



# WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY



**March 1, 2023**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Greetings Huskies! Lent is such a key time to give thanks and be joyful for the blessings in our lives as we prepare for Easter. Thank you all for supporting our Lenten Service Project by supporting Project Mato Grosso with food donations. Also, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur have invited us to join their journey to, "Care for Our Common Home," through prayer and almsgiving. Students are invited to bring in monetary donations for this cause. See the flyer below for more information.

Dear Friends,

Each Lent we make the extra effort to review where our lives and choices have taken us.

Each year we look at Lent and try to change and adjust.

We have received an INVITATION! [ <https://youtu.be/Rps9bs85BII> ]

Will you accept the INVITATION from Pope Francis to join the journey to "Care for our Common Home?"

Watch the video, share the video with others. Make choices and decisions to make a difference is small and larger ways for care of the earth and each other.



Care for our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*) invites us to recognize our interdependence with creation, our reliance on each other for a healthy and unfolding environment by generating sustainability.



Human interaction, greed and careless behavior over the centuries has yielded corruption, misuse and devastation rather than the flourishing beauty of life, through care for the earth, protection of safe habitats and the promotion of a healthy atmosphere.

We need to redirect our behaviors and involvements to nourish a healthy and flourishing world proclaiming goodness and encouraging growth for all, while preparing a legacy for all who come after us.

Country representatives working together through the General Assembly of the UN have given us a blueprint of growth with the 17 sustainable goals as guides and pathways to sustainability.

Join with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur this Lent to take the small steps of life toward a healthy and life-oriented earth.

The call of the Church to **Pray**, **Fast** and **Give Alms** accompany us as signposts this Lent, to engage us in support of Earth's need of sustainable life. Live each day of Lent (open this pamphlet for the calendar) knowing you have responded to the call to nourish the earth and each other.

Together on the journey,

Sister Leonore Coan, SNDdeN  
Director of Mission Support



*Pray with us... Fast with us...  
Give alms and change lives with us...*

**LENT** is forty days of preparation for Easter. During Lent, we are encouraged to participate in three actions: **prayer**, **fasting** and **almsgiving**. In these three ways, we grow closer to God, to our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ and become more the persons God has created us to be.

**Prayer** is conversing with God. Conversation is two-sided: talking and listening. In prayer, we "place ourselves in the presence of God" and we deepen our awareness that we are loved by our good God. How do you pour out your heart and mind to God? How do you make space to listen to God?

**Fasting** is deliberately denying ourselves something—usually food. Many of us were taught to "give up" something for Lent. Why go without food and feel hungry? It is a practice that puts us in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who experience hunger every day. Fasting helps us recognize all that we have been given. Fasting also can involve actions and attitudes. We can fast from material goods, from attitudes or practices that hurt our relationship with God, others and self. Fasting can deepen our desires and hunger for God. Fasting helps us to become better persons in God's creation.

**Almsgiving** means giving something freely (*time, talent, money*) to relieve the suffering of people living in poverty. Almsgiving is a response that flows naturally from prayer and fasting. We realize and accept our responsibility as members of the Body of Christ to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters. To give alms is an expression of our gratitude for all that our good God has given us. With our almsgiving, we take the resources we did not use because of our fast and freely give them to our brothers and sisters in need. Almsgiving makes real our experience of God's goodness and love.

It was great to see so many families of the school and parish at the Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday. The event was fantastic and such a fun way to spend the day with our St. Ursula community. Thank you everyone who attended and volunteered. Thank you PHSA for organizing the event!

Last week the MAP standardized testing results for grades 2nd-8th were sent home. Parents also received an email from the office with frequently asked questions and answers about the results of MAP. If you did not receive your child's MAP results or the email please let us know.

Just a reminder that we do not have school on Friday. Enjoy the day off students! Teachers and staff will be joining educators throughout the AOB for a day of professional learning. We cannot wait to learn new things to share with you in class!

*"Lent is often portrayed as a dreary season, but the Church offers it to us as a joyful season. In calling us back to our origins, Lent propels us forward to share more fully in Christ's redeeming love. As we stand unvarnished before God, we discover the true depth of his love for us. As we empty ourselves of all pretensions, we open ourselves anew to the Holy Spirit and his gifts that enable us to know, love and follow Christ; to be active members of his Body, the Church; sharing as never before in his saving death and resurrection." (Archbishop Lori)*

Faithfully,  
Mrs. Leslie Jones

## PAY-IT LINKS

### NEW March Special Lunch

On Wednesday, March 22, 2023 we will have our monthly Special Lunch. Orders are due by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 9th. No later orders will be accepted. Please use this form to place your order: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/MG0BDQZm>



## **REMINDER Fathers' Club 80's Dance**

It's back!! Come join the Fathers' Club on Saturday, March 25th for a radical time with DJ Pumpin Paul. Beer, wine & seltzer will be provided. Please place your ticket order by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22. If you have any questions please email [fathersclub@stursula.org](mailto:fathersclub@stursula.org). Purchase tickets here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/IWFcljuf>

