



WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY



January 29, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Happy Catholic Schools Week, Huskies!

This week has been filled with joy and celebration as we honor the gift of Catholic education. We kicked off the festivities with a beautiful CSW Opening Mass and a fantastic Open House, both of which were a great success! A heartfelt thank you to our incredible teachers, staff, and volunteers for their dedication and hard work in making the day so special.

Today, Loyola Blakefield High School visited our 4th and 5th graders and Middle School students to present on digital safety and making safe, respectful choices online. It was an engaging and insightful session, and we were so proud of our students for their thoughtful questions and participation. We encourage you to continue the conversation at home by asking your children about their key takeaways from today's presentation. Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting a safe and responsible digital presence for our community!

Here are some talking points to guide your conversation:

- Never share your passwords with anyone except your parents. Use different passwords for different accounts. Again, share passwords only with your parents!
- Do not "friend" people you do not know.
- Deleting something on social media doesn't mean it's gone! What you post stays in a database for at least seven years.
- Cyberbullying is real—and it's against the law (Grace's Law).
- Social media has GPS tracking that others can see and use to track your location.

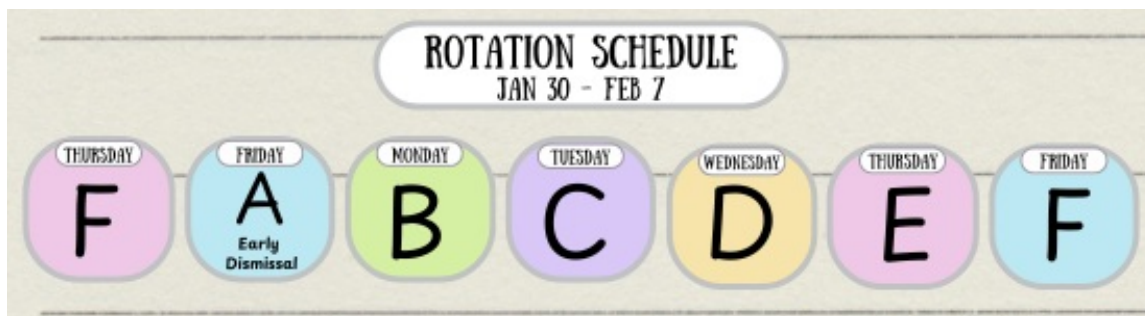
- Apps are always listening.
- When an app updates, all features are automatically restored. You must update your privacy settings again.
- Be aware of what you share!
- Talk to a trusted adult whenever you need help or have questions or concerns.

We are also incredibly grateful for the compassion and care our students and community showed to the Webster family yesterday. Our students truly lived out our mission of caring for God's children by creating meaningful signs of support. Thank you, parents, for your patience and flexibility with yesterday's early dismissal—we appreciate you!

Finally, we have just about finished the winter administration of the MAP Growth test for grades 2-8. Look for the family reports next week!

Faithfully,
Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Marinaro

ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR JAN 30-FEB 7



PAY-IT LINKS

LAST CHANCE February Hot & Special Lunch

Hot and special lunches will only be distributed to those who have pre-paid. **Orders will close at 8 a.m. on Thursday, January 30th. No late orders will be accepted.** For more information and to place your order please visit this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/xHqHYvn9>

REMINDER Love Grams - Due Date Change

Show your St Ursula student some love this Valentine's Day with a special gift surprise! See the flyer below for more information. To order, use this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/rxgZJuMo>. **Orders are due no later than Wednesday, February 5th at 12 p.m.** Sorry, but we cannot accept late orders.

REMINDER Mother Son Sports Jam

The Mothers' Club invites you to the 2025 Sports Jam on Friday, February 7th! This event is for St. Ursula students and their maternal caregivers. Moms vs. Sons for relays and dodgeball!!! New games, more prizes and more fun this year! Register here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/d47RnUcJ>

REMINDER Spaghetti Dinner

Please join us on Sunday, February 23rd from 2:00-6:00 p.m. to enjoy some

delicious food, drinks, dessert, wheels, and more! Carry-out meals are also available. Please purchase your dine-in and carry-out tickets here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/l6APHXSc>

UPDATES & REMINDERS

NEW Fire Drill Tomorrow

We will have a planned fire drill tomorrow, Thursday, January 30th.

REMINDER Spirit Week

- **Thursday, January 30th:** Maryland Day - Students can add-on Maryland flag colors.
- **Friday, January 31st:** Spirit Day - Students may dress out of uniform in blue and gold and/or SUS spirit wear. No face paint or hair dye is allowed.

