



Celebrating Community

AT ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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March Is Reading Month

All Saints Lenten Hygiene Drive Starts Today

All Saints is set to begin our school-wide Lenten Hygiene Drive to benefit All Saints Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry! Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan is in great need of toiletries, and will distribute them to their new Center for the Works of Mercy in Detroit as well as their senior outreach program. All Saints will collect items the week of March 8 and deliver them later in the month.

The assigned items/grades are below.

- Preschool, Pre-K, K: Wet wipes, baby wipes, or hand wipes
- Grades 1-2: Men's and women's underwear
- Grades 3-4: Men's and women's deodorant
- Grades 5-6: Toothbrushes/toothpaste (travel size)
- Grades 7-8: Men's and women's socks



Boxes for collection of items will be labeled, assembled and placed outside teacher classrooms the week of March 8th.

Virtues in Practice--March Virtue Is Temperance

"Temperance is the virtue of moderation and balance. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that 'temperance is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods. It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable (paragraph 1809).' Temperance does not mean avoiding all pleasure, but having and using pleasant things in a way that is healthy, balanced, and consistent with what is good. Temperance guides to have neither too much, nor too little, of what we need and desire. The temperate person will be strong and flexible, like a perfectly tempered two-edged sword." (*Virtues in Practice*, 2013)

Hot Lunch Orders Continue Through Tomorrow

The April hot lunch menu is now online. Place orders here by Tuesday, March 9, 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>

Growing Leaders in Mind, Body, and Spirit

In The Know

March 9

Mass
10:00 a.m.

March 12-25

Online Spring Book Fair

March 16

Mass
10:00 a.m.

March 23

NJHS Induction Mass
10:00 a.m.

April 1

1/2-Day Dismissal
11:30 a.m.

April 2-11

Easter Break

April 12

Classes Resume After Easter Break

April 23

No School--Teacher PD

April 24

21st Annual Growing Our Future
Virtual Auction & Gala

All Saints Celebrates Reading Month

For the second week of Reading Month, students will participate in a "Reading Marathon" (lower hall) and a "Coffee Shop Day" or themed-reading marathon (upper hall).

For the Reading Marathon, teachers will choose a day of the week that students can come in dressed in pajamas and bring a special stuffed animal, blanket or pillow for reading.

For the Coffee Shop Day, students will participate in a similar silent reading experience, but it will resemble spending a quiet afternoon or morning in a coffee shop. Students can bring in a snack or treat as they enjoy a good book.

Online Spring Book Fair Starts This Week



I can feel the anticipation building as our Spring Book Fair begins this Friday, March 12th, 2021. All you have to do to begin shopping is click on this link <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/allsaintsschool1>. The link will take you to the Scholastic Store where you will find over 6,000 items in which to choose from. All book-only orders over \$25.00 will qualify for free standard shipping to the location of your choice. You may share the link with family members and friends. The link will be published in the newsletter, on the All Saints Facebook page and on the school website. All Saints Catholic School will receive 25% of all purchases made starting March 12th through March 23rd, 2021.

The timing of our Spring Book Fair could not have been better. Within our two week time frame two of the most popular series are releasing new books. The newest book in the spin-off of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories will be released on March 16, 2021. The paperback version will be \$9.99 and the hardcover will be \$14.99. The newest Dog Man book Mothering Heights will be available on March 23, 2021. The hardcover book will be \$12.99. Both will make great additions to this year's Easter baskets.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at sbirecki@allsaintscs.com.

Happy Reading Month!
Mrs. Birecki

Growing Leaders in Mind, Body, and Spirit

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



Our Virtual Auction Is Coming Soon!

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 for 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 fund-raiser 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. 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.

Anyone with the link will be able to participate in auction bidding. There is no cost to join the bidding process, and no admission ticket. More details about auction specifics will be coming in future newsletter issues.