## **REMINDER Hershey Park Tickets**

This year the PHSA will be selling tickets to Hershey Park at a reduced rate. The tickets are valid from April, 2023 through January 1, 2024. All orders are due by March 16, 2023. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/PlsYCAze>

## **LAST CHANCE Race for Education Sponsor Letters**

Once again, we are having our annual Race for Education. This has become our largest school fundraiser thanks to your continued support. The first step for those families who did not opt out of fundraising is to go to the link below to complete information regarding how many sponsor letters you would like to receive. The link includes very detailed information regarding the requirements and deadlines. Sponsor letter amounts are due by Wednesday, March 1st. <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/eBLT5nCV>

## **UPDATES & REMINDERS**

### **NEW March Dismissal Schedule**

The March dismissal schedule will begin on Monday, March 6th. Please see the chart at the bottom of this email for your new times.

### **NEW Book Fair**

Once again we will have the Scholastic Book Fair. Please see the letter below for details and to see when your child will be attending. Parents are welcome to attend with their child during their scheduled time. We are also looking for volunteers. Information and sign-up for volunteers can be found on the the letter. [Book Fair Information](#)

### **REMINDER Lenten Service Project**

The Student Council will be collecting food items in support of Operation Mato Grosso. Donated items will be sent to their mission in Peru. We are asking for the following:

- PreK and Kindergarten: Pasta
- 1st & 2nd Grades: Rice
- 3rd Grade: Canned food (veggie)
- 4th Grade: Sugar
- 5th Grade: Flour
- Middle School: Cooking Oil

The last day to bring in these items will be Friday, March 31st.

## **REMINDER School Closed March 3rd**

Please be reminded that school will be closed on Friday, March 3rd for a professional development day.

## **REMINDER Lucky 1500 Tickets**

Please make sure to send in your Lucky 1500 tickets as soon as possible! The weekly drawings have begun. You may send in cash or check, made payable to St. Ursula School or you may use this Pay-it link to make payment: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/4ocUB1kW> If you would like additional tickets or have any questions, please email Laurie Currens at [lcurrens@stursula.org](mailto:lcurrens@stursula.org).

## **HEALTH REMINDERS**

Please be reminded that if your child has any of these symptoms, we recommend that you check in with your physician to make sure that they are not contagious.

- Fever - students need to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school
- Sore throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Body aches
- Skin infections, such as ringworm, all lesions need to be covered
- Pinkeye diagnosed - students need to be on antibiotics for full 24 hours before returning to school
- Strep throat diagnosed - students need to be on antibiotics for full 24 hours before returning to school

## **SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES**

### **NEW March Lunch Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers to help in the lunchroom in March. Volunteers are needed from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. each day. Please use the Sign-up Genius link below to register for the date(s) you are available. Service hours do apply. All volunteers need to be Virtus approved. If you have any questions feel free to contact Laurie Currens at 410-665-3533. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-lunch6>

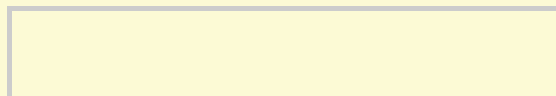
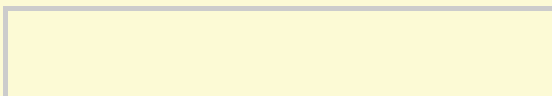
### **REMINDER Race for Education Donations**

We are seeking the following donation item for the *Race for Education* that will be eligible for service hours: 2 Books of Forever Stamps (1 Hour)

### **REMINDER Paper Donations**

We are now accepting paper donations for service hours. Three reams of 8 1/2x 11 paper will earn 1 service hour.

## **PARISH NEWS**



Family Liturgy every  
3rd Sunday of the Month at  
the 11am Mass!



"Donut Days" every 4th Sunday of  
the month after the 9am Mass!

Children's Liturgy of the Word every  
4th Sunday of the month  
during the 11am Mass!



## Lent 2023

7pm Stations of the Cross every Friday  
during Lent, followed by Soup and Salad dinner  
in the Spiritual Center: February 24th - March 31st

(Confessions will be heard every Friday preceding Stations of the  
Cross from 6:15 - 6:45 PM, except for Good Friday, April 7th.)

Palm Sunday 4/2/23: 7:30am, 9am & 11am

### Easter Triduum: HOLY WEEK

**Holy  
Thursday**  
4/6/23

- 8:30am Morning Prayer
- 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 8pm-10pm Adoration

**Good  
Friday**  
4/7/23

- 8:30am Morning Prayer
- 12pm Ecumenical Stations of the Cross
- 3pm Service of the Lord's Passion  
(including veneration of the Cross and distribution of Holy Communion)
- 7pm Stations of the Cross

**Holy  
Saturday**  
4/8/23

- 8:30am Morning Prayer
- 12pm Blessing of the Easter Foods
- 8pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9AM & 11AM



## REMINDER Girl Scouts Events



Girl Scout Troop #2525  
is sponsoring a

### Cupcake Decorating Event

Learn how to decorate cupcakes with 6 different designs.

All supplies included.