REMINDER Early Dismissal Friday, January 31st

Please be reminded that we have an early dismissal this Friday, January 31st. Extended Day will be open until 6:00 p.m. The dismissal times are 12:00, 12:08, and 12:16.

LAST CHANCE Yearbooks

IMPORTANT: We are submitting our final order numbers for the yearbook. **To ensure that you get a book if you want one, please order by Monday, February 3.** You can still order books after Monday, but we will be on a limited supply.

- Please see the flyer below for purchasing instructions. [Yearbook Order Form 2025](#)

NEW Lucky 1500 Tickets

Your youngest child will be bringing home two white Lucky 1500 tickets next week. If you did not buy or sell tickets in the fall, you will be receiving 4 tickets next week. The first drawing for the Lucky 1500 tickets is February 24th. All families who did not opt out of fundraising are required to sell or buy a total of four tickets for the school year. In addition to this requirement you will receive 1.5 service hours for every ticket that you buy or sell. Please send in your service hour card with your tickets so that we can record the hours. 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/DLWr0k29> If you would like additional tickets or have any questions, please email Ms. Sampson at asampson@stursula.org.

NEW Kindergarten STEAM Activity

On Friday, February 7, 2025 (F Day), Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Swauger will be running a STEAM activity for 10 Kindergarten students. We will be "ice fishing". Students will use homemade fishing rods (from straws and yarn) to catch fish ice cubes. We will use salt to help catch the fish with our rods.

Students will only be able to sign up for 1 STEAM activity for the year. Emails will only go out to those in the grade that have not participated to give all students the opportunity to sign up. The sign up email will go out to Kindergarten parents/guardians of students that did not participate in the Thanksgiving Playdoh STEAM in November on Thursday, January 30 at 9 pm.

If you are interested in signing up, you will do so on the sign up genius.

NEW PE Reminder

Please be reminded that on Dollar Days or out of uniform days, Crocs and UGG slides are not allowed in PE class due to safety concerns. They can be a tripping hazard when running, so if students wear them, they won't be able to participate in PE.

REMINDER Financial Aid Application

The application process for those seeking tuition assistance is now open. The application closes on **Friday, February 28th**. For more information and to apply, please visit:

- <https://www.stursula.org/admissions/grant-aid>

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

REMINDER Save the Date - Fathers' Club 80s Dance

The St. Ursula Father's Club 80s Dance is back on Saturday, March 22nd at 7PM. This year, we're turning up the nostalgia with an 80s VS 90s theme! Grab your friends, find a babysitter, and get ready to party like it's 1989... or 1999!

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Love Grams Volunteers

Volunteers are needed on Sunday, February 9th to help organize love grams and deliver them to the classrooms. Please sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA5AB2AA1FFC16-54662083-lovegrams#/>

NEW 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 Mothers Club Sports Jam Volunteers

Volunteers are needed with setup, activities during the event, and cleanup.

Help us make this a fun night for our moms and

students. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080444A5A822A2FD0-54183821-mother#/>

REMINDER February Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help in the lunchroom in February.

Volunteers are needed from 11:20 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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-54429708-lunch>

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.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

Pleased see this article for five things to know about reconciliation: <https://catholicreview.org/5-things-to-know-about-the-sacrament-of-reconciliation/>

PARISH NEWS



**EXPERIENCING THE SACRAMENTS TOGETHER
STRENGTHENS FAMILY BONDS IN FAITH**

Join your St. Ursula Family for Mass:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

A heartfelt thank you to our parishioners and school community for making the Christmas season brighter for those in need. Over 50 bags of toys, clothing, and household items were collected for the St. Vincent de Paul Head Start Programs, St. Vincent de Paul Shelter and Housing Programs, and Catholic Charities Esperanza Center. The Little Sisters of the Poor received \$1,500 in gift cards and personal gifts to give to their elderly residents. Your compassion and support made a significant difference in the lives of those less fortunate. On behalf of all the families who benefited from your generosity to the Giving Tree, we extend our deepest gratitude.

With thanks,
Giving Tree Project Coordinators

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES are coming! These delicious cookies will be sold outside after all Masses on the following weekends: February 15th & 16th, February 22nd & 23rd and March 1st and 2nd! Cookies are now \$6 per box, Gluten Free cookies are \$7 per box!

