

ST. URSULA SCHOOL
2020-2021



FAST
FORWARD
FRIDAY

4-30-21

“Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.”

Saint Catherine of Siena



FAITH FORMATION

- **Saint for the Week:** **Saint Catherine of Siena.** As we continue our yearlong study of “Our Friends in High Places”, this week our community celebrated the life of Saint Catherine of Siena. The following offers a few highlights about her life:
 - Catherine was born on March 25, 1347 in Siena, Italy.
 - Her parents had a total of 25 children (although a number of them died young).
 - At the age of 7, Catherine received a vision of Jesus and many of the popular saints of that time period.
 - Inspired by a vision of St. Dominic, Catherine entered the female branch of the Third Order Dominicans known as Mantellate.
 - When Catherine was 21 years old, she had an experience which she described as her mystical union to Jesus.
 - In her mid-20s, Catherine entered into a state which allowed her to dialogue with God. As she was illiterate, Catherine’s sisters relayed the dialogue which her religious sisters then recorded.
 - By 1370 the full treatise was completed, and this compilation of over 400 letters is known as *The Dialogue with Divine Providence*.
 - Catherine was canonized in 1461 by Pope Pius II.
 - Her feast day is April 29 and she is recognized as the Patroness of Rome and the Co-Patron of.
 - In 1970, Pope Paul VI declared St. Catherine a Doctor of the Church.
- **Weekly Mass:** The prayer partner groups of 2A, 4A, 6B and 8B are scheduled to attend the 10:15am Mass on Tuesday, May 4. Although parents and other guests are not able to attend our Eucharistic celebration, please know that we welcome your attendance by joining us via our parish **FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING** of the Mass.

- **RESCHEDULED Crowning of Mary – May 10:** Due to the likelihood of inclement weather on Monday, we are rescheduling our Crowning of Mary prayer service to Monday, May 10 (with a rain date of May 11). For this event, **we are asking each student to bring in a single flower or small bouquet of flowers to school on 5/10.** The students will place their flower gift around the statue of Mary in front of the St. Ursula Church. Following this schoolwide procession, we will then move to the parking lot area behind the Spiritual Center entrance for a Rosary prayer service. Please know that families will be able to virtually attend this memorable event through our *Facebook Live* streaming service.
- **Honoring Mary in May:** As we honor the Blessed Mother throughout the month of May, we invite students to bring in flowers that will adorn the statue of Mary. The students may place the garden picked or store-bought flowers around our Heavenly Queen that will be positioned on a table that will be located outside by the auditorium entrance (except on rainy mornings). Ave Maria!
- **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:** On May 31, 2021, the Basilica of the Assumption, America’s First Catholic Cathedral, will celebrate its 200th Anniversary and kick-off a year of events. To commemorate this historic day, Archbishop Lori will bless the new Perpetual Eucharistic Chapel in the Undercroft—which will be named after Pope Saint John Paul II. Inside the chapel, you find the chasuble he wore when he celebrated Mass at Camden Yards, the kneeler he knelt upon when he visited the Basilica in 1995 and a first-class relic—which you can venerate yourself. Also on May 31, the Basilica will begin Perpetual Adoration for the first time in Baltimore City’s history. Think about committing to a weekly hour of adoration at America’s First Cathedral. To learn more, please click **HERE**.

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 Tuesday, May 4 and Thursday, May 6. The students are welcome to bring in a small towel to sit on during lunch.
- **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
- **Important VIRTUS Information:** All new volunteers are required to register using VIRTUS, www.virtusonline.org. VIRTUS will direct you to review the Code of Conduct and A Statement of Policy. You will also be required to complete an online training module - Protecting Gods Children - and to submit for a criminal history screening. **All these processes must be complete in order to volunteer at St Ursula School.**

Existing/Registered Volunteers- Laurie has reached out during the course of the past year to any volunteer whose VIRTUS was up for renewal. Please follow the instructions on the email that you were sent. If you need the email resent please email her at lcurrens@stursula.org.

- **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 4:** 7th Grade Pre-HSPT
- **Wednesday, May 5 – Tuesday, May 11:** Trimester 3 Scantron Testing Administration
- **Monday, May 10:** Rescheduled May Procession and Crowning of Mary Prayer Service
- **Friday, May 14:** Father's Club Golf Tournament at Rocky Point
- **Friday, May 14:** Speeches due for 2021-2022 Student Council Officer positions
- **Tuesday, May 18:** NJHS New Member Induction Ceremony
- **Wednesday, May 19:** 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

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **[REMINDER] Restaurant Event:** The next PHSA Restaurant Event has been scheduled for this Tuesday, May 4 from 11:00am-8:00pm. Please consider stopping by *Ravage Deli* to pick up a delicious meal for your family. Click **HERE** for the flyer.
- **[REMINDER] Golf Tournament:** The Father's Club is still looking for additional sponsors for their annual Golf Tournament. Please click **HERE** for more information about sponsorship levels. Also, registration is still available to participate in our May 14 event on the links at Rocky Point Golf Club. Please register through the Pay-It link below.
- **[REMINDER] St. Ursula Parish Raffle:** Saint Ursula Church is sponsoring a spring raffle. Tickets are \$10 per ticket. There is one drawing per day during May: \$100 daily prize, \$200 each Sunday, and \$300 on Mothers' Day and Memorial Day prizes. Through May 2, tickets may be purchased after each Mass or purchased **ONLINE**. The winning number each day is based on the evening Maryland Pick 3 lottery drawing.
- **Archbishop Curley Summer Camps:** Please click **HERE** for details about the various summer programs that will be available through Archbishop Curley HS.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

- **2021-2022 Instructional Fee Update:** Next week you will receive the **INSTRUCTIONAL FEE STATEMENT** through your 2021-22 FACTS account. Please note that payment is due by May 31.
- **Academic Remediation Policy:** For those students whose current end of the year grade sits at a failing mark, their families have received an emailed letter regarding the details of the anticipated summer remediation program that will be required of them. However, it is important to note that this policy applies to all students - even those who are currently passing but would end up receiving an “E” as an end of the year grade in any of our core subject areas. With this being said, if the end of the year Progress Report card represents a grade of an “E” for the year, then the student will not have met the expected goals and standards for their current grade level. Therefore, they would be required to successfully complete a school approved summer remediation program.

For your reference, the required hours per subject area are as follows:

- ELA – 15 hours; Math – 15 hours
- Social Studies – 10 hours; Science – 10 hours; Religion - 10 hours
- Spanish – 5 hours

In addition to the completion of compulsory hours, the remediation policy will also require: 1) a time log; 2) the submission of a portfolio of work; 3) a course grade (in the case of a structured summer school program).

If a student earns an "E" for an end of the year grade and does not successfully remediate that course/subject area in the summer (as specified by the school), the child will be academically ineligible to return to St. Ursula School for the 2021-2022 school year or they will be retained at their current grade level.

- **[REMINDER] AoB Summer Learning Program:** Please click **HERE** for a copy of information about the Archdiocesan virtual summer learning program.
- **[REMINDER] Service Hours Opportunity:** If you are still in need of service hours, you may earn one hour of service for 3 reams of white or colored paper that you provide.

PAY-IT LINKS

- **[REMINDER] Father’s Club Golf Tournament:** Register for a day on the links in support of our school. The \$135 registration fee is payable through this **PAY-IT Link**.

