
8:15 a.m.

CYO Spring Sports Season Cancelled

On Friday, April 3, the MHSAA and CYO announced that the Spring Sports season has been cancelled. There will be no scrimmages, practices, training sessions, or small group workouts until further notice.

Expectations for Student Participation in Distance Learning Are Reinforced

Each member of All Saints Catholic School is to act all times with integrity and with responsibility in use of computer technologies.

As a reminder, while All Saints Catholic School has instituted a remote learning platform, all guidelines and consequences set forth in the Parent/Student Handbook still apply.

We will maintain a zero-tolerance policy for misbehavior online, and the consequence of a loss of online privileges will be in effect for any referrals to administration by teachers or students.

Students are expected to be courteous and respectful to others--including administrators, teachers, and school employees--in all of their interactions. Students who engage in name-calling, threats, bullying, intimidation, or other conduct or communication that has the purpose or effect of creating a hostile, offensive, or abusive atmosphere, including such activity in online postings on social-networks, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, etc will face disciplinary action.

When using technology to join an online classroom the following must be adhered to without exception.

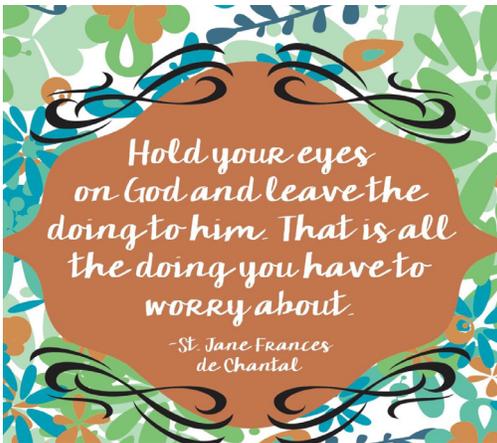
- DO check that your background is appropriate for school.
- DO use your own name and picture-the point of the virtual class is to recreate the classroom and to have an in-person meeting.
- DO be courteous to other participants.
- DO turn off the sounds on your phones and absolutely no texting.
- DO dress appropriately.
- DO speak clearly and DO NOT shout.
- DO maintain eye contact by looking into the camera.
- DO NOT interrupt other speakers or the teacher.
- DO NOT carry on side conversations or write on the whiteboard or other teaching tools used by the teacher.
- DO NOT make distracting sounds
- DO adhere to the rules and guidelines your teacher has set for the class.
- DO remember that participating in an online meeting has the same rules and consequences as attending an in-person class at All Saints Catholic School.

Your cooperation and support as parents is key to our success.

Re-enrollment Details Arrive Later Today

Families will receive an email today with details about re-enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. Please look for this communication in your inbox.

At the end of this newsletter, there is a registration form that can be completed and returned to school.



Auction Update

All Saints congratulates the winners of our Super Cash Raffle!

- First place \$3,000 - Chris Kuschel
- Second place \$2,000 - Silvia Salas
- Third place \$1,000 - Holly Ventura

Stay tuned--All Saints plans to move our 20th Annual Auction to an online format in May. More details will be coming soon.

Here's Holy Week Home Retreat Information

The Archdiocese of Detroit is hosting an online Holy Week Home Retreat program, which began yesterday on Palm Sunday with "I Will Refresh You: An Invitation to Enter into Holy Week at Home." Here is the upcoming schedule of online home retreat sessions:

- "Loved to the End" on Tuesday, April 7
- "Unshakable Confidence in a Time of Uncertainty" on Wednesday, April 8
- "Worshipping in Spirit and Truth" on Friday, April 10

All of the home retreat sessions start at 7:00 p.m. and can be found as livestream connections at www.aod.org.

In addition to the Holy Week Home Retreat, the Archdiocese of Detroit is making several Holy Week Masses and services available online.

- Chrism Mass, celebrated tonight, April 6, at 7:00 p.m.
- Mass of the Lord's Supper, on Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m.
- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, on Friday, April 10, at 1:00 p.m.
- Easter Vigil, on Saturday, April 11, at 9:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, on Sunday, April 12, at 11:00 a.m.

Please check with your parish for local online Masses and events.