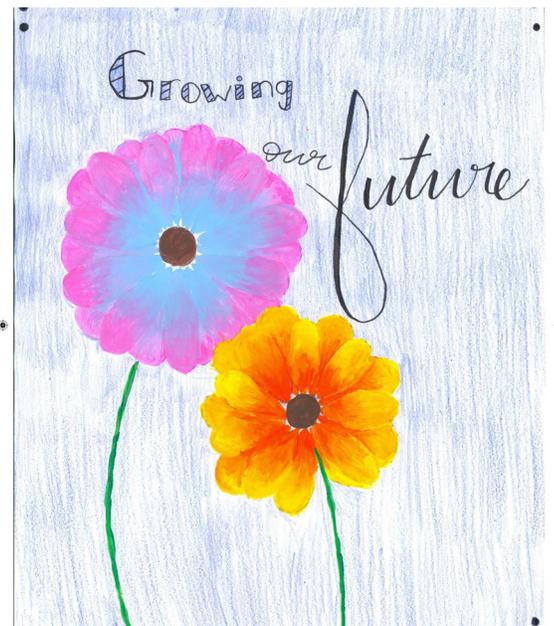
Thank you again for all of your support for All Saints!

Students Encouraged to Enter Auction Program Cover Art Contest

There's one week left to enter our auction program cover art contest!

Your student should submit their letter-sized, cover-worthy artwork to Ms. Roser no later than March 15 for a chance to be this year's auction program cover artist. The cover should depict the theme: *Growing Our Future*.

Each year, our program is viewed by people bidding on auction items. The sample pictured here was last year's winning cover entry. Good luck and happy drawing!



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

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Auction Sponsorship Opportunities Are Now Available to Support Our Event

All Saints is offering auction sponsorship and advertising opportunities to organizations, businesses, and families.

Please see the document at the end of this newsletter, which details various sponsorship levels and packages.

We are grateful to all of our sponsors and look forward to showcasing their names as they support our auction!



Girl Scout Cookie Booths Are Coming to All Saints

Calling all Girl Scout Cookie Lovers! The ASCS Girl Scout troops are here to service your cookie needs! Are you needing to find a special gift for a loved one with a birthday approaching? Do you want to send a "Thank You" to a deserving first responder? Is your "cookie" stash at home, getting low? How about a box of Girl Scout Cookies? Come and experience the convenience of our "Drive Thru" cookie booth in the ASCS Parking lot on the select Saturdays mentioned below.

This year amid COVID 19 restrictions, you're less likely to see the scouts at cookie booths in the grocery stores. So we are bringing the booths to All Saints! Please come out to support our girls. Through your purchase of cookies, you're not only financially helping each troop, but also helping the girls develop essential life skills - goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics! We hope to see you there!

Below is the scheduled date/time for each troop:

Saturday, March 20

8:00-10:00 a.m. is Troop 40153; 4th Grade Juniors

10:00 - Noon is Troop 40505; 1st Grade Daisies

Noon - 2 p.m. is Troop 40309; 3rd Grade Brownies

2:00-4:00 p.m. is 6th Grade Cadettes



Resurrection Parish Hosts Self-Guided Stations of the Cross

Throughout Lent, All Saints families are invited to Resurrection Parish's Outdoor Stations of the Cross. People may choose to pray by foot or in their vehicles.

Begin at the end of the Resurrection parking lot, to the right of the ASCS sign, and follow the lot perimeter drive to each of the other 14 stations. You may choose to follow audio or App guides for the Stations of the Cross.

Growing Leaders in Mind, Body, and Spirit

Classroom Happenings



Our Pre-Kindergarten classes are learning about Baptism and the items that are contained in a Catholic church. To reinforce the lessons, our students visited the All Saints chapel last Monday and participated in a demonstration of the way a baby is baptized. Using a doll, the students reviewed the importance of holy water, holy oil, and the Baptism candle, and learned about the role that Godparents play in helping to guide a child as a member of the family of God.

