

ST. URSULA SCHOOL
2020-2021



FAST
FORWARD
FRIDAY

2-19-21

“Thou need not fear anything, nor be ashamed of anything, who bears the sign of the cross upon their brow.”

Saint Augustine

 **FAITH FORMATION**

- **“Saint for the Week”:** **Saint Conrad of Piacenza**. Conrad was born at Piacenza, Italy around 1290 to a family of nobles. As a young man, he married the beautiful Euphrosyne, daughter of another noble family. One day, while out hunting, Conrad ordered servants to set fire to brushwood to flush out some game. A strong wind spread the fire to nearby fields and forests, and the flames went on to destroy villages. Unable to stop the fire, Conrad returned home in secret with his servants, and they said nothing about their role in the disaster. Authorities seeking the arsonist arrested an innocent peasant and tortured him to confession before condemning him to death. When he heard this, Conrad was filled with remorse and stepped forward to take responsibility for the fire. The experience caused Conrad and his wife to consider where God might be acting in their lives. Upon reflection, they concluded that God was calling them to a simple life of service, and they gave the rest of their possessions to the poor and each joined a religious order. Conrad took on the life of a hermit and lived a life of prayer and solitude. He became known for his holiness, and people sought him out for spiritual direction. His feast day is February 19 and he is the patron saint of Noto, Sicily.
- **This Week’s Prayer Partner Mass:** This week the Prayer Partner group of 5C and 3A will attend Mass in the St. Ursula Church at 10:15am on Tuesday, February 23. As always, you and your family are invited to join us virtually by accessing the **ST. URSULA PARISH FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM**.

- **Faith in Action Food Drive:** During the Lenten Season, we are partnering with Operation Mato Grasso in support of their missionary efforts to provide food staples to 110 different communities across Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru. As we especially remember those in need as we journey toward Holy Week, our goal is to provide this service experience as one which is more than merely a food drive. We want it to be a conversion of the heart where we engage in alms giving through both prayer and sacrifice.

So how can you help? The suggested practice is to make this a family activity where you place a basket in your dining room. And every day during the 40 days of Lent, place **one item** of food (listed below) into the basket. Then before dinner, remind your children that many people around the world do not have enough to eat as you offer the following prayer:

O God, through your love and grace, turn our hearts toward the needs of others so that we may prepare a feast of hope and opportunity for those who live in hunger. Amen.

Please provide equal donations of the following staple food items:

- On Monday, place a box of **PASTA** in your basket.
- On Tuesday, place a box of **RICE** in your basket.
- On Wednesday, place a bag/box of **SUGAR** in your basket.
- On Thursday, place **CANNED VEGETABLES** in your basket.
- On Friday, place a bag of **FLOUR** in your basket.
- On Saturday, please place a bottle of **COOKING OIL** in your basket.
- On Sunday, give thanks to the Lord for the gift of the nourishment you received that week.

LOOKING AHEAD

- **The 2021-2022 School Year:** Looking ahead to the coming school year, please refer to the following important dates:
 - August 30, 2021: *The First Day of School*
 - December 22, 2021 - January 2, 2022: *Christmas Break*
 - April 15, 2022 - April 24, 2022: *Easter Break*
 - June 9, 2022: *The Last Day of School*
- **Rescheduled P.A.C.K. Day:** Our rescheduled **P.A.C.K. Day** event day will be Monday, February 22. Therefore, if they have paid the \$1 participation fee, your student is invited to wear casual attire to school on that day.
- **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

- **Tuesday, February 23:** The at-home report from our Scantron Performance Series assessment will be sent home on this day.
- **Friday, March 5:** This day serves as the start to Trimester 3.
- **Friday, March 12:** Trimester 3 report cards will be emailed home on this day.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **Donation Items for Service Hours:** We are seeking the following donation items for the *Race for Education* that will be eligible for service hours:
 - 2 Books of Forever Stamps: 1 Hour
 - 3 Reams of 8½ x 11 copier paper: 1 Hour
- **Fathers Club Golf Tournament:** The annual Fathers' Club golf tournament is scheduled for May 14 at 9:00am. Once again it will take place at Rocky Point Golf Course. More details coming soon.
- **5K Race PHSA Planning Committee:** The PHSA is in the planning stages to organize an annual 5K race with the event starting in the spring of 2022. As we are looking for volunteers to serve on a planning committee, please email Ellie Wilfong at ewilfong200@yahoo.com if interested.
- **(Repeat Announcement) PHSA Drive-Thru Ziti Dinner:** As a reminder, all orders for the “Drive-Thru Ziti Dinner” event can be picked up this Sunday, February 21 between 3:00pm-5:00pm in front of the St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

- **Mailboxes Needed:** Do you have a gently used mailbox sitting in your garage? If so, we are seeking 3 mailboxes to use during Lent. Please contact us at susoffice@stursula.org.
- **Archdiocese of Baltimore Survey:** As part of the AoB's commitment to continuous growth for our school system, they have once again partnered with Johns Hopkins University School of Education to conduct the archdiocesan wide survey of parents. You are asked to please complete the following survey that is currently specific to your family:

[REMOTE LEARNER PARENT SURVEY](#)

[IN-PERSON LEARNER PARENT SURVEY](#)

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your perspective.

- **Tuition Assistance Application Deadline:** Please be reminded that the 2021-2022 FACTS Grant & Aid Application process will close on Sunday, February 28. Families seeking Tuition Assistance through the Archdiocese of Baltimore and St. Ursula School must have submitted (not necessarily completed) an application through FACTS. Your application will be based on your 2020 W2's and 1040's, once received and uploaded to your application. Please click **HERE** for more information. Should you have any questions, please contact Sadie Northey at snorthey@stursula.org.
- **Champions of Courage Broadcast:** The broadcast of the “Saluting Maryland’s Champions of Courage” special will air this coming Sunday, February 21 and will feature the essay of our own Mirian Elekwachi (Grade 8). Congratulations Mirian!
You can find the program on the following stations/times this Sunday, February 21:
 - 11:00am - WBFF FOX45
 - 11:30am - WNUV CW Baltimore
 - 2:30pm - EBFF myTV Baltimore 45.2
- **Black History Month:** As we celebrate *Black History Month*, we continue to honor the innovators and inventors who changed the world in ways we may not have previously known. This week we learned about the following group whose work life for others have made a lasting impact in our world:
 - ***Alice Parker:*** Was born in 1895 and lived in Morristown, New Jersey. Alice designed a patented system of central heating using natural gas. This design allowed cool air to be drawn into the furnace, then conveyed through a heat exchanger that delivered warm air through ducts to individual rooms of a house. The concept of her design was unique because it used natural gas as its fuel instead of coal or wood that had been previously used. Her idea that natural gas and ducts could be used to heat different areas of a house was a major step towards the heating systems used today.
 - ***Thomas L. Jennings:*** Was born in 1791 and held a variety of odd jobs until he began working in the clothing field. His level of expertise in custom clothing design and altering allowed him to open one of the largest clothing stores in New York City. When customers began to complain to him that the lack of cleaning solutions left them unable to adequately clean their clothing without damaging the fabric, he conducted experiments with various cleaning solutions and testing them on different types of fabrics. Jennings would discover a treatment he called dry scouring (commonly referred to as dry cleaning). And in 1821, he became the first African American to receive a U.S. Government patent for this invention.

