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Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Mt. 5:3

Following the example of Mary. This week we practice the virtue of kindness – expressing concern for the well-being of others and anticipating their needs.

Thank you!

Thank you to all your patronage during the Bookbug book fair. The author visit was a great success for the students and we were able to put \$1600 worth of books in the library and classrooms. It couldn't have been done without help from - Laura Ynclan, Connie Van Es, Sarah Cook, Karen Czuk, Molly Appeldoorn, Felicia Winarta, Torry Chafty, Karin Doerr, Liz Prom, Maurine Yanik, Nicol O'Brien, and Kelly Burgick,. Thank you to our organizers Margaret Oakes and Shawna Gallagher as well.

Treats have been arriving in the teachers' lounge – donuts, soup, cookies. We don't always notice who brings treats, but know that we are very grateful! Thank you!

All Saints Day

In preparation for All Saints Day, we invite you to spend some time talking to and working with your students to identify their patron saints. We have a school-wide activity planned on November 1, but it takes some homework that involves all of you. The outcome will be a presentation of our patron saints that will be available to view in our foyer during the month of November.

An explanation of your 'homework', the activity and a worksheet are on our website. We all hope to learn more about our patron saints as we prepare for the Solemnity.

http://images.pcmac.org/SiSFiles/Schools/MI/CatholicSchoolsKalamazoo/StAugustine/Uploads/Publications/All_Saints_Day_Activity.pdf

El Dia de los Muertos

Our brothers and sisters in Central America and Mexico celebrate the beautiful tradition of El Dia de los Muertos/The Day of the Dead. Senora Eiseler-Ward, our Spanish teacher, has invited all our students to remember a loved one who has passed away, by bringing a trinket or photo of this person to add to the classroom prayer table. These loved ones will be prayed for throughout the month of November.

This is important!

"The Digital Culture of Kids" is coming to St. A this Thursday! You can learn more about Protect Young Eyes by visiting their website, www.protectyoungeyes.com, and by reading their blog, www.protectyoungeyes.com/blog.

This presentation is most important for parents of young children who have yet to start the conversations about technology and social media. Please consider attending and taking advantage of the time and space to talk. Parents may send their students to After School Care at no cost on November 2, if they attend the 3pm "Protect Young Eyes" session.

Please RSVP for the session you plan to attend.

November 2, 1st session, 3 – 4:30: <https://staugustineafternoon.eventbrite.com>

November 2, 2nd session, 6-7:30: <https://staugustineevening.eventbrite.com> .

Legacy Celebration 2017

A number of you responded to our e-alert last week inviting you to the Legacy Celebration 2017. Thank you! Some can attend, some cannot. In an attempt to facilitate broader participation in the annual Legacy Celebration, consider donating event tickets for distribution to others who might not consider attending. All donations and distributions will be

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confidential. If you would like to donate tickets that you cannot use, or purchase additional tickets for someone to attend, please let the office know.

Poinsettia Sale

The 7th grade poinsettia sale will run from November 1 - 10 this year. It is a fundraiser for their Chicago Field Trip in June. Flyers will go up on November 1st, but it would be greatly appreciated if you would mention it in your class newsletter/Monday mailing. Poinsettias will be offered in a variety of colors, medium for \$11, large for \$16. Anyone interested can place an order with any 7th grader, or pick up an order form in the front office beginning Nov. 1.

Be a part of PTO!

We've got places to plug in your skills! We're looking for a Movie Night Coordinator(s). Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, November 17 at Crowley. We need someone(s) to pick out, set up the movie and make popcorn. Interested? Contact Megan Roth at [269-226-9878](tel:269-226-9878).

Important information on our website:

We have published our fall MAP scores, compared to diocesan and national norms:

http://images.pcmac.org/SiSFiles/Schools/MI/CatholicSchoolsKalamazoo/StAugustine/Uploads/Forms/Standardized_Test_Scores_17-18_fall.pdf

Bishop Bradley has invited students to participate in an Art Competition:

http://images.pcmac.org/SiSFiles/Schools/MI/CatholicSchoolsKalamazoo/StAugustine/Uploads/Publications/Art_Competition_flyer.pdf

Knights of Columbus, St. Augustine Cathedral Council 15439, is hosting a Breakfast Buffet:

http://images.pcmac.org/SiSFiles/Schools/MI/CatholicSchoolsKalamazoo/StAugustine/Uploads/Publications/05Nov2017_KofC_Buffet.pdf

The Cathedral Choir is hosting a Christmas Wreath Sale:

http://images.pcmac.org/SiSFiles/Schools/MI/CatholicSchoolsKalamazoo/StAugustine/Uploads/Publications/Wreath_Order_Form.pdf

Kalamazoo Parks and Recreation are offering Moxie Junior's Volleyball: and Middle School Bowling League:

http://images.pcmac.org/SiSFiles/Schools/MI/CatholicSchoolsKalamazoo/StAugustine/Uploads/Publications/Moxie_Fall_Ball_-_Rec_League.pdf

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http://images.pcmac.org/SiSFiles/Schools/MI/CatholicSchoolsKalamazoo/StAugustine/Uploads/Publications/Bowling_Registration.pdf

http://images.pcmac.org/SiSFiles/Schools/MI/CatholicSchoolsKalamazoo/StAugustine/Uploads/Publications/PARENT_LETTER_Bowling_2017.pdf

About our annual Christmas celebration

We have enjoyed 5 years of Christmas Pageant. Last year's director, Ms. Buchmann has moved to the UP. With the support of our new Spanish teacher, Senora Eiseler-Ward, our parish priests and our Spanish speaking parents, we will be celebrating Las Posadas this year, December 19, at 6pm. All students will be participating in the event.

Join us and learn of the rich Mexican tradition. Las Posadas is Spanish for "the inns". During the 9 days of Las Posadas, neighbors come together to reenact the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph are turned away from inns, until finally they are given shelter for the birth of Jesus. Traditional verses and songs are recited at the inns. This is followed by proclamation of Scripture, singing of carols, a live Nativity and a fiesta. Mark your calendars for Las Posadas. We are very excited for this new opportunity!

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