CHURCH CLEANING Every third Saturday of the month, join us in helping to beautify our church! Join us on February 15th! This is an easy way to get service hours! To RSVP, email Mrs. Tanya at tanya.ray@archbalt.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #5058 will be collecting men's, women's, and children's socks from February 15th through February 28th to donate to the Assisi House in Baltimore. A pair of nice warm socks can make a significant impact. Please bring in quality warm socks to be placed in the donation box located in the vestibule or you can donate cash or a check payable to Bishop Sebastian Council 5058. Please contact Kevin Kelly (kmkelly112@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you for your support."

TACKLE HUNGER 2025

Saint Ursula Pantry - St. Vincent de Paul Conference



FEB 8th & 9th
after
ALL Masses
Donate just \$1
or 1 can of food

Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv.

As the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which honors Mary's appearance to St. Bernadette Soubirous in 1858, we invite you to join us for a special presentation. Our Lady identified herself as the Immaculate Conception and called for prayer, penance, and the building of a chapel. Lourdes has since become a place of healing and pilgrimage for millions around the world.



This event, led by Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv., a Franciscan Friar Conventual and National Spiritual Assistant of the Militia of the Immaculata (MI), is an opportunity to deepen your understanding of Marian devotion and the powerful legacy of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Date and Time:

- **Date:** February 11, 2025
- **Mass:** 7:00 PM (in the Church)
- **Presentation:** Immediately following Mass

Location:

- St. Ursula Church, Parkville, MD



About Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv.: Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv., was ordained a priest in 1998 and has been a Franciscan friar for over 25 years. Originally from Minnesota, he entered the friars after completing his studies in Geography at the University of Minnesota. He began his theological studies in Staten Island, NY, and Washington, D.C., and later earned his MDiv from St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, CA. Fr. Tom has served in multiple parishes, including St. Paul the Apostle in Pismo Beach, CA, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Hermosa Beach, CA, and St. John Neumann Parish in Egan, MN. He has also served as Rector of St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral in Reno, NV, and as Vocation Director. In 2017, Fr. Tom became the National Spiritual Assistant of the Militia of the Immaculata, based at the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe in Marytown, Illinois.

Fr. Tom has been a close personal friend of Fr. Jason since their studies together in the late 1980s. Over the years, they have remained close friends, traveling together throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe on both vacations and pilgrimages.

Event Details:

- **Topic:** The Significance of Our Lady of Lourdes in the Writings of St. Maximilian Kolbe
- **Speaker:** Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv.
- **Admission:** Free, but a free-will offering will be taken to support Fr. Czeck's ministry with the Militia of the Immaculata.

February 16
5p-7p

Meet us in the
Spiritual Center
NO SALES AT THE DOOR

The Annual
ELIZABETH SCHEMES
PANCAKE DINNER
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
ST. URSULA CHURCH'S YOUTH MINISTRY
SUMMER RETREATS AND MISSIONS

Children
Ages 3-10
\$6

Individuals
\$9

MENU
Pancakes
Eggs
Bacon
Fruit
Juice
Coffee, Tea, Hot
Chocolate
Donuts & Pastries

Pay at the Parish Office by Thurs Feb 13th

INSTITUTE FOR EVANGELIZATION
Office of Family, Youth
& Young Adults Ministry
ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE

HAVE MERCY!

RISE Up MIDDLE SCHOOL DAY

Saturday, March 8th | 10am - 2pm
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH (RANDALLSTOWN)

• RISE UP: HAVE MERCY! IS A DAY EXPLORING THE CORPORAL & SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY, SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 6-8.

CONTACT OUR PARISH/SCHOOL MINISTRY LEADER FOR DETAILS!

A time of prayer, fun, and connecting with Jesus Christ and the universal Church!

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch @ Rise Up)

Schedule: Saturday, March 8th

- Transportation is the responsibility of parents: Please plan to arrive at Holy Family, Randallstown by 9:30am and pickup at 2pm
- **Register by Feb 19:** Contact Tanya Ray (Coordinator of Youth Ministry) at tanya.ray@archbalt.org

JOIN US FOR
EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR
THIS FRIDAY EVENING
AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH!

COME AND JOIN OUR
ROSARY GUILD

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH!

6:30PM-8PM IN THE SPIRITUAL CENTER

OPEN TO AGES 10YRS AND UP! THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO EARN SERVICE HOURS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION!

Questions? Contact Tanya Ray: tanya.ray@archbalt.org

Our Rosary Guild is a member of Our Lady's Rosary Makers. We make rosaries for the St. Paul Street Evangelization in Warren, MI. The missionaries give the rosaries to people experiencing homelessness and pray the rosary with them!





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