



CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Father Andrew White S.J. School Newsletter

Important Dates

November 6: Parent Teacher Conferences

November 7: Tag Day, Early Dismissal (12:30pm) & Parent Teacher Conferences

November 8: No School

November 13: 4th Grade Environmental Field Trip

November 18: Chick-fil-A Lunch

November 21-22: School Play (6:30pm)

November 25: School Picture Make Up Day

November 26: Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon
NO AFTERCARE

November 27-29: No School - Thanksgiving Holiday



Nov. 5, 2019

"With God all things are possible."

-Matthew 19:26

Auction Meeting: Join us tomorrow, **Wednesday, November 6th** at 6:30pm at the Olde Town Pub Poker Room for our next planning meeting.

Reminder: This **Thursday, November 7th** is a 12:30pm Early Dismissal Day. There is no school on **Friday, November 8th**.

Band: Students should bring their instruments to school on **Thursday, November 7th** for their lessons, but due to the 12:30pm early dismissal there will be **NO AFTER SCHOOL band**.



Yankee Candle Orders have arrived! Please pick up your order in the gym by Thursday, Nov. 7th.

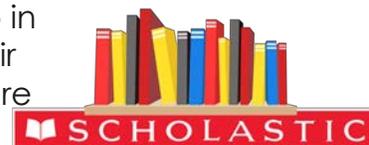


Report Card Conferences: It is important that all parents meet with your child's (children's) teacher(s) to receive the first quarter report card. Every family received a letter stating the day and time for your conference(s). Please contact Mrs. Bowles if you do not have your appointment time. The teachers are anxious to discuss the good work your children have accomplished! We look forward to seeing you **tomorrow, Wednesday, November 6th or Thursday, November 7th**.

If you would like to discuss your child's progress with any of the specials class teachers, please contact them directly to request a day/time to meet.

Book Fair: Our annual Fall Book Fair (which is set up in the library) is underway! This is a Scholastic Book Fair with many wonderful books for all interests. There are also other items such as posters, pens, erasers, etc. Remember that books make great Christmas gifts!

The Book Fair will continue from November 5th through November 7th, **during school and during Parent/Teacher conferences**. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pietsch at fawslibrary@fatherandrewwhite.org.





School Hours

8:00am - 2:35pm



Boxes of Joy Project:

Please return all items by tomorrow!

GIFT IDEAS

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| TOYS Handheld toys Small plush animals Small balls (beach, etc.) Ball (rolling) with pump Cars / Trucks Doll Mini puzzle Finger puppets Silly putty Bean bag / Huggy sack Unopened fast food toys Beocolors Lego® building blocks Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument Jump rope Paddle ball Yo-yo Shake® Mini board games Balloons Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.) Pom-poms | SCHOOL SUPPLIES Pencils, colored pencils Sharpener Small board books Erasers Pencil case Crayons Pens, markers Ruler Glue stick (no liquid) Safety scissors Coloring book Notepaper Stickers Self-inking stamp Flash cards Dry paints (no liquid paint) HARD CANDY & GUM Please seal in a Ziploc®-style bag (No chocolates) | APPAREL Socks Shorts Underwear T-shirts Flip flops Bandanas Hats Showlaces Plastic ponchos HYGIENE / HAIR Comb / Brush Fats & Spores Cap / Bottle with lid Bar Soap Toothpaste (in the box) Toothbrush and floss Bandages Hand wipes (no gel) Tampons Lip balm Moisture kit Nail clippers / Emery board | ACCESSORIES Watch Purse or Wallet Sunglasses Necktie Hair ribbons Hair / Head bands Barettes Bracelets Earrings Scarf Cross or Rosary USEFUL ITEMS Sewing kit Umbrella Compass Left keychain Duct tape No-battery flashlight Drawing bag |
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TAG DAY

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Thursday, Nov. 7th!

Help pay for postage on the boxes of joy!



"And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

-John 8:32

What virtue can help you find the truth?

