



WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY



October 1, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to October!

It has been such a joy getting to know your wonderful children this past month and celebrating their accomplishments at our Spirit Assembly. A special thank you to our 8th graders for leading the school community in a decade of the Rosary.

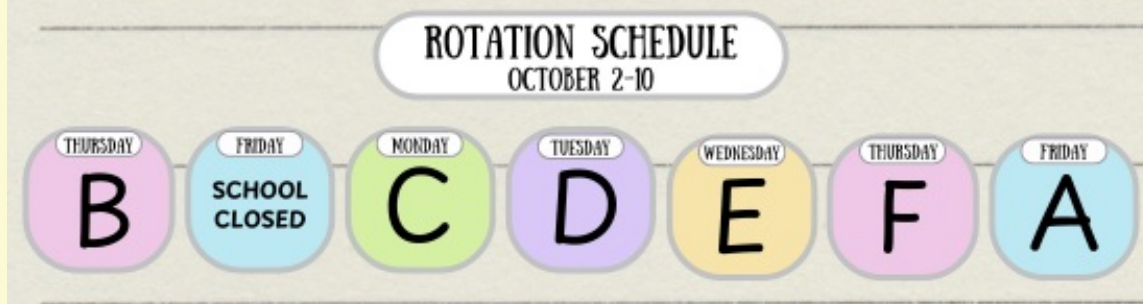
October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the Church's most cherished devotions, and includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. I encourage you to take some time this month to pray the Rosary together as a family.

We also joyfully welcome back Fr. Obinna! At our recent School Mass, Father reminded the students that *"The Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church!"* We invite you and your family to join us for our Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, October 5th, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our upcoming Harvest Festival! Volunteers are still needed. If you are Virtus approved and available to help, please sign up using the link in the Harvest Festival section below.

Blessings,
Ms. Anderson and Mrs. Marinaro

ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR OCT 2-10



HARVEST FESTIVAL



The Harvest Festival is next week! Please take a moment to read the [Insider Tips](#) for all you need to know about Harvest Festival.

Service Hour Opportunities:

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!:** We are still in need of volunteers for Harvest Festival! Volunteers must be Virtus approved. Please sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8AF2BA3F4C34-58551891-harvest>
- **Cake Donations:** Earn 1 hour for each of the following: 2 cakes, 36 cupcakes, 24 individual brownies (13x9 dish) (Limit 4 hours from baking items for Harvest Festival) Homemade items only! – No store-bought items count toward service hours. Donations can be brought to the main office starting on Tuesday, October 7th.
- **Festival Donations:** We are looking for donations for some of the Harvest Festival booths. Service hours do apply. Please sign up below:
 - Food and drink items:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054DA4AE23A1FA7-59042286-harvest#/>

LAST CHANCE Game Tickets & Decorate the Festival:

- Order game tickets and icons here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/Lndfcl6z>
- Order tickets by Monday, October 6th by 8:00 a.m. to get a discount!

50/50 Raffle Tickets

If you would like additional tickets, please let the office know. Please send the ticket stubs (the portion with the buyer's information) and money back to the school office as soon as possible. Please label the envelope: Harvest Festival 50/50 Raffle.

Student Raffle

Purchase raffle tickets for cash prizes or amazing gift cards, including Amazon, Dicks Sporting Goods! Order by Thursday, October 9th. Winners will be drawn before close of school on that Thursday. Students will bring home one sheet of tickets, but if you want to buy more, please print them. Submit all tickets to the

school office in envelopes marked "Student Raffle." [Student Raffle](#)

Attending the Festival:

Thursday, October 9th - Students will attend the festival during their assigned time below. Parents/guardians who will be attending Harvest Festival with a student on Thursday, October 9th, will need to enter school through the playground doors to receive an identification badge before attending the festival.

LAST CHANCE If you have previously visited the school and have had your ID scanned, please complete this form so that we can print your badge before the scheduled event: <https://forms.gle/41571BYCyg8iRnUB7>

- **PK & K** 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- **Gr. 1, 2** 9:55 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- **Gr. 3, 4, 5** 11:10 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- **Gr. 6, 7, 8** 12:30 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.

Friday, October 10th - The festival is open to the public from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 11th - The festival is open to the public from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

REMINDER School Closed Friday, October 3rd

Please be reminded that school will be closed on Friday, October 3rd for a faculty and staff professional day. Extended Day is closed.

NEW Interim Reports

Interim reports will be sent electronically for students in grades 3-8 on Wednesday, October 8th.

NEW Spirit Wear

Time to show your school spirit with some new SUS spirit wear! Students will be able to wear all spirit wear items on Spirit Assembly days, including the sweatpants and pajama pants on the link below. Place your spirit wear orders through the link below. The online store will close on Monday, October 13th.

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NEW Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for Friday, October 17 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. An email with additional information will be sent the week of October 6th. This email will include a link enabling you to sign up using *Sign-up Genius*.

