



WHAT'S AHEAD WEDNESDAY



December 18, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Dear St. Ursula Families,

As Christmas draws near, we want to send our heartfelt wishes to you and your loved ones. This season is a time for joy, reflection, and togetherness, and we are truly blessed to share in the lives of your families here at St. Ursula.

Your children light up our school with their energy and enthusiasm, making each day a gift to cherish. Witnessing their growth and learning is an honor we deeply treasure. This Christmas, let us celebrate the true meaning of the season—the birth of Jesus—and embrace the values of faith, hope, and love that it inspires.

May your homes be filled with love, the joy of shared moments, and the peace of Christ's blessings this Christmas.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year!

Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Marinaro, and the St. Ursula Team

ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR DEC 19 - JAN 3



PAY-IT LINKS

LAST CHANCE January Hot Lunch

Hot lunches will only be distributed to those who have pre-paid. **Orders will close at 8 a.m. on Thursday, December 19th. No late orders will be accepted.** For more information and to place your order please visit this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/1XXPkkgF>

We will be sending out a separate link for the January Student Appreciation Lunch after the holidays.

NEW Cash Bingo

Join us for a cash bingo on Friday, January 10, 2025 in the school auditorium! Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and games begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per person at the door. To register, please visit: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/omToMMgZ>

REMINDER Lucky 1500 Tickets

If you have not already done so, please turn your tickets in ASAP. The grand prize drawing is on January 13th. 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/Ph15JJJC> If you would like additional tickets or have any questions, please email Ms. Sampson at asampson@stursula.org.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

NEW Fire Drill Tomorrow

We will have a planned fire drill tomorrow, Thursday, December 19th, weather permitting.

NEW MAP Testing

We will begin the winter session of our MAP Growth testing on January 7th, continuing through the following week. If at all possible, please try not to schedule any appointments for your child during this time period. We appreciate your support!

REMINDER 2025-26 Re-Registration

Completing the re-registration forms will reserve your child(ren)'s spot for the 2025-2026 school year. Families will complete their enrollment contracts in January. We will also begin accepting new students in January. If you have not completed the re-registration, you may lose your spot. **Re-registration is due by Thursday, December 19th.** For questions, please contact Lauren Calva at

REMINDER Christmas Dress-up

On Friday, December 20th, students may wear their favorite Christmas outfit. All clothing must be school appropriate. Please see the Student Handbook for our out of uniform guidelines.

REMINDER Christmas Break Schedule

Please see below for the Christmas Break Schedule:

- Friday, December 20th - Early Dismissal beginning at 12:00 p.m.
 - 12:00 - A-Dr
 - 12:10 - Du-Sc
 - 12:20 - Se-Z
- Friday, December 20th - **Extended Day will close at 3:00 p.m.**
- Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, January 1st - School Closed
- Thursday, January 2nd - School Reopens

REMINDER Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus (KofC) Bishop Sebastian Council #5058 will host a Basketball Free Throw Contest on 1/11/25 at 10:00am in the St. Ursula School Gymnasium. This event is for young people ages 9-14. Groups will be assigned as the following: Boys: ages 9-11, Girls: ages 9-11, Boys: ages 12-14, and Girls ages 12-14. Please note that parents must stay with their children during this activity. Please register here: <https://www.evite.com/signup-sheet/5546543674294272>. Although pre-registration is encouraged and expected, walk-ins at the time of the event will be welcomed.

