



ST. AGNES  
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

February 5, 2020

## The Beatitudes

Christians focus our actions on holding a hopeful and positive outlook on our lives and our relationships with others. And this is accomplished by more than a mere obedience to laws of our Catholic faith. Those who follow Christ and live by His Spirit understand that our eternal salvation rests upon our struggles and our pain. The difficulties we aim to overcome as loyal followers of Christ and the rewards which await us can be found in Matthew 5:3-10 (and also in Luke 6:20-26). These Beatitudes below are paraphrased in a way which both children and adults can relate:

- 1) *Happy are those who need God.*
- 2) *Happy are those with self control.*
- 3) *Happy are those who are sorry for their sin.*
- 4) *Happy are those who desire to be holy.*
- 5) *Happy are those who are forgiving and compassionate.*
- 6) *Happy are those who love with all their heart.*
- 7) *Happy are those who create communities of peace for others.*
- 8) *Happy are those who suffer for doing what is right.*

The Beatitudes are the "synthesis" of Christ's teaching and describe ways of being and acting that are "fundamental" to followers of Christ.

### Quote of the Week

*"The best thing for us is not what we think is best, but what the Lord wants of us."*

**Saint Josephine  
Bakhita**



The "Dog Dads" Grilling for our BEARS

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# Things You Need to KNOW:

## Bomb Threat Drill—2/6

As part of our continued attention to creating a safe and responsive environment, tomorrow we will rehearse our procedures to respond to a bomb threat emergency. Our rehearsal will take place on the St. Agnes campus with minimal disruption to our academic schedule for the day.

## Middle School Science Fair Awards Recognition—2/10

On Monday, February 10 during our morning Community Meeting, we will recognize the first, second and third place winners from Monday's Middle School Science Fair. As always, parents and other guests are welcome to attend this brief recognition event.

## Trimester 2 IOWA Interims—2/10-2/13

Next week, students in grades 2-8 will participate in the IOWA Interim assessments. The Interims include both an ELA and Math assessment and typically take one hour per subject area.

## Middle School "Cub Club"—2/12

Our next "Cub Club" event is scheduled for next Wednesday, February 12. Please note that the students are expected to be picked up at 4:00pm on this day.

## Reading Challenge—Due 2/26

February's leadership theme for the month is **Empowered**, so we are trying to have the students feel empowered and empower others by reading to people. Each student has received a reading challenge sheet to take home. For each book they read to someone else, they may color in a book on the provided sheet. The students are asked to return the forms by no later than Wednesday, February 26.

And on Valentine's Day, our prayer partner classes will read together. Happy reading BEAR NATION!

## Notes from the Nurse's Office

With the presence of flu and other viruses, just a brief though important reminder to please keep sick children home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. And should your child have a temperature, please note that being symptom free means having a normal temp of 98.6 without the use of aspirin or Tylenol.

## Leadership Saint of the Week

St. Josephine Bakhita is a heroic saint who endured the horrors of slavery with bravery before she escaped into freedom through the Canossian Religious Sisters that she would join in her later life. Josephine was born around 1869 in Darfur (now part of western Sudan) to a loving, prosperous family. However, when Josephine was eight, she was snatched by slave traders and would eventually be sold to a string of owners who treated her with unspeakable, inhumane cruelty. In 1883, Bakhita was sold to a new, kinder owner—the Italian Consul to Sudan. Bakhita would later become a faithful nanny to the Michieli family's young daughter. In the fall of 1888, while the rest of the family was away on business, Bakhita and her young charge went to stay with the Canossian Sisters in Venice. While there, Bakhita encountered Christianity for the first time. Shortly thereafter, Bakhita was baptized and received the new name of Josephine in 1890. Three years later, she would enter the Canossian novitiate