NEW Safe Schools Maryland

DID YOU KNOW? Students and parents can report serious safety concerns via an anonymous platform that immediately alerts the appropriate authorities. See this poster from Safe Schools Maryland for more information, including how to report and how to download the app. [Safe Schools Reporting](#)

NEW 2nd Grade STEAM Activity

On Friday, October 24 (C Day), Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Swauger will be hosting a STEAM activity for 10 2nd grade students. We will be making pumpkin pickers to harvest candy pumpkins. **The sign up email will be sent**

to 2nd grade parent(s)/guardian(s) on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 6:30 pm. The sign up genius also includes an opportunity to provide materials for service hours. You will only be able to sign your child up for one STEAM activity this year. Subsequent sign up genius links will only be emailed to those that did not participate in an activity yet.

NEW Pulsera Project

Over the next two weeks our school will be partnering with The Pulsera Project, a fair trade nonprofit organization that seeks to empower, inspire, and educate people in Central America and the U.S. The Pulsera Project provides sustainable, well-paying work opportunities for artisans in Nicaragua and Guatemala, most of whom make colorful hand-woven bracelets, or “pulseras” in Spanish.

Students may purchase these items during the Harvest Festival on Thursday, October 9th (cash only, no tickets). They will also be available during morning arrival in Mrs. Marinaro’s office the week of October 13th. Students will be allowed to wear their pulseras to school the week of October 13th to mark the culmination of Hispanic Heritage Month. For more information, please see this letter: [Pulsera Project Overview](#).

NEW Save the Dates

- **Trunk-or-Treat** - The PHSA will be hosting their annual Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, October 24th at 6 p.m. Stay tuned for more details!
- **Looney's Pub Dining Out Night** - The PHSA will be hosting a Dining Out Night at Looney's in Perry Hall on Wednesday, October 22nd from 4-9 p.m.

NEW School Play Auditions



On Wednesday, October 29, 2025, we will be holding open auditions for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. It will be held right after school from 3:00pm-5:00pm in the school gym. If you are interested in auditioning, please complete the following form: [Audition Sign Up](#)

For the audition, students are expected to prepare a short monologue. If you need a help finding a monologue, resources can be found here: [Monologues](#)

On the day of the auditions, students will perform their monologues in the order in which they signed up.

Students are expected to report to the gym immediately after the 1st dismissal bell and remain in the gym until the end of auditions (Safeties should report to the gym after completing their dismissal duties).

If you would like to join stage crew, please select that option under the section

"Which roles are you most interested in?" - STAGE CREW should attend the Open Auditions, but can leave by 4pm.

For additional information, please refer to our google site: [Theatre Program Website](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Miss Moulton at amoulton@stursula.org

NEW Youth Ministry for Grades 5-8

St. Ursula Parish will be offering youth ministry meetings on Thursdays after school (when school is in session) for students in grades 5-8. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9th. For more information and to register, please see this form: <https://forms.gle/3qPF5WZbe29KQcE96>

This is a great opportunity to grow in faith, build friendships, and get involved in fun and meaningful activities!



EDGE is our ministry for **5th – 8th** grade students

When: 3:15p–4:15p Thursday afternoons, when school is in session

Where: St. Ursula Church, Spiritual Center

Dismissal: Parents should pick up their child from the Spiritual Center. Student who attend Extended Day will be escorted to Extended Day.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/6tb1AingEnqdbwm7A>

Our 2025/2026 Schedule

Oct 9 Kick-Off. Snacks and games and preview of the year. Discussion on "Who is Our neighbor?" (WION?)

Oct 16 Seen & Unseen: The Grace of the Sacraments

Oct 23 Service Project (based on WION?)

Oct 30 Bringing Back the Dead: An afternoon on Halloween and the Saints

Nov 6 Touch, Taste, & Smell: Baptism & Confirmation

Nov 13 Touch, Taste, & Smell: Holy Communion

Nov 20 Issue Session: "look up" a conversation about social med

Dec 4 Service Project (based on WION?)

Jan 8 The 15th Day of Christmas! When does Christmas actually end?

Jan 15 Service Project (based on WION?)

Jan 22 Open Gym @ the School

Jan 29 Chopped-Dessert Challenge

Feb 5 Royal Pain: The Sacraments of Healing

Feb 12 Guest Speaker

Feb 19 Issue Session: Who Am I? What is God's Plan for Me?

Feb 26 Service Project (based on WION?)

Mar 12 Guest Speaker

Mar 19 Extreme Egg Hunt (Luke 24:13–34)

Mar 26 Service Project (based on WION?)