Unleash the Gospel Offers Family Faith Activities



Are you looking for resources for family activities for Holy Week? Please visit the Unleash the Gospel website from the Archdiocese of Detroit for some interactive ideas to reinforce faith lessons:

<https://www.unleashthegospel.org/2020/04/family-resources-week-4-sunday-april-5-saturday-april-12/>

Families Support Service Projects at Home

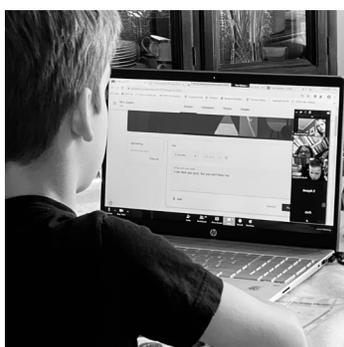


Our All Saints families are staying busy with service projects! The Bushrow Family decorated their front door as a part of the "Hearts for Healthcare Workers" campaign. The Cam Family is displaying a white ribbon in their window as a way to thank first responders. (Families can visit www.henryford.com and search "white ribbon project." The website has a white ribbon template that students can print and cut out--great practice for fine-motor skills.) The Votruba Family has been enjoying time indoors and outdoors, and they even decorated their front door in anticipation of Easter.

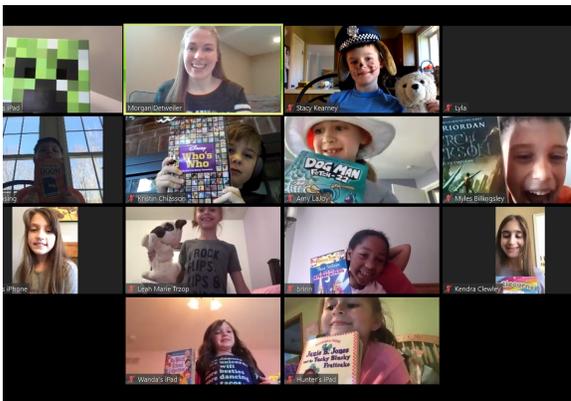
Another Busy Week of Distance Learning



Our All Saints students have been sharing their distance-learning experiences! The Bartram Family has been studying hard. On Thursday morning, Ms. Hilbert hosted an optional Kindergarten Zoom Spanish lesson and invited Pre-Kindergarten students to join in, too! Thursday was PJ Day for Kindergarteners, and Abigail Brandt took advantage of the theme to participate in her classes in comfort and sing with joy while studying.



Thank you to the Safadi, Bendon, Billecke, and Felsburg families for sending us photos of their children engaging in schoolwork and hobbies during this time of physical distancing. In addition to working on the computer and completing lessons, our All Saints students have been practicing karate and violin, as well as making their neighborhoods beautiful with some chalk art. Keep learning and keep sending your photos!



We are grateful to our All Saints teachers and families who have shared their distance-learning experiences! The other day, Mrs. Detweiler's 2nd graders continued their "Fun Friday" routine with a fun-themed Zoom meeting! The most recent theme was "Reading/Books" as a final celebration of Reading Month. Students dressed up as their favorite literary characters, wore shirts reminding each other to read, shared their favorite books (or books they're currently reading), and even shared their favorite stuffed animals who serve as reading companions! Separately, 7th grader Charlotte Pianowski was "Zooming" with the Kindergarten class for whom she is an elementary coach. The younger students really enjoyed her virtual visit! And after completing last week's distance-learning assignments, Abby Melaragni had a chance to enjoy the beautiful sunshine and created some art. The family's door has a painted cross, and their sidewalks are full of color. Mrs. Melaragni said their neighbors have told them the beautiful artwork gives them hope.

*Virtues
in Practice*

Faith ~ Hope ~ Charity

Virtues in Practice
Monthly Newsletter

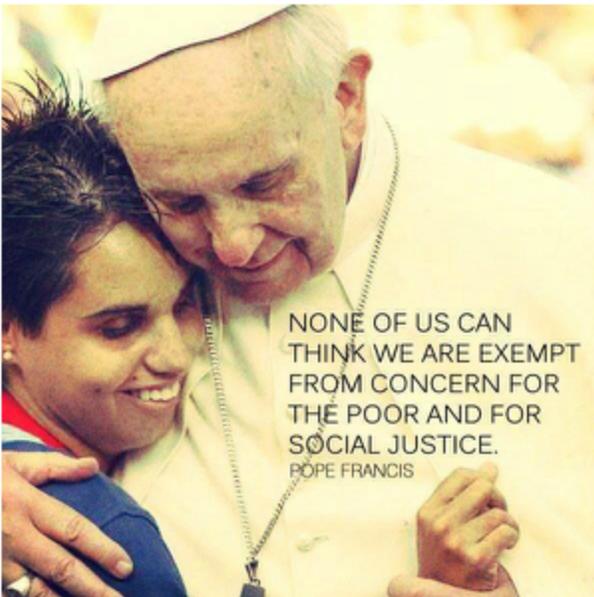
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April's Virtue - *Justice*

“To be just means to make sure every person receives what he or she needs, such as food, clothing, and shelter. This even includes obeying those in authority, playing games fairly, and respecting that which belongs to someone else. Being fair doesn't always mean giving each person *exactly* the same things - for instance, not everyone needs glasses to see well. But because we are all made in God's image and likeness, justice also means showing each person dignity and respect.”

