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"Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life. With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (24:12)." Pope Francis' message for Lent 2018

URGENT – Please read – Morning traffic rules.

For your safety, for the safety of your children, for the safety of other drivers and bus traffic, <u>please park and walk students in to the building from the back</u> <u>parking lot only!</u> We need to be mindful of everyone's well-being. We would rather that you and your students are late than we have a mishap in the front parking lot because of cars coming and going against traffic, and students and parents crossing in front of traffic exiting the lot to W. Michigan Ave.

We ask all families to abide by this rule, for your safety and the safety of all of our students.

Thank you

Thank you to all parents who contributed amazing dishes to our teacher meals during conferences. We are very grateful!

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest winners. These students advance to the diocesan competition February 17: Avery Doerr, Ethan Schippers, Liam Roth, Katie Jane Walters, Lucas VanSweden, Luke Niedzielski, Brigid Roth, Leah Chafty, Evan Wurtz.

From your PTO

This is the week for the Daddy/Daughter Dance! **Saturday, February 17**, 6:30-9:30pm at the Crowley Center. Come walk the red carpet and have lots of fun! Cost is \$25 per family. Register in the office by this Wednesday, February 14.

Many thanks to the many, many hands who delivered some fantastic food to keep our tireless teachers and staff rolling during conferences: Andra Zommers, Sarah Cook, Jill Williams, Tara Baker, Laura Ynclan, Julie Walen, Rebekah Kik, Jill Harris, Nicol O'Brien, Matt & Angie Valkner, Connie Van Es, Felicia Winarta, Dana Hammond, Larry Root, Montserrat Sanchez, Betsy Ulbrich, Liz Prom, Megan Roth, Ellen Brown, Gabrielle Cullifer, Libby Makohn, Tonya Collins, Torry Chafty, Noelle Todd, Crystal Schippers, Karen Bildner, Rex Hwang, Molly Appeldoorn, Kirsten Herpst, Chris and Kate Christian and Michelle Guthrie. A special thanks to Lindsay Arechiga for her coordination and creativity pulling it altogether.

Please join us at the **next PTO meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 4pm.** We're talking about the Blue Moon sale and recruiting for new board members. Is this your way to give back to our school community? Please prayfully consider sharing your time and talents. We need three new board members for the 2018-2019 school year.

If your calendar is handy, here's that link to find a spot to help us with the **Blue Moon sale**. We rely on this sale for the whole year. Thank you in advance!

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084eaca82aa3f94-blue1

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40 Days for Life

As Lent begins, we are reminded of the sanctity of life, conception to natural death. Please join the "40 Days for Life" group in praying for the unborn:

http://images.pcmac.org/SiSFiles/Schools/MI/CatholicSchoolsKalamazoo/StAugustine/Uploads/Publications/40_days_ calendar_(1).pdf

Information about Influenza

Please take time to read the fact sheet available on our website:

http://images.pcmac.org/SiSFiles/Schools/MI/CatholicSchoolsKalamazoo/StAugustine/Uploads/Publications/influenza_ fact_sheet.pdf Be assured that the number of students with Influenza is nowhere near a critical point to warrant school closure. But we ask our parents to take every precaution to safeguard your children and others from Influenza.

St. Augustine Cathedral School, in partnership with parents and the Catholic Church, welcomes and shapes young people as they grow in **faith**, **knowledge** and **stewardship**.