- Studiosness



Coat Drive: The Diocesan "Coats of Many Colors" Drive is once again underway! Every school and parish in the diocese has been asked to collect coats that will be distributed to those in need throughout all counties. Coats for men, women, and children of all ages will be very much appreciated. There is a need for men's XXL+ coats with hoods and women's XL+ coats with hoods, but will appreciate any and all donations, including scarves, hats, and gloves! A prayer card or written note placed in a coat pocket has been requested. We will have boxes in the school lobby for the collection. The coats must be clean and in good condition. Please check your closets for coats of all sizes! Thank you for your kindness! **We will accept coats until Tuesday, November 12th.**



Thanksgiving Luncheon: This year we will have our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, November 26th. Family members are invited to have lunch with the children on this day. The children in PK-K-I-2 will eat at 11:30am, 3-4-5 will eat at 12:00pm and 6-7-8 will eat at 12:30pm. When parents arrive for lunch, all the children in your family will be called to eat with you. Please notify us in the office when you arrive and we will call the students. Families may pay online (with the regular lunch menu ordering system) or you may choose to pay for this luncheon at the door. If you plan to pay online, you must do so by Friday, November 22nd. Also many volunteers are needed to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. All volunteers will be able to eat with their family. We will also need families to donate desserts. If you would like to volunteer or can donate something sweet please contact Sarah LaDuca at sladuca02@gmail.com or Lisa Bradford at bradford.lisa9514@gmail.com.



Shopping for tweens and teens this Christmas? Order SCRIP cards for Xbox and Sony PlayStation. The cards are available at <http://www.shopwithscrip.com> and can be printed and given to your favorite tween. These cards can be used online in the Xbox and PlayStation stores to buy new games to download, or for amenities to use within those games.





The White House Historical Association's Official 2019 White House Christmas Ornament honors Dwight D. Eisenhower, and symbolizes his commitment to innovation. Eisenhower was the first president to fly in a helicopter while in office in July 1957, and thereafter the helicopter became a feature of White House life.

One side of the 2019 ornament features the Presidential Seal, representing Eisenhower's two terms as commander in chief of the Armed Forces. On the other side is his five-star rank, honoring his military service as a general in the United States.

The HSA is selling the White House Christmas Ornament again this year.

The ornaments are \$22.95 each, or for orders of 12 or more, \$19.95. Please see the flyer for more information: <http://fatherandrewwhite.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019-White-House-Ornament-Flyer.pdf>.

Please note: orders should be placed no later than November 15th. Contact Sue Hensley Robusto at suehensley@hotmail.com or 703-582-8679 with any questions.

“Don’t compare your child to others. There’s no comparison between the sun and the moon. They shine when it’s their time.”
 ~ Unknown



First Friday Mass Schedule: On the First Friday of each month, our classes take turns hosting the Mass, which begins at 9am. The students from the host class are greeters, readers, and cantors and bring up the gifts. Even Kindergarten has a chance to host Mass! Our families are always welcome to join us for Friday Mass, but are especially encouraged to join us for their child's First Friday class Mass. The children love seeing their parents at their special Mass. Our 8th Grade, 5th Grade, and 3rd Grade did a great job hosting our September, October, and November First Friday school Masses! The class schedule for the remaining First Friday Masses is as follows:

**First Friday
 (& Special Day)
 Mass Schedule**

| Date | Host |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| December 6, 2019 | 4th grade |
| February 7, 2020 | 6th grade |
| February 26, 2020 (Ash Wednesday) | 7th grade |
| March 6, 2020 | Kindergarten |
| April 3, 2020 | NJHS |
| May 1, 2020 | SCA |
| June 5, 2020 | 2nd grade |
| June 10, 2020 (Last Day of School) | 1st grade |



HUMILITY

The Virtue of Humility: Thank you for joining our whole school with our Virtues in Practice Program by helping the children to accept their limitations and God-given talents during the month of November.

Be on the lookout for this month's *Partners in Faith* newsletter to find ideas to use at home to build a Christ-centered family life. It is our hope that your knowledge about Catholicism will grow and that you will find valuable tips that are useful. We are proud to be your partners in faith!



Handbook Highlight: "Report cards are posted for viewing on PlusPortals at the end of each quarter for students in Grades 1-8. A printed copy of the first quarter report card will be given directly to parents at a scheduled conference in November. A printed copy of the final report card will be mailed home in June.

Midway through each quarter, parents of students in Grades 4-8 may view Progress Reports on PlusPortals.

Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers will hold conferences with parents to discuss students' progress at the end of the first quarter. A first semester report card will be available on PlusPortals and the final report card will be mailed home in June."