-Virtues in Practice



Justice and Sacred Scripture

***But let justice roll down like waters,
And righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream.***

Amos 5:24

Pre-K-2nd Grade

Prayer: *Act of Faith*

What is *Justice? Being fair*

Saint: *Saint Anthony of Padua (Feast Day: June 13)*

Saint Anthony joined the brothers who followed the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Franciscans. He became very famous for his preaching. After his death, Saint Anthony became well-known for his justice, because when a book of his was lost, he prayed that he would find it. The truth was, it had been stolen - and when Saint Anthony prayed, the thief brought it back!



St. Anthony of Padua, wood burning by
Conrad Pinto

*Saint Anthony, help us to be fair to everyone. Help us to return everything we borrow. And help us to find things when they are lost! Amen.
Saint Anthony, **pray for us!***

3rd Grade - 5th Grade

Prayer: *Act of Faith*

What is *Justice? Being fair and giving each his due*

Saint: *Saint Katherine Drexel (Feast Day: March 3)*

Even though Saint Katherine was born into a very wealthy family, she was always taught to love and help the poor. When she grew up, she inherited a large portion of her family's fortune.

Moved by her deep faith in God and the injustice suffered by many people in the country, she started the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to help teach Native Americans and African Americans, who were denied a good education because of their race. She helped start many schools for Native Americans and African Americans in 13 different states, including Xavier University in New Orleans.



St. Katharine Drexel with African American students
in Port Arthur, Texas, 1927,
Archives of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

*Saint Katherine, help us to recognize injustice, and give us the motivation to work for justice and peace. Help the leaders of the world to see the needs and rights of all God's children. Pray for each of us, that we may see with the eyes of Jesus, as you did. Amen.
Saint Katherine Drexel, **pray for us!***

6th Grade-8th Grade

Prayer: *Act of Faith*

What is *Justice*? *Being fair and giving each his due*

Saint: *Saint Thomas More (Feast Day: June 22)*

As a public servant with a great reputation for honesty and fairness and considered one of the most brilliant men of his day, St. Thomas rose through the ranks to eventually become one of King Henry VIII's most trusted advisors. However, when Henry VIII declared himself the head of the Catholic Church in England (instead of the Pope) he demanded that all the subjects of the realm swear an oath of submission to this law or face execution. Saint Thomas More, an ardent defender of the Catholic Church, refused to take this Oath of Supremacy and so forfeited his life. According to eyewitness accounts at the time, Saint Thomas' final words as he was about to be beheaded paid tribute to his defense of the higher law of God: "I die the King's good servant - but God's first."



St. Thomas More
by Louis Laumen

Saint Thomas More, thank you for showing us the nobility of serving one's country, but serving God first. Help us to be as strong as you were in upholding what is right and just. Intercede for us in moments when we are tempted to succumb to what is popular when we know it is wrong. Help us to glorify God as you did. Amen.

*Saint Thomas More, **pray for us!***

Monthly Home Project Suggestions - Justice

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

Pre-K-2nd: Make sure the rules of the games you play are fair to everyone this month. Sometimes, fair means different; if your baby brother or sister are playing, the rules should be easier for them than for you because they are new at it.

3rd-5th: What has God given to you? Make a list. We always give to God in love, but think about what you owe Him, simply in justice. Make a list for that too. Sometimes we think we are being really generous with God, when in fact, we are barely fulfilling our duty. Ask your parents to check your list and help you to choose something from your list to practice this month.

6th-8th: Interview an adult you admire. What do they think a person owes to God, family, and country?

Justice is being fair and giving each his due.

Enjoy another very fitting excerpt from the ASCS community Christmas gift, Rediscover the Saints:

Rediscover the Saints

TWENTY-FIVE QUESTIONS
THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

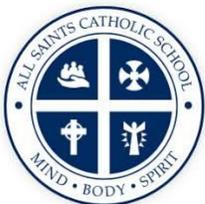
MATTHEW KELLY

“The saints weren’t afraid to speak truth to power, and to speak it boldly. Too often they were punished for doing so and sometimes it cost them their lives. The great souls of every age have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre leaders hungry to grasp control and power. Beginning with Paul, the saints demonstrate that it is possible to be both critical of the Church and faithful to it and to God. Some people correct and criticize out of jealousy and hatred, but the saints did so out of a deep love for God, His Church, and His people. [...]

“There is a natural pride we all carry surrounding good things that happen in the place we were born. That’s why the Church has always been committed to celebrating holy men and women from every place and time. Your homeland, your city, and your parish need more holy men and women to celebrate. The people of your place and time need more holy moments to inspire them to discover their own capacity for goodness. Are you ready to collaborate with God in a new way and start creating more holy moments?”