Children of all ages and adults

March 25, 2023 @ 1:00pm - 3:00pm

St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center

8801 Harford Rd, Parkville, MD, 21234

Cost: \$30 per participant.

**Registration closes on March 13, 2023**

Cash or checks payable to Sara Scarborough.

Please drop off to school office or mail

Sara Scarborough

2508 Harwood Rd

Parkville, MD 21234

For more information contact

Sara at [tagalongs1783@gmail.com](mailto:tagalongs1783@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Younger children will need help from an adult.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY,

APRIL 1, 2023

ST. URSULA SPIRITUAL CENTER

Doors open at 10am

Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:30am

Troop #2525 invites children Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade to  
participate in an Easter Egg Hunt. Join us for a fun-filled  
morning of egg hunting, crafts, and other activities.

Cost: \$5.00 per child.

Please bring your own Easter basket

For more information contact Linda at [gs1783@comcast.net](mailto:gs1783@comcast.net)

Mail form to Linda Scarborough, 2508 Harwood Rd., Balto, MD 21234

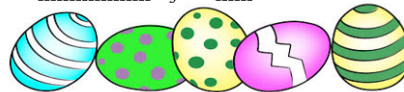
You may also drop off the form to the school office  
or the Church office.

Walk-in's welcome



Please make checks payable to Linda Scarborough

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_



## YOUTH MINISTRY



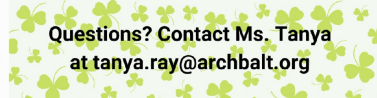
# St. Ursula Youth Ministry

## MARCH 2023

- Mar 5 12:30p-2p (Middle School) / 6:30p-8p (High School)
- Mar 10 6p-9p YM Hosting Stations & Soup/Salad
- Mar 11 1p-3p Bingo with Brightview Seniors @ Brightview
- Mar 12 1:30-2:30 Homeless Encampment  
4p-5p Worthy of the Call Training
- Mar 19 11a Family Liturgy
- Mar 25 1p-3p Hike at Loch Raven
- Mar 26 11a CLOW Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Mar 31 St. Joe Fullerton Passion Walk, 4-9:30pm



Questions? Contact Ms. Tanya at [tanya.ray@archbalt.org](mailto:tanya.ray@archbalt.org)



# Youth Ministry



It's Lent! You know what that means; it's time to bring your "A" game. You've chosen what to give up. You're ready... fasting, praying, and almsgiving. Let's go!

JOIN US FOR FOOD, GAMES & FELLOWSHIP WHILE WE DISCUSS LENT

Middle School March 5 12:30p-2p  
High School\* March 5 6:30p-8pm



\*Guest speaker

For more information contact Tanya Ray at [tanya.ray@archbalt.org](mailto:tanya.ray@archbalt.org)

A FRANCISCAN YOUTH RETREAT  
July 21-23

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ASSISI BY THE CHESAPEAKE: A FRANCISCAN YOUTH RETREAT  
July 21-23, 2023

WHO IS THIS RETREAT FOR?

Anyone ages 13-18 can participate! Each person should be associated with a parish, school, or campus ministry group. Each ministry needs to send chaperones to accompany its group: one (1) adult for every twelve (12) youth. The retreat is limited to 100 participants, so register early.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

This retreat is intended for young men and women, who would like to...

- ...grow in their faith
- ...learn more about the Franciscan tradition
- ...connect with other young people
- ...and have a fun weekend away on retreat

We'll experience moments of prayer, have discussions about the faith, participate in fun activities, eat great meals, and make lifelong memories. The retreat is planned and run by the Franciscan Friars Conventual; it'll be a great opportunity to get to know the friars and their Franciscan way of life.

WHAT ARE THE DETAILS?

The retreat begins at 9:30am on Friday, July 21, at the Shrine of Saint Anthony in Ellicott City, Maryland. On Friday afternoon, we'll head up to Sandy Cove Ministries, located in North East, MD; this will be our home for the rest of the weekend. The retreat concludes with a to-go lunch at 12:30pm on Sunday, July 23.

Sandy Cove Ministries is a Christian retreat center that offers hotel-style accommodations. Students will share a room with other participants of the same gender. There will be separate accommodations for chaperones and friars. Additional information about rooming and rooming requests will be provided in the spring.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Registration is \$25 per participant. This covers 2-night accommodations, all meals, and transportation between Ellicott City and North East, Maryland. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the retreat. Info about making payment will be sent after registration is received.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Register here: <https://forms.gle/73s8w00tP2802qy07>

QUESTIONS?

If you have more questions, please contact Friar Chris Dusdek at [chrisdusdek@me.com](mailto:chrisdusdek@me.com)



## MASS TIMES

For those who are planning to worship as part of our St. Ursula Catholic Community, please be reminded of the Mass times: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.



# DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

## March 2023

2:50 pm	Group 3: Le - Sc	SJ Lot
3:00 pm	Group 4: Se - Z	SUS Lot
3:10pm	Group 1: A - Dr	SJ Lot
3:20 pm	Group 2: Du - La	SUS Lot



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