REMINDER Yearbooks

- Order Your Yearbook
 - Yearbooks are on sale! Order by January 19th and save \$5. The price will increase to \$35 after January 20th. Please see the flyer below for purchasing instructions. [Yearbook Order Form 2025](#)
- 8th Grade Spreads
 - We do two spreads in the yearbook for our 8th graders: "8th Grade Through the Years" and "8th Grade Baby Pictures." Please see the instructions below on how to submit these pictures for the yearbook. Picture submissions are due by January 6, 2025. [8th Grade Picture Spreads](#)
- 8th Grade Yearbook Ads
 - Congratulate your 8th grade student and express your pride and love with an ad in the 2025 yearbook! Please see the flyer below for pricing and design instructions. Yearbook ads are due by January 21, 2025. [Yearbook Ad Flyer](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER Chick-fil-A Spirit Lunch

Chick-fil-A[®] SPIRIT LUNCH

What could be better than enjoying tasty chicken while earning money for your school? Show your support for ST. URSULA SCHOOL on

**Friday,
12/20/24**

12:00-3:00 PM

20% of all designated sales during the event will be donated to your group. Order a Grilled Chicken Club (#7 Meal) for an extra \$1 bonus donation!

Spirit Night promotion is available for Dine In, Carry Out, or Drive Thru Only. Please show this flyer or mention Spirit Lunch when placing your order. If placing a mobile order, enter code SUS18 to receive credit.

**Chick-fil-A
Perry Hall Shopping Center
8867 Belair Road
Baltimore, MD 21236**



REMINDER Mothers' Club Meeting

ALL moms are welcome to join us on Thursday, December 19th at 6:45pm in the St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center. No agenda this month, just holiday fun! All the info for our annual sock exchange can be found in the link. Please RSVP here to ensure enough holiday cheer to go around: <https://forms.gle/bpphsksd5n5UKnf16>

NEW Raising Children in a Digital World

Save the date for a presentation of "Raising Children in a Digital World" on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center. Look for more details after the holidays.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

REMINDER January Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help in the lunchroom in January. 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/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-53956169-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

As many as 35 million visitors are expected in Rome in 2025 to celebrate Jubilee 2025. Many of them will be pilgrims for the upcoming jubilee, a holy year the church celebrates every quarter-century. While numerous events are planned in Rome and at the Vatican to mark the Jubilee 2025, this Holy Year is for the whole church. Please see this article for some ways to celebrate without traveling farther than your local cathedral: <https://catholicreview.org/8-ways-to-celebrate-jubilee-2025-without-leaving-your-diocese/>

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.

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word offered during the 11am Mass this Sunday. We encourage everyone to attend our "Morning in Bethlehem" in the Spiritual Center after Mass!

Anniversary Blessing: If you celebrate your wedding anniversary in January and would like to receive a blessing at the 9am Mass on Sunday, Jan. 5th - please call the parish office by Monday, December 30th!



ST. URSULA CHURCH
*A Morning
 in Bethlehem*

Spend the morning with your parish family experiencing the early life of Jesus. The perfect end to your Advent season.

**Sunday, December 22 Following Each
 Mass Spiritual Center**

THIS MORNING WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
 + Create nativity pieces + Small service project
 +Snacks + Smell Frankincense and Myrrh

BRING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY!

RSVP HERE or
 JUST SHOW UP!



Christmas Mass Schedule

All Masses are held in the church.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21st & 22nd
 Saturday at 5pm, Preceded by Confessions from 3:30pm-4:30pm
 Sunday at 7:30am and 9am, 11am

Christmas Eve
 4:00pm with Organ and Cantor: Msgr. O'Connor
 6:00pm with Contemporary Choir: Msgr. O'Connor
 10:00pm with Traditional Choir, Organ and Brass: Fr. Jason Worley
 (carols beginning at 9:30pm)

Christmas Day
 10:00am with Organ and Cantor: Fr. Jason Worley

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
 10:00am with Organ and Cantor: Fr. Jason Worley





Friday, January 24, 2025



**This year, we are joining together with
St. Joe's Fullerton Parish!**



**Attend Daily Mass at the parish of your choice, meet in
the St. Ursula Spiritual Center (8801 Harford Rd. 21234)
at 9am, enjoy a light breakfast, and a blessing before
we leave for Washington, DC.**

Around 9:45am, we will leave on the buses provided!

**↗ To register: Please contact Liz Walz at
ajwalz1@verizon.net / \$10 per person**

TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.

We celebrate life from the moment of conception to
the moment of natural death, and every moment in
between.



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