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*Virtues
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Virtues in Practice
Monthly Newsletter

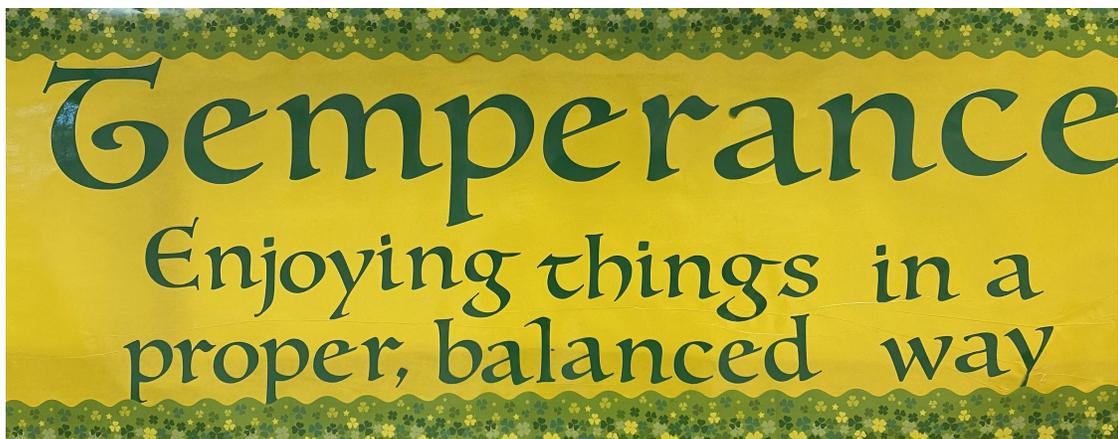
March 2021



Virtue for March - *Temperance*

“A sword maker must temper the steel of the blade through a process of heating and cooling at precise temperatures to make the sword hard and strong, but flexible. If the sword is not tempered correctly, the blade will be brittle and could snap off in a battle. We, too, need to be tempered: to practice moderation and balance in the things we touch, taste, see, hear, and smell so that we are ready for spiritual battle and always able to choose the true good, rather than being enslaved by or addicted to lesser goods.”

“**Temperance** is the virtue of moderation and balance. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that ‘temperance is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods. It ensures the will’s mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable (paragraph 1809).’ Temperance does not mean avoiding all pleasure, but having and using pleasant things in a way that is healthy, balanced, and consistent with what is good. Temperance guides to have neither too much, nor too little, of what we need and desire. The temperate person will be strong and flexible, like a perfectly tempered two-edged sword.” (*Virtues in Practice*, 2013)



Temperance and Sacred Scripture

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion

2 Peter 1:5-6

Pre-K-2nd Grade

Prayer: *Act of Hope*

What is *Temperance*? *Enjoying things in a proper, balanced way*

Saint: *Saint Teresa of Avila (Feast Day: October 15)*

Saint Teresa sometimes had trouble with self-control, especially with the amount of time she spent reading and talking to friends. As she grew closer to God, she learned to give the right amount of time to Him and to others. When she joined the Carmelite nuns, they had forgotten their rules about how much time they should be in silence so that they could talk to God. She helped them to take time for silence and prayer *and* to take time to play and have fun together.

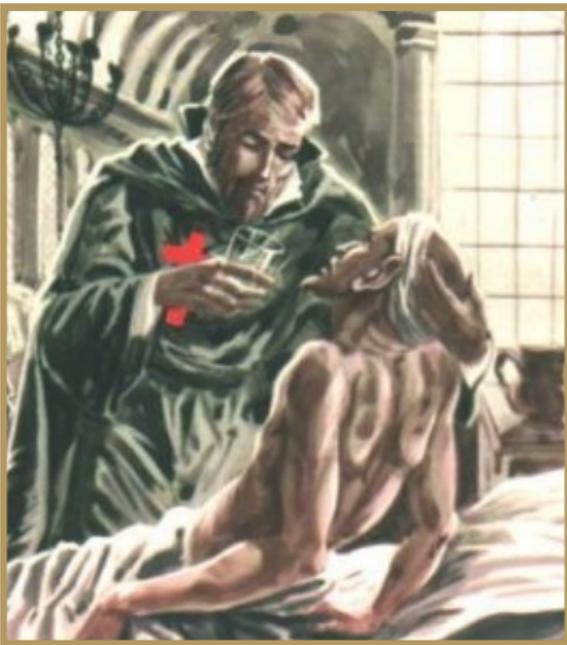
Dear Saint Teresa, please help me to always use God's gifts with thankfulness and self-control. Show me how to take and use only what I need, not all I want. Help me to be temperate for love of Jesus! Amen.