2020-2021 ADW Tuition Assistance Program: Applications for next year's Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program are now available. The deadline date for returning families to apply is Friday, December 6, 2019. Families may apply online by logging onto <https://adwcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance/> and then click on the "APPLY NOW" link in the middle of the page. Any families who think they will need tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school year MUST APPLY THROUGH THIS ADW PROGRAM FIRST, before asking for aid from FAW.

Used Uniforms and Winter Uniforms: We are grateful to all those who so generously donate your used uniforms for other families to wear. Our winter uniforms are now in effect. Please check the uniform section in our School Handbook if you have questions about the proper winter uniform for all grade levels. If you have any uniforms that your children have outgrown, please consider dropping them off in the school lobby.



Basketball Tip Off Tournament Results: Our Girls Varsity team fell to St. John's in the first round of the tournament. Our Boys Varsity team beat St. Mary's Bryantown 39-28 and then beat Mother Catherine Academy 44-13. The boys will play the Championship game vs. St. Michael's at King's Christian Academy **this Friday, November 8th at 7:30pm**. Go Crusaders!

Fall Fun Day: Thank you to the many volunteers that made our Fall Fun Day a success. We also appreciate the generous donations from Ace, Bailey's, CAO, Forever Lawn, and Pat Haley and Associates. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Lisa Beavan and Mrs. Tiffani Johnston for coordinating the event. The children had a fantastic afternoon!



Weekly Reminders:

- Try on winter uniforms and donate ones that are too small
- Place a White House Ornament order
- Donate Coats
- Attend the Book Fair
- Return Thanksgiving Luncheon RSVP
- Attend Parent Teacher Report Card Conferences
- Cheer on the Boys Varsity Basketball team at the Championship Game (Friday)
- Celebrate and Pray for our Veterans





Saints Wax Museum & Fall Fun Day

To view more photos, visit here:
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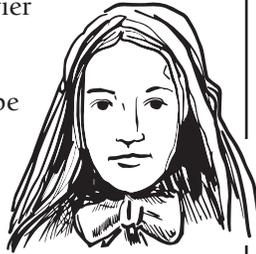
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Thoughtful Moments

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

St. Frances Xavier was born in Lombardy, Italy, and grew up to be a strong, determined religious sister. Rejected by two religious orders for poor health, she founded her own order, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Though afraid of the sea, she frequently sailed between Italy and the Americas to bring over new sisters. They cared for the often-forgotten immigrants in the New World. Mother Cabrini is the first U.S. citizen to be canonized.



Judge not

Help children to remember that criticizing others is a serious business. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37). Better to worry about our own behavior and let others do the same.

"Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).



What makes a Catholic home special?

In a faithful Catholic home, both the home and the family in it show clear evidence of Catholic identity and awareness of the presence of God.

Here is how to enrich the Catholic identity of your home:

Dedication to prayer.

Teach children to pray often using the basic elements of prayer with ACTS.

Adoration - praise God for who he is,
Confession - admit wrongdoing and be sincerely sorry,
Thanksgiving - recall all God's blessings, and Supplication - make requests for ourselves and others.

Devotion to the Sacraments.

Sacraments are the fabric of Catholic life. In particular, Catholic families are nurtured by weekly Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "Let the

children come to me, and do not hinder them ..." (Luke 18:16). Make weekly Mass your family's top priority.

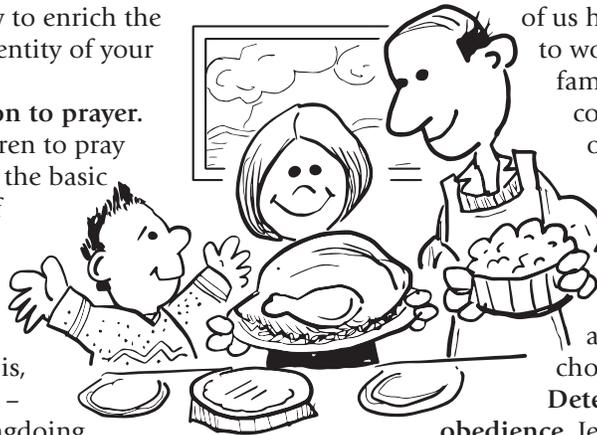
Commitment to work.

Each of us has an obligation to work and serve our families, our communities, and our world. It is important that children be given early opportunities to serve through age-appropriate chores.

Determination of obedience.

Jesus was obedient to his parents on Earth and to his Father in Heaven. Teaching children to be obedient like Jesus when they are young will encourage them to continue imitating him as they grow.

