



Annunciation School Newsletter

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I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving. Psalm 69:3

Dear Parents,

Happy Holy Week to you and your family! If you follow us on Facebook, you have seen the Holy Week cross challenge encouraging families to chalk or paint crosses on their driveways, sidewalks, doors, or windows. We have received pictures of many beautiful crosses! If you don't follow us on Facebook, you should ☺ and can find us @annunciationbvmaurora.

I know that our families have many questions about upcoming events, such as the Walk-a-Thon and graduation. Once we learn more from the governor and diocesan school office about the shelter in place status, we will be better able to plan for these different events. Be assured that contingency plans are being discussed for these events. Home & School held a virtual meeting Monday night to discuss the possibility of holding the Walk-a-Thon later in the summer if we do not return to school this year. Once more information is known, we will begin to share plans with you. I'm happy to report that we have received about 200 donation envelopes back from our Walk-a-Thon sponsors and many other donations have been made online through the school website. Remember that one of our goals for Walk-a-Thon 2020 is to install air conditioning in the upper building. We greatly appreciate all the donations so far!

I am so proud of our students and teachers for all the hard work they have put into e-learning for these past three and a half weeks! The fact that Annunciation School jumped right into e-learning with a clear purpose and direction speaks volumes about the professionalism and dedication of our staff. Our parents also deserve much gratitude for supporting their children at home and stepping into their new roles as "educational facilitator" ☺

The hardest part of this for me as the principal is feeling guilt that all my teachers are home plugging away on their lessons and I'm not able to actively support them or their students. I am also struggling with missing each one of our students. To help me feel connected to our students, I have created a **You Tube channel** and uploaded some videos for our students. Your child can pray the Stations of the Cross with me or listen to me read some stories. You can also see a video of the 2nd grades' habitat dioramas they recently completed. And I'll add some more stories this week. Just go to You Tube and search Jennifer Wardynski or use this link

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXIBL7IR9CA9dB1IAgG08_A

Even though we are not here to celebrate our **Character Counts winners for March**, we would like to acknowledge the following students for exhibiting the trait of **Trustworthiness**.

Kindergarten	Estella Dutler	Elayah Jaquez	David Schuster
1 st Grade	Max Serrato	Patrick Freelon	
2 nd Grade	Jillian Becker	Cece Hamsmith	
3 rd Grade	Eleanor Hultgren	Addie Mitchell	Alejandro Saucedo
4 th Grade	Sara Gallenbach	Aidan Melekus	Arielle Rogers
5 th Grade	Lauren Burke	Nate Shankle	Lauren Tranchita
6 th Grade	Zach Hultgren	Julia Moon	
7 th Grade	Chelsea Hirner	Will Schwartz	
8 th Grade	Ceci Drudi	Gilyan Shankle	Rebecca Gallenbach



REMINDER that the Manna program is still running with pick up on THURSDAY from 5:30-6:00pm outside the upper building. Thank you to our Manna volunteers for keeping this important program going at this time.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Judas and his foretold betrayal of Jesus. I couldn't help but share this funny meme in light of our current work from home situation (credit to Mrs. Mazur).



But in all seriousness, I hope that this unique Holy Week offers you time to reflect on the gift of the resurrection of Jesus Christ that we will receive on Easter Sunday. While we are facing an unprecedented time and we will not be able to gather together on Sunday as one church to celebrate our holiest day, we know that we are still together in faith and spirit. On behalf of Father Patrick and our school staff, I wish your family a blessed and holy Easter!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jennifer Wardynski

