



**WHAT'S
AHEAD
WEDNESDAY**



March 12, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUS LEADERSHIP

Dear Parents,

On Friday, March 14th at 9:30 a.m. we will practice our Evacuation drill. This drill is similar to our fire drill which the children have practiced throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Scholastic Book Fair!

Faithfully,
Mrs. Jones
Mrs. Marinaro

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JASON



- SAINT URSULA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH -

One Community of Faith—Church and School
~ Living the Gospel—Forming disciples ~

March 11, 2025

Dear St. Ursula School Families,

I am delighted to share some joyful and exciting news that will bring wonderful blessings to our parish and school community. In the coming weeks, we will be welcoming three religious sisters from the Little Sisters of St. Joseph to live in our convent. These joy-filled and faith-filled sisters, originally from Kenya, are nurses at Mercy Hospital, and this marks the first time their community will have a presence in the United States.

The sisters will be living on the top floor of the convent while utilizing the chapel on the middle level as a place of prayer and reflection. While their primary work is in healthcare, their religious order is deeply rooted in the charism of teaching. Although they will not be formally teaching in the school, they have expressed a strong desire to be actively involved in our parish and school life. Their joyful presence, deep faith, and spirit of service will undoubtedly enrich our community, bringing a renewed sense of prayer, warmth, and inspiration to our students and families.

Throughout the history of Catholic education, the presence of religious sisters has been a beautiful and powerful gift, offering living examples of faith in action. The sisters' presence at St. Ursula will not only bring spiritual richness and encouragement, but also serve as wonderful role models for our children, reminding them of the beauty of a life dedicated to Christ. Their kindness, laughter, and love for Christ will be a source of joy for our entire community.

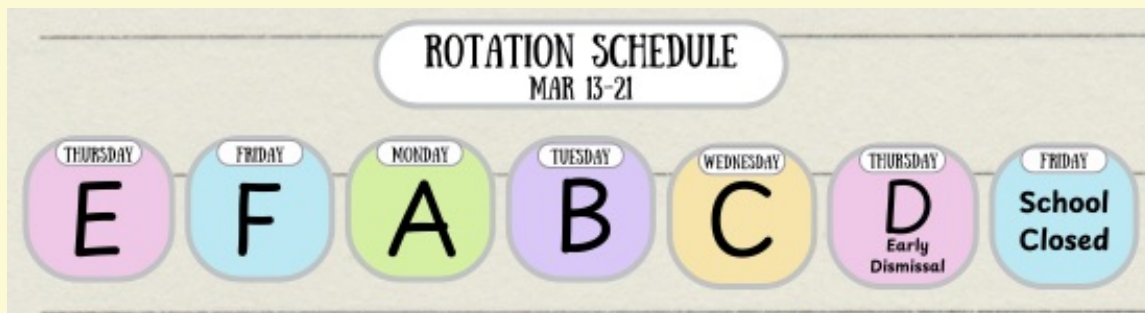
As we prepare to welcome them, some updates are being made to their living space, such as painting, flooring, and replacing a few appliances. Thanks to a very generous parishioner, much of this work is being planned, but if any families would like to contribute in some way, it would be a wonderful act of hospitality and support.

Once the sisters have settled in, we will hold a special weekend to joyfully welcome and introduce them to our parish and school family. In the meantime, I ask for your prayers for them as they prepare for this transition. If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please feel free to contact the parish office at 410-665-2111 or email me at JWorley@archbalt.org.

May their joy, faith, and presence fill our community with renewed hope and gratitude!

