

**ST. URSULA SCHOOL**  
**2020-2021**



**FAST**  
**FORWARD**  
**FRIDAY**

2-12-21

*"The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone...we must be compassionate!"*

**Saint Josephine**

 **FAITH FORMATION**

- **“Saint for the Week”:** **Saint Josephine Bakhita**. Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan in 1869. Like her sister before her, Bakhita was kidnapped and sold into slavery as a young girl. Josephine was sold five different times to cruel masters. Her last sale was to an Italian merchant, Augusto Michieli, who brought her to Italy to be his daughter’s nanny. While at the Michieli estate, Bakhita was given a silver crucifix, her first encounter with Christ. While in Venice, Josephine accompanied Michieli’s daughter to a school run by the Canossian sisters. It was here that she fell in love with the Catholic faith. When Michieli had to move back to Africa, Bakhita refused to leave Italy. The Canossian sisters took her case to court where she was declared a free woman. Josephine would become a Canossian Daughter of Charity in 1896 and would faithfully serve her religious ministry for the next 50 years. Her feast day is February 8 and she is the patroness of Sudan and the victims of human trafficking.
- **This Week’s Prayer Partner Mass:** This week the Prayer Partner group of 6A and 2B will attend Mass in the St. Ursula Church at 10:15am on Tuesday, February 16. As always, you and your family are invited to join us virtually by accessing the **ST. URSULA PARISH FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM**.
- **Ash Wednesday:** On February 17, our faith community will observe Ash Wednesday. Different than in year’s past, parishes will sprinkle ashes upon the heads of those receiving. Please note that this year, Fr. Jason will go around to the classroom of each cohort group and sprinkle the blessed ashes upon the heads of our students. The tradition of distributing ashes marks the beginning of our Lenten journey and will be provided to all students. Please click **HERE** to learn more about the biblical roots of the sprinkling of ashes.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **St. Ursula Church Lot Unavailable:** On Wednesday, February 17, there will be NO STUDENT PICK-UP IN THE ST. URSULA CHURCH LOT AT DISMISSAL. As there will be a 12:00pm Ash Wednesday prayer service going on during our dismissal periods, students will only be dismissed to the St. Ursula School lot and St. John's Church lot.
- **P.A.C.K. Day:** On Thursday, February 18, students are invited to wear casual attire to school for our February **P.A.C.K. Day** event. The fee to participate is \$1.
- **Arrival and Dismissal Rotation:** Our rotational arrangement listed below details the arrival and dismissal schedule for all of February:
  - 7:40am and 2:40pm (SUS lot) Group 1: Du-La
  - 7:50am and 2:50pm (SJ lot) Group 2: Le-Sc
  - 8:00am and 3:00pm (SUS lot) Group 3: Se-Z
  - 8:10am and 3:10pm (SJ lot) Group 4: A-Dr

## SAVE THE DATE

- **Monday, February 15 – NO SCHOOL:** As a reminder, school will be closed this Monday, February 15 in observance of President's Day.
- **Wednesday, February 17 –Early Dismissal Day:** As a reminder, we have adjusted our calendar on 2/17 to a 12:00pm dismissal to allow our faculty and staff the opportunity to receive their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. Thank you for your flexibility.
- **Friday, March 5 – Trimester 3:** This day serves as the start to our third trimester.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **PHSA Thank You:** We are grateful for the PHSA generously sponsoring the lunch that was provided to the faculty and staff at this week's Spiritual Retreat. Thank you!
- **SCRIP Fundraiser Reminder:** Gift card fundraising is the easiest way to raise money for our school. Here is how it works:
  - Buy gift cards at face value.
  - Earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy.
  - Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases.
  - Create an account on the Raise Right app or at ShopwithScrip.com using our organization's enrollment code: 139166B33242.
  - Check out by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card.
  - Have questions? Contact: Ellie Wilfong at [ewilfong2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ewilfong2000@yahoo.com).

- **Race for Education Request:** Thanks to your continued support, our annual Race for Education is the largest school fundraiser. The first step for those families who did not opt out of fundraising (as compared to those families who paid a \$325 opt out fee) is to go to the **SPONSOR LETTER** link to complete information regarding how many sponsor letters you would like to receive by Wednesday, February 17. The link includes very detailed information regarding the requirements. Do not forget to see the **PRIZE LIST** to help you decide how many letters you want.
- **PHSA Drive-Thru Ziti Dinner:** Since we are unable to have our traditional Spaghetti Dinner we will be hosting a “drive-thru Ziti Dinner” event. Conrad's Seafood Restaurant and Pappas Restaurant will be providing individual portions of ready to heat baked ziti, salad, bread, and a slice of cinnamon cake for \$10.00 per meal. All orders can be picked up in front of the St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center between 3pm-5pm on 2/21. Only pre-orders are being taken and all purchases must be made by 2/18 (see *Pay-it* link below).
- **Attire 4 Hire:** Our collection of clothing items in support of the *Attire 4 Hire* continues through next Friday, February 19. The mission of this program is to help provide an increased sense of confidence and self-worth that comes from being “dressed for success.” The following items are requested: lightly-used suits, dress pants, dress shirts, neckties, and dress shoes for men. And as well, gently worn interview appropriate suits, blouses, separates, shoes, and scarves for women. Thank you for your support of this project.

## UPDATES & REMINDERS

- **Our New School Shield and Logo:** We are thrilled to share that St. Ursula has updated our school shield and logo with a contemporary look that now proudly includes the cross of our faith and the St. Julie sunflower. We are immensely grateful to Ken Lisse (father of Elsa in 3B) for all of the time he spent to develop this creative rendering. Be on the look out for future spirit wear items that will include our new branding images.



- **Black History Month**: As we celebrate *Black History Month*, we honor the innovators and inventors who changed the world in ways we may not have previously known. Accordingly, during our daily community prayer and announcement time, we honor those whose work life for others have made a lasting impact in our world. This week we learned about the following group of gifted Americans:
  - ***Dr. George Carruthers*** – George is credited with the patent for the invention of the far ultraviolet camera/spectrograph in 1969. It was plated in gold and carried aboard the Apollo 16 mission, where it was placed on the moon's surface. The camera used ultraviolet light, invisible to the naked eye, to capture high-quality images of Earth.
  - ***Dr. Patricia Bath*** - In 1981, Dr. Bath began working on her most well-known invention: the Laserphaco Probe. Harnessing laser technology, the device created a less painful and more precise treatment of cataracts. She received a patent for the device in 1988, becoming the first African American female doctor to receive a patent for a medical purpose. With her Laserphaco Probe, Dr. Bath was able to help restore the sight of individuals who had been blind for more than 30 years.
  - ***Granville T. Woods*** - Granville T. Woods was a prominent inventor and electrical engineer who developed over 50 significant patents over the course of his life. In 1887, Woods developed the first of his inventions, the Synchronous Multiplex Railway Telegraph which allowed communication between moving trains and train depots. One year later he developed a system for overhead electric conducting which helped power locomotives.



- **Drive Thru Ziti Dinner**: Make your pre-order purchase through this [PAY-IT Link](#)