**Father,
Your saints teach us how to live when life gets difficult.
They teach us how to endure all types of hardships.
We all have to grapple with troubled times in our lives.
During those moments of darkness and difficulty,
remind us to draw strength from the examples of your saints.
Amen.**

-Matthew Kelly, Rediscover the Saints, 2019 (pp. 96 & 97)



2019-2020 Virtues in Practice Committee:

Amy Blanchette, Terese Gibb, Carol Pisarski, Jessica Railing, Amy Roose & Andrew Willing

For more information or for suggestions on monthly classroom activities/home projects please see: [Virtues in Practice](#) program website or contact a member of the 2019-2020 Virtues Committee. Also, for .pdf versions of ALL *Virtues in Practice* materials please see the [Catholic Identity](#) tab at [All Saints'](#) website.

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*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)

As we progress through the school year, please pray the *Act of Faith* with your family. 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 Faith

O my God, I firmly believe
that You are one God in three divine Persons,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
I believe that Your divine Son became man
and died for our sins and that He will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe these and all the truths
which the Holy Catholic Church teaches
because You have revealed them
Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.
Amen.

All Saints Catholic School Tuition Agreement 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 tuition is \$5,715 per student, with a cap of \$14,320 for a family of three and \$16,010 for a family of four or more students in grades kindergarten through eight. The **non-refundable** student fee is \$400 per student in grades kindergarten through eight.

2020-2021 Student Enrollment

Student Name _____ Current Grade _____

Current Grade _____

Current Grade _____

Current Grade _____

- Yes, my child/children will return to All Saints Catholic School next year.
- No, my child/children will not be returning to All Saints Catholic School next year.

Tuition Payment Plan Options

- Annual Payment (one payment due by June 1, 2020 if paying by check, June 30, 2020 via FACTS)
- Monthly Payments (2, 4, 10 or 12 payments)

All Saints Catholic School will be using the FACTS Tuition Management program for electronic administration of our tuition collections for the 2020-21 school year. Families choosing multi-month payments **must** use this payment program. There is a one-time charge of up to \$50 per year per family to cover the cost of administering the program for the year. Single payment contract options occur in June and have no administrative fee. All balances spread over two months or greater will begin payment withdrawals in July. You may choose to have your payment taken out of your checking or savings account, or charged to a credit card for an additional fee, on either the 5th or the 20th of each month. All charges are posted to the FACTS system, so a paper invoice will be issued only upon request.

Service Hours

All Saints Catholic School requires all of our families to participate in 10 hours of volunteer service (5 for single parent households) each school year. Uncompleted service hours as of May 31, 2021 will be billed to families at \$20 per hour, payable before June 30, 2021. Please log hours at www.allsaintscs.com/service.

Grade 1-8 Family Assessment Fee (per family)

Families are required to pay an annual family assessment fee of \$500 per family. This fee is an Archdiocese of Detroit requirement as each family's contribution to pay down the building debt. This assessment is payable to All Saints Catholic School and subsequently submitted to the Archdiocese of Detroit. The annual family assessment fee will be invoiced in early fall and will be due by November 30th.

Families that still have a balance due under the prior system are expected to make a good faith payment toward that balance each year.

Tuition Policy

All previously invoiced tuition and fees must be paid in full by June 30, 2020 in order to be assured of re-enrollment.

Tuition payments begin in July for the 2020-2021 school year. Tuition paid is non-refundable. If a withdrawal is necessary due to a transfer out of the area or some other extraordinary event, pending approval by the principal, tuition will be prorated on a monthly basis. This proration will be based on the twelve month Archdiocese of Detroit school year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th.

Past Due Tuition Policy

1. The parent/guardian of the student who signs this Tuition Agreement is financially responsible for all tuition payments. *In the case of divorced or separated families, division of costs between parents, spouses, and others are between the parent/guardian and those other parties, not between All Saints Catholic School and other parties.*
2. All Saints Catholic School has the right to make all efforts to collect past due tuition and/or fees. A seriously delinquent account may be turned over to the school's attorney for collection.
3. It is imperative to meet with the school accountant in the event tuition becomes near 30 days past due. The financially responsible parent/guardian must then submit a remedial payment plan in writing to the accountant.

For any questions regarding tuition or assessment payments, please contact Jennifer Walker at jwalker@allsaintscs.com or 734-459-2490.

Enrollment in classes is contingent upon receipt of this completed tuition agreement form, payment of the non-refundable student fee, and satisfaction of all prior financial obligations to the school. Please sign this agreement and return to the school office. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: THE NON-REFUNDABLE STUDENT FEE OF \$400 PER STUDENT IS REQUIRED WITH THIS FORM.

Parent/Guardian Full Name (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

This is a binding agreement and may be enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.