Apr 16 In the Flesh: The Sacraments of Service

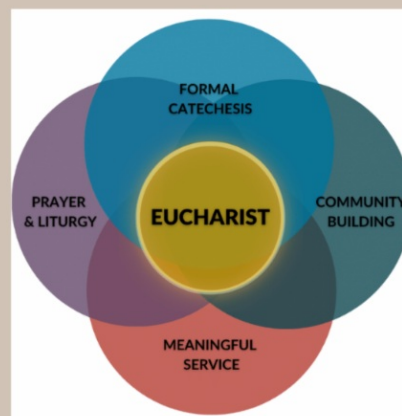
Apr 23 Guest Speaker

Apr 30 Care for Creation Project

May 7 Afternoon Tea with Momma Mary

May 14 Issue Session: Fear

May 21 End of School Gathering and Summer Planning



Questions? Contact Tanya Ray

tanya.ray@archbalt.org

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

REMINDER October Lunch Volunteers

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

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.

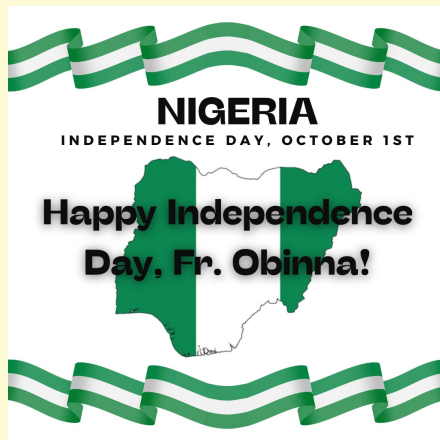
Service hours do apply. All volunteers need to be Virtus approved.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-58918580-lunch>

REMINDER Special Lunch Volunteers

The Special Lunch Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the special lunches throughout the year. This is a great way to get service hours while helping feed our students a special lunch. Volunteers must be Virtus approved. Please sign-up here:

PARISH NEWS



NEW Fr. Obinna's Independence Day

If you see Fr. Obinna today, be sure to give him a smile and cheer on this Independence Day of his country!

NEW Announcements Regarding the Reception of Sacraments at St. Ursula

Do you have a child who is not yet baptized? Are you interested in him or her being part of the Church and receiving other sacraments? Groups are forming to prepare children of all ages for baptism, contact Laura in the Parish Office for more information at 410-665-4106 or laura.weatherington@archbalt.org.

If you have an older child (3rd grade or older) who has not received 1st Communion and who would like to, please contact Laura in the parish office to explore your options for receiving this Sacrament of Initiation into the Church at 410-665-4106 or laura.weatherington@archbalt.org.

The fall First Communion Parent meeting will be held in the school gym on Monday, Oct. 6 beginning at 7:15 PM. All parents preparing a child for First Communion this spring should attend this meeting, unless they have attended in the past few years. You are welcome to attend even if you are not sure if your child is eligible to receive the Sacrament.

The St. Ursula Community is invited to come together for a **ROSARY TAILGATE**

Thursday, October 2nd!

**Pizza dinner at 6pm
Rosary at 7pm.**

Bring a chair, your rosary, and a heart ready for prayer.
All are welcome! Bring your families, friends, and neighbors!
We hope to see you there! For questions, contact Deacon David at david.glassman@archbalt.org.

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R.S.V.P. by Oct. 1st to Deacon David: david.glassman@archbalt.org

Eucharistic Procession

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
Following the 11am Mass

Let us come together in faith and reverence as we honor the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to participate in this beautiful expression of our Catholic faith. We will walk through the neighborhood and conclude, inside the church.

"Sing a Joyful Noise
Unto the Lord!"




Join our Junior Choir
(For children in 2nd - 8th grade!)

Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings
5:30pm-6:15pm, beginning October 2nd

**JOIN US FOR EUCHARISTIC
HOLY HOUR EVERY FRIDAY
EVENING IN THE CHURCH!**

*Every first Friday, we will have
Confessions during Holy Hour beginning
at 7pm, followed by fellowship in the
Spiritual Center at 8pm!*

*Every third Friday, upon Fr. Obinna's
return, experience a beautiful evening of
Adoration beginning at 6pm followed by
live music and an inspiring talk
concluding by 8pm.
(stay tuned for the date!)*



To Jesus Through Mary
Saint Ursula Catholic Community
In the Archdiocese of Baltimore

Our 2025 theme is "My Soul Magnifies the Lord"


St. Ursula Catholic Church
8801 Harford Road
Parkville, Maryland 21234

Oct 3 7pm Holy Hour
followed by reception


Oct 4 6p-8p Potluck dinner and activity to
celebrate the end of the Season of
Creation and the beginning of the
month of the Holy Rosary.

Rosary kits are available for individuals and
families who want to make rosaries at home
for the Rosary Guild to give to the St. Paul
Street Evangelization mission. There will be
some at the dinner.

RSVP to Tanya at tanya.roy@archbalt.org so
that we will have enough materials for the
activity!



**PILGRIMS
OF HOPE FOR
CREATION**
September 1-October 4



Children's Book Drive

Help support the
Women's Care Center!
(Fullerton Location)

October 4th - 12th

**Sponsored by
St. Ursula Parish
& School!**

A bin will be located
in the vestibule to
place your new or
gently used
children's books!




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