Saint Teresa of Avila, pray for us!



Saint Teresa of Avila by Helen Hull Hitchcock

3rd Grade - 5th Grade



St. Camillus de Lellis by Nino Musio

Prayer: *Act of Hope*

What is *Temperance*? *Enjoying things in a proper, balanced way*

Saint: *Saint Camillus de Lellis (Feast Day: July 18)*

While Camillus was still a boy, he developed bad habits of foul language, meanness, and gambling. He was bright but lazy, and by the age of 12 he quit going to school so he could spend his time gambling and fighting. At 17, he entered the army but continued his bad behavior. After being wounded in battle, he had to take a job-working in the garden of a Franciscan monastery! It was through the compassion of one of the friars that God's grace entered his heart, and Camillus gave his life to Christ.

Dear Saint Camillus, by accepting the grace of God, you were able to overcome your desires and give your love and your time to Him, especially by caring for those who were sick. Give me your spirit of temperance so that my love and desires will always be centered in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Camillus de Lellis, pray for us!

6th Grade-8th Grade

Prayer: *Act of Hope*

What is *Temperance*? *Enjoying things in a proper, balanced way*

Saint: *Venerable Matt Talbot (1856-1925, Ireland)*

Matt Talbot was a small but strong man, who overcame alcoholism by prayer, penance, and the virtue of temperance. His daily life was based on a quote from an Irish saint, Saint Columbanus: “Pray daily, fast daily, work daily, and study daily.”

“Three things that I cannot escape: the eye of God, the voice of conscience, the stroke of death. In company, guard your tongue. In your family, guard your temper. When alone, guard your thoughts.”

-Venerable Matt Talbot



Venerable Matt Talbot, help me to use and enjoy, in a blanchéd way, the good things God has given, with gratitude for His generosity and respect for His creation. Please pray for me and my friends, that we will be strong in the virtue of temperance, and turn to God for help in times of temptation. Amen. Venerable Matt Talbot, pray for us!

Monthly Home Project Suggestions -Temperance

For details on these and **other** suggestions, see the **Virtues in Practice Parent Guide** for the Year of Hope and the month of March. ([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: Practice sharing attention: when you talk with people this month, make sure that they get as much time to talk as you. Some people are quiet, so you might need to ask them questions.

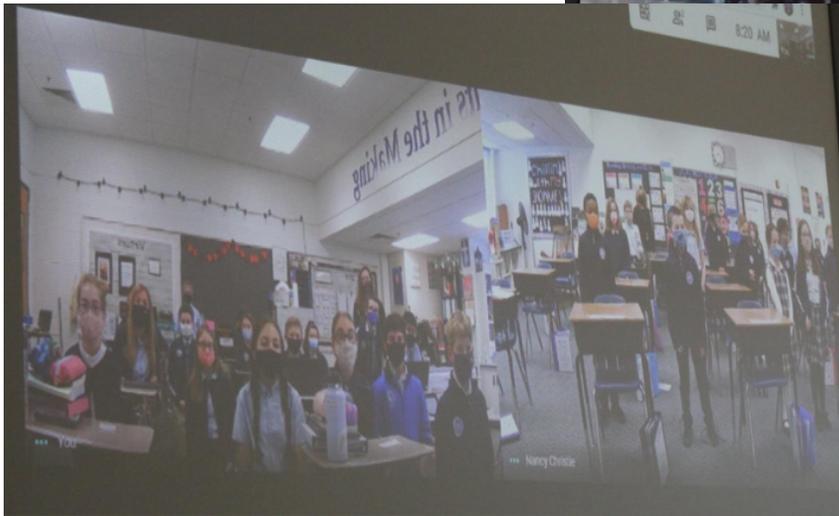
3rd-5th Grade: Discuss video games. What is the difference between having fun and being addicted? What happens if someone spends too much time on video games? Try cutting back this month. Discuss afterwards whether it was hard or easy.