Sharing of Love. Catholic homes are full of genuine, mutual love that flows from God to each member of the family.

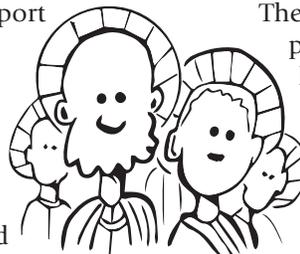


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have patron saints?

Patrons financially support others and looks out for their interests.

Patron saints do this for us spiritually by their prayers. A person being baptized often receives a saint's name and is placed under his or her patronage.



They are also "in charge of" praying for certain things: health, safety, and even whole countries! The saints, who prayed for the Church while still on earth, continue praying for us in heaven. We can ask for their prayers as from good friends.

The saints can lead us to virtue

The Church recommends four virtues that will help us get to Heaven. Saints are people whose examples can help us acquire these important virtues.

Temperance – This virtue teaches moderation and self-discipline. St. Therese of Lisieux was indulged as a child, but through temperance, gave up her selfish ways. She is known for her little acts of great love.

Justice – Justice encourages us to respect others' rights. St. Peter Claver used to meet the ships docking in Colombia full of people to be sold as slaves. He gave them food

and medicine and shared God's love. He baptized almost 300,000 slaves.

Fortitude – This virtue helps us do what is right despite difficult circumstances. St. Gianna Beretta Molla was a pediatrician and mother. She became ill while pregnant but refused to end her unborn child's life, even though it meant her certain death.

Prudence – St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, used reason to make the right choices. He determined how best to protect his family, and was a faithful husband and father.

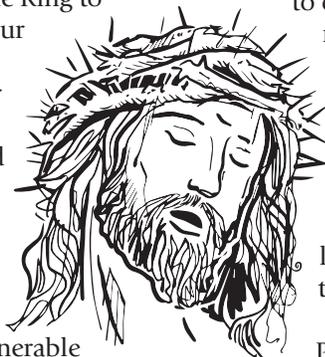


Scripture LESSON

Luke 23:35-43, Christ the King

In 1925, Pope Pius XI, established the solemnity of Christ the King to remind the Church that our ultimate allegiance is to Jesus, the true King of our hearts and minds. All earthly kingdoms rise and fall, but Jesus is the only king whose reign lasts forever.

This Gospel reading seems to show Jesus at his weakest and most vulnerable and takes place moments before his death on the Cross, mocked by the crowds. Yet this is when Jesus is actually at his strongest. On the Cross, he shouldered the sins of the entire



human race, restoring God's grace to each one of us then and now. No king could do that except Jesus.

At that moment on Calvary, Jesus opened the gates of heaven to us, beginning with the "Good Thief," who led a life of sin but recognized the true King.

What can a parent do?

Place a crucifix in a prominent place in your home to remind your family of the great strength that came from the Cross. Make Jesus the true King of your hearts.

Parent TALK

Kara came home crying one day. Her friend told her that Halloween was a pagan holiday and Catholics

shouldn't celebrate it. She was

crushed. She

had a

beautiful

Juliet costume

she was looking

forward to wearing. Going

from house to house, trick or treating, was something our family enjoyed each year.



I knew that, in fact, the Halloween we celebrate has roots in Catholicism.

All Hallows' Eve was the time when villages prepared for the Feast of All Saints on November 1. People went from house to house soliciting contributions to the communal feast the next day. After a while, those who didn't participate were subjected to a prank or trick in retaliation.

Still, I thought it would be fun to convert Halloween to something a bit more Catholic. We took the Juliet costume and changed the headpiece. We now had a St. Monica costume and it worked for everyone.

Feasts & Celebrations

Nov. 2 – All Souls Day. On this day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven.

Nov. 3 – St. Martin de Porres (1639). A saint and mystic, St. Martin joined the Dominicans in 1594, when people of African and Indian descent were barred from joining religious orders. Despite this, he founded an orphanage and cared for the poor and sick, regardless of race or rank.

Nov. 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584). After earning doctorates in

civil and canon law, Charles was made a cardinal and Bishop of Milan by Pope Pius IV. He led by example to reform his diocese and tirelessly worked for poor and sick in his care.

Nov. 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st Century).

As an infant, Mary was offered to God in the temple, according to the Jewish custom of her day. During the ceremony,

Mary's soul was adorned with graces.



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