Blessings,
Fr. Jason Worley ~ *Pastor*

ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR MAR 13-21



PAY-IT LINKS

VERY LAST CHANCE! PHSA Wockenfuss Candy Fundraiser

This is the perfect opportunity to order candy for Easter or for any upcoming event from Wockenfuss! To view the candy selection, please see this [Wockenfuss Brochure](#). All orders are due by 8 a.m. on Thursday, March

13. We cannot accept any late orders. Orders can be picked up on Monday, April 7 from 2:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the St. Ursula Church Spiritual Center. For more information and to place your order, please visit <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/7QEwdBtC>

NEW Fathers' Club 80s Dance Pre-Orders

Brookside Market will be cooking up fresh, hot brick oven pizzas on-site for the 80s Dance. We're also excited to introduce pre-ordered catering items! Sign-up closes at NOON on March 22nd! Please visit the sign up link to pre-order these items <https://www.signupgenius.com/.../10C0B44AFAB28A4FCC07>

REMINDER Fathers' Club 80s vs 90s Dance

Don't forget to register and pay for the Fathers' Club 80's vs. 90's Dance scheduled for Saturday, March 22. It is coming up fast! See the link for details and payment. Hope to see you there! <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/7ZtpzWGC>

REMINDER Hershey Park Tickets

The PHSA will be selling tickets to Hershey Park at a reduced rate. The tickets are valid from April 1, 2025 through January 1, 2026. All orders are due by March 19, 2025. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/fJYsi4F6>

UPDATES & REMINDERS

REMINDER Basketball Yearbook Pictures

On Friday, March 14, students on the basketball team should bring their basketball jerseys to school. We will be taking a picture after morning announcements for the yearbook.

REMINDER Lenten Service Project

Our Lenten service project is in full swing! We are still collecting boxes of cereal to be donated to a local food bank. Please send in all donations by Friday, April 11th.

NEW Late Arrivals

If you arrive after 8:05 a.m., please do not drop your child off at the playground doors. Students arriving late should be brought into to the Main Office by a parent to be signed in.

NEW St. Patrick's Day Add-ons

On Monday, March 17th we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Students are welcome to add green to their school uniform. This includes shirts, sweatshirts, socks, and, headbands. No nail polish, hair color, or face paint.

NEW Schedule Reminders

Please be reminded of next week's schedule:

- **Thursday, March 20th - Early Dismissal** The dismissal groups are as follows:
 - 12:00 p.m. - A-Dr
 - 12:08 p.m. - Du-Sc
 - 12:16 p.m. - Se-Z
- **Friday, March 21st - School Closed**

NEW MAP Testing

We will begin the spring session of our MAP Growth testing on Tuesday, April 1st. If at all possible, please try not to schedule any appointments for your child during this time period. This schedule is as follows:

- April 1 - Language Arts 2-8
- April 3 - Reading 2-8
- April 8 - Math 2-8
- April 10 - Science 3, 5, 7

NEW High School Placement Test Prep Course

Student Achievement Associates is offering a HSPT Prep Program for **students entering 8th grade**. Please see the flyer linked below for more information: [HSPT Prep Course](#)

REMINDER 8th Grade Slideshow

As is the tradition, there will be a slide show presentation to include all of the 8th grade students throughout the years. Please send any pictures you have and are willing to share to Mrs. Baumgartner at cbaum2128@gmail.com. We ask that each person send no more than 15 pictures. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Baumgartner or one of the 8th grade teachers.

REMINDER BOOST Scholarships

Applications for the Maryland State Department of Education 2025-26 BOOST scholarship for students in grades K-12 are now open. Each year, the BOOST Program grants millions in scholarships to eligible students to attend nonpublic schools. The application deadline is Friday, May 9, 2025. For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>

REMINDER Lucky 1500 Tickets

Don't forget to turn in your tickets! 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER St.

Ursula Basketball

Crab Cake & Shrimp Orders

SUS Basketball is selling a limited number of crab cake and shrimp specials on Friday, March 14th. Pre-order by sending an email to

Preorder or Walk-ins Welcome

OPTION 1: CRAB CAKE SANDWICH/FRIES/DRINK \$13

OPTION 2: CRAB CAKE SANDWICH \$10

OPTION 3: SHRIMP BASKET/FRIES /DRINK \$7.00

DRINKS: PEPSI/DIET PEPSI/MOUNTAIN DEW/BRISK/WATER

GATORADE ADD \$1 FOR OPTIONS 1 AND 3

- Orders need to be placed by 1PM Friday
- Pick up time between 6:15 PM – 8:30 PM

PAYMENT OPTIONS: CASH/CREDIT

PREORDER AT:

susbasketball@northamericanclaims.com

When ordering please include the following information:

- What option you would like
- Drink
- Lettuce/ Tomato - Yes or No for sandwiches
- Pickup Time



susbasketball@northamericanclaims.com. Please see the flyer for more details.