6th-8th Grade: Discuss how you spend your time. Is there a balance between prayer, rest, work, and play? Is there any one activity that takes over too much of your time and energy? Are there enjoyable activities that deserve more of your time? Make a resolution this month that will help you balance your schedule.

Temperance is enjoying things in a proper, balanced way.

Virtuous happening at ASCS

February's ViP was *cheerfulness* – *always looking on the bright side*. To foster growth in this important virtue, especially during the pandemic, 7th/8th grade classes “met” (virtually via Google Classroom) with their prayer buddies in 2nd and 3rd grades to share jokes, riddles and some cheerful fun! We are all, truly, *Saints-in-the-Making!*





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.

21st Annual Growing Our Future Auction & Gala

Listed below are some sponsorship opportunities for the All Saints Catholic School 21st Annual Growing Our Future Auction & Gala:

Sponsorships

- Gold Sponsor: \$1,300**
 - Full-page ad in auction booklet and sponsorship highlighted in commemorative video
 - Recognition on Facebook, website, and in school newsletter
 - Ongoing recognition during mobile bidding
 - Inclusion on auction sponsor banner in gym

- Silver Sponsor: \$1,000**
 - Half-page ad in auction booklet and sponsorship highlighted in commemorative video
 - Recognition on Facebook, website, and in school newsletter
 - Ongoing recognition during mobile bidding
 - Inclusion on auction sponsor banner in gym

- Bronze Sponsor: \$750**
 - Quarter-page ad in auction booklet and sponsorship highlighted in commemorative video
 - Recognition on Facebook, website, and in school newsletter
 - Ongoing recognition during mobile bidding

- Patron Sponsor: \$500**
 - Business card ad in auction booklet and sponsorship highlighted in commemorative video
 - Recognition on Facebook, website, and in school newsletter
 - Ongoing recognition during mobile bidding



Sponsorship Total: \$ _____

All Saints is grateful to our sponsors for your generosity!

Advertising Only Options

Not interested in a sponsorship, but still would like to place an ad? Use this section to reserve your spot in the commemorative 21st Annual Growing Our Future Auction & Gala Booklet.

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Full page, full color inside ad | \$550 (8.5 x 11") | <input type="radio"/> Quarter page, full color inside ad | \$250 (4.25 x 5.5") |
| <input type="radio"/> Half page, full color inside ad | \$400 (8.5 x 5.5") | <input type="radio"/> Business card, full color inside ad | \$125 (3.75 x 2.25") |

The **deadline** for all ads, including those ads purchased via sponsorship, is **Friday, March 26, 2021**. All ads should be emailed in a high-resolutions PDF format, sized to fit the selected ad size to msantillan@allsaintscs.com. Questions can also be directed to Michele Santillan at msantillan@allsaintscs.com.

Payment Information

Please make check payable to **All Saints Catholic School**.

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All Saints Catholic School 21st Annual Growing Our Future Auction & Gala



Family Donation Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Donor Value: \$ _____ Total Retail Value: \$ _____

Item Description(s):

Please check the box below if you want your donation to go to a specific grade, otherwise your donation may be used to complete other baskets/packages as needed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-K | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> K | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 th | <input type="checkbox"/> Any Basket |

Please make checks out to All Saints Catholic School Check # _____

Auction winners are promised that items won are new and unused. Therefore, the Auction Committee asks that only new items be donated. This excludes art, collectibles, or sports memorabilia. Tax ID #38-33122683. A receipt will be provided for tax purposes.

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