

**ST. URSULA SCHOOL
2020-2021**



FAST FORWARD FRIDAY

5-14-21

“Ask of the good God the spirit of perseverance in everything. God is quite willing to give us all kinds of things, but we must ask God for them.”

Saint Julie Billiart (Feast Day – May 13)

 **FAITH FORMATION**

- **Saint for the Week:** **Saint Isidore the Farmer.** As we continue our yearlong study of “Our Friends in High Places”, this week our community celebrated the life of Saint Isidore the Farmer. The following offers a few highlights about her life:
 - Isidore was born in 1070 near Madrid, Spain.
 - He was actually a day laborer, spending his whole life working on the farm of the wealthy John de Vergas at Torrelaguna, just outside Madrid.
 - He often came later to work in the fields than other laborers because he would first attend Mass in the morning. Yet his work never suffered and he always met the chores required of him. It was said two angels joined Isidore in plowing the fields.
 - He married Maria Torribia who would also become canonized as a Catholic saint.
 - His feast day is celebrated each year on May 15.
 - He is recognized as the patron saint of farmers and rural communities.
- **Weekly Mass:** This week’s Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at 10:15am and will include the following prayer partner groups: 5C and 3A; 8A and KA. Although guests are not able to attend, please know that we welcome your attendance by joining us via our parish **FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING** of the Mass.
- **Our Parish Masses:** St. Ursula Church will begin having outside Masses starting this Sunday, May 16 at 11:00am. They will continue to offer them every Sunday at the 11:00am Mass, weather permitting. If they are unable to be held outside Mass will move inside. If you are interested in helping with parking please contact Tamara Dowd at mhjdowd@yahoo.com. **Service hours will be provided.**

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Outdoor Lunches:** Looking ahead to the warm weather of next week, we have planned outdoor lunch periods for all grade levels on both Wednesday, May 19 and Thursday, May 20. The students are welcome to bring in a small towel to sit on during lunch.
- **[REMINDER] AoB Virtual High School Fairs:** On Monday, May 24, 2021, and Tuesday, June 22, 2021, the Department of Catholic Schools will be hosting virtual high school fairs for families interested in getting a jump-start on the high school admissions process. From 5:00pm – 7:00pm, families will have the opportunity to engage representatives from Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The sessions will provide a glimpse into the admissions process, highlight signature programs, and share information regarding scholarships, financial aid, transportation, and much more! To register please click [HERE](#).
- **[REMINDER] Field Day:** As we excitedly prepare for Field Day on May 26, our COVID protocols are as such which require that our students bring in the following in lieu of sharing these items:
 - **Grades PreK to 8:** An old pillow case (or similar item) for the “Sack Race” event
 - **Grade 8:** A pair of work gloves for the “Tug-of-War” event
- **[REMINDER] Arrival and Dismissal Rotation:** The rotational arrangement listed below details the new monthly arrival and dismissal schedule through **May 28:**
 - 7:40am and 2:40pm (SJ lot) Group 1: A-Dr
 - 7:50am and 2:50pm (SUS lot) Group 2: Du-La
 - 8:00am and 3:00pm (SJ lot) Group 3: Le-Sc
 - 8:10am and 3:10pm (SUS lot) Group 4: Se-Z

SAVE THE DATE

- **Tuesday, May 18:** NJHS New Member Induction Ceremony
- **Tuesday, May 18:** Student Council Office speeches and elections
- **Friday, May 21:** PHSA Movie Night (on the St. Ursula Church parking Lot)
- **Saturday, May 22:** Used Uniform Sale (on the SUS parking Lot)
- **Wednesday, May 26:** Annual Field Day event (held on Parkville HS field spaces)
- **Friday, May 28:** Early dismissal day – NO AFTERNOON CARE SERVICES
- **Monday, May 31:** Memorial Day Holiday – SCHOOL IS CLOSED
- **Thursday, June 3:** Passing the Torch of Leadership Ceremony
- **Thursday, June 3:** 8th Grade Prayer Service and Family Dinner
- **Friday, June 4:** 8th Grade Pool Party (Pine Ridge Swim Club)
- **Monday, June 7:** Class of 2021 Graduation Mass (outdoor)

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week:** We want to thank the PHSA for generously sponsoring lunch for the teachers and support staff last week. We also want to extend our appreciation to our Father's Club dads who last week washed the cars of our faculty and staff. And lastly, we are grateful to the many local businesses and individual families who sponsored lunch, breakfast and/or provided sweet treats for all of the members of TEAM URSULA. Your collective efforts allowed us to extend our gratitude to the dedicated Catholic school educators at St. Ursula. Thank you all!
- **[REMINDER] Father's Club:** The next Fathers' Club meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, May 16 at 7:00pm at Pine Ridge Swim Club. Hope to see you there!
- **[REMINDER] PHSA sponsored Movie Night:** Students from grades K-5 are invited to attend our movie night on May 21st at the St Ursula Church parking lot. Concessions available starting at 6pm, with the movie starting at 6:30pm. Fee to attend is \$2 per adult and \$1 per child.

If you need service hours please click [HERE](#) to volunteer.

Chick-fil-A Dinner Boxes will be available to purchase. Information below in our Pay-It link section below.

- **[REMINDER] PHSA Used Uniform Sale:** The PHSA is sponsoring a uniform sale on Saturday, May 22 from 10:00am - 1:00pm. If you have uniforms you would like to sell, please refer to this [FLIER](#) for details.
- **[REMINDER] Mother's Club:** Join us for an outdoor Mother's Club meeting on Monday, May 24 at 6:45pm on the Saint Ursula Church parking lot. Bring a chair and we will see you there! FYI - if the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move into the Spiritual Center. Attendees are asked to please RSVP to motherclub@stursula.org.
- **Donated Items for Service Hours:** The PHSA is hosting a raffle and is looking for items to be donated. If you are still in need of service hours and would like to donate, please see this [Sign-up Genius](#) for a list of needed items. You will earn one hour for each slot listed and items received. Please have all items to school by Friday, May 21.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

- **Service Hours:** A special note of thanks to all of our families who have patiently worked through the process to verify their family Service Hours for 2020-2021. In this unusual COVID year, we have worked to accurately maintain the records of every earned hour. However, if you feel as if there have been any "missed" hours, please let us know. And if you still have questions or concerns regarding your 2020-2021 Service Hours, or FACTS fundraising invoices, please contact Sadie Northey at snorthey@stursula.org. As a reminder, hours are due by May 25 and invoices are due by May 31.

Thank you to all of our families for the hours of support that they provide in service and fundraising to our school.

- **Extended Care Registration:** This year we will begin registration over the summer months for those families who interested in our before and after care program.
- **Lucky 1500:** The first drawing of the Lucky 1500 raffle program for the 2021-2022 school year will begin in October and run through December. Tickets will be provided to families in September. Our second drawing will begin after the first of the year.

PAY-IT LINKS

- **Movie Night Attendance Fee:** Please click [HERE](#) to register for this PHSA event.
- **Movie Night Chick-fil-A:** Please click [HERE](#) to order a dinner box from Chick-fil-A to enjoy during this event.