NEW Fathers' Club Meeting

We will hold our March meeting on Sunday, March 16th at 7PM in the St. Ursula School Cafeteria. Food and drink will be provided. All fathers, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers and male relatives are welcome to attend.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Please be reminded that families who did not opt out of service hours will be required to complete 25 service hours by **April 30th**. You will receive a bill for all unfinished hours through your FACTS account. If you are in need of service hours, please see the opportunities below.

NEW Fathers' Club 80s Dance Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for this year's 80s vs 90s Dance. Fun flexible shifts on Saturday, March 22nd to earn your service hours. Please use the sign up genius to select the shifts you are available.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080444A5A822A2FD0-54428476-fathers#/>

REMINDER Basketball Tournament Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to work concessions, admissions, and the parking lot at the basketball tournament. All volunteers must be VIRTUS approved. All high school volunteers must have completed Worthy of the Call Training. **Please Note: Families can receive a maximum of 5 service hours for working the tournament.** Please use the link below to sign-up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AABA823A4FD0-55106478-2025/15043343#/>

REMINDER March Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help in the lunchroom in March. 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/30E0444AAA62EA5FE3-55109388-lunch>

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.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

As we continue our journey through this Lenten season, please check out this article regarding the Shroud of Turin, which is believed to be the actual burial cloth of Jesus.

<https://catholicreview.org/the-shroud-of-turin-a-mystery-that-continues-to-fascinate/>

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.

Join us this Sunday for our Family Liturgy at 11am Mass! Enjoy music from our Youth Band and the children will be invited up front for a homily given by Deacon Mike Baxter.

Sweet treats will be available for purchase after ALL Masses this weekend-homemade by our youth ministry teens! Proceeds will go to Operation Mato Grosso outreach.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13

Mass Times:

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 11am



Holy Thursday, April 17

Morning Prayer 8:30am

Celebration of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Adoration until 10pm

Good Friday, April 18



Morning Prayer 8:30am

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross 12pm

Mass of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 19

Morning Prayer 8:30am

Blessing of the Easter Foods 12pm

Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday, April 20

Easter Mass Times:

7:30am, 9am, and 11am



What does "celebrate life" mean to you?

Write a poem...draw a picture...write an essay...a song. Be creative! Prize winners will be chosen from each category.

Category: Elementary (3-5), Middle School (6-8), and High School (9-12)
Prizes: 1st place-\$100 2nd place-\$50 3rd place-\$25

Participants can reflect on the following scripture verses for inspiration

Matthew 25:40 - And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Mark 9:37 - Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.

Psalms 139:13,15,16 - You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...

Submissions are due to Tanya Ray by April 11, 2024

suyouthministry@gmail.com

"Let us respect and love every possible life today." St. Teresa of Calcutta



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Respect Life Committee & Youth Ministry

SOUP AND SALAD DINNER

Join us as we pray and eat together Friday evenings this Lent.

We will begin with Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7pm, immediately followed by a Soup and Salad Social in the Spiritual Center.

Each Friday there will be a table for collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Meals will be hosted by a different group in our parish, school and community.

March 7th
St. Ursula Religious Ed & Right to Life Ministry

March 14th
Youth Ministry & Parishioners

March 21st
Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, & Girl Scouts

March 28th
Daughters of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton & Women's Tuesday morning Bible Study

April 4th
SUS PHSA & St. Ursula Pastoral Council

April 11th
St. Vincent de Paul & Parishioners

April 18th is Good Friday we will still simply pray the Stations of the Cross together

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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