

# Faith, Knowledge, Stewardship

We continue the practice of beginning school communications with Scripture passages. Our focus this school year is the Mass. In the first semester, you read Scripture passages related to the Liturgy of the Word. As the second semester begins, we move in to passages that relate to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered. Eccl 3:14**

## Thank you!

There is so much to be grateful for. As 2015 begins, the teachers, staff and administration would like to thank you for partnering with us in the Catholic education of your children. There is no greater gift you could share with us and we look forward to working together for the second half of this school year.

Thank you Juszczuk family for sharing Great Harvest bread with teachers back in December. Thank you Mrs. Appeldoorn for organizing our Lost and Found area/items. Come take a look! All the found items are easy to see, sort through, and take along when identified! Thank you for the many, many treats that showed up in our teachers' lounge before Christmas. We apologize for losing track of which family dropped off goodies. Be assured that we enjoyed them!

## Congratulations

We already congratulated our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade spelling bee winners: Logan Flynn, Catherine Anne Dunning, Colleen McNally and Tommy Keyte. Now we add the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade winners: Christine Dugas, Isabelle Oeurn, Alek Slotwinski and Noah Klemmer. We wish all of them good luck as they head to the Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee, January 11, 1-4pm at St. Monica Catholic School.

## Joy to the World: The Family, The Eucharist and the New Evangelization

The Catholic Information Center/Newman's Bookshoppe, with the support of Hackett Catholic Prep, is sponsoring a day with Dr. Scott Hahn, inspirational Catholic author and public speaker. Head to our website for more information: <http://images.pcmac.org/SiSFiles/Schools/MI/CatholicSchoolsKalamazoo/StAugustine/Uploads/News/Documents/Hahn%20Flyer%202.pdf>

## Loaves and Fishes Day

We celebrate Loaves and Fishes Day on the first Friday of each month. Remember to bring a non-perishable food item and take a uniform holiday this Friday, January 9.

The school got a call from a Green Meadows Elementary School teacher before Christmas. Mrs. Boris used to teach in our Catholic schools and knows how generous our communities are. She asked us to consider helping the food pantry that serves the families of her school community. They are struggling to keep up with this year's need. Please prayerfully consider sending 2 non-perishable food items with your student this Friday. One of the items will be delivered to our own Loaves and Fishes food pantry housed in the Crowley Center, the other will be delivered to the food pantry that serves the Green Meadows Elementary community.

## Mother Son Outing

This year's Mother Son Outing is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2pm. Moms and sons will be attending a WMU Men's Basketball Game. Cost is \$11 per ticket. Please make RSVPs to Michele Kwapis, [michelekwapis@gmail.com](mailto:michelekwapis@gmail.com), or 616-481-6412. Checks (made out to St. Augustine PTO) or cash will be collected in the school office.

## An Invitation from our Bishop

In his pastoral letter to Catholics in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Bishop Bradley wrote: "As the Bishop for the Diocese of Kalamazoo I am strongly inviting all Catholics to join with me to observe each Friday throughout the liturgical year from November 30, 2014 (The First Sunday of Advent) through November 22, 2015 (the Feast of Christ the King), as a designated "Day of Prayer and Sacrifice" in thanksgiving for Jesus' redemption of the world and to pray for all our intentions listed above.

Keeping in mind that the Church obliges us to observe meatless Fridays during the season of Lent, I urge all Catholics to voluntarily make all other Fridays meatless days to observe the "Day of Prayer and Sacrifice" in solidarity with one another for these special intentions."

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Mindful of the Bishop's invitation, CSGK will expand our 'meatless' hot lunch offerings beginning in February. The hot lunch program has always offered cheese pizza on Fridays, but to give families additional choices, our director of Food Service will add to the 'meatless' choices offered on Fridays.

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Head to BJ Sports website, [www.bjsports.com](http://www.bjsports.com), if you'd like more information on their winter LaCrosse and Football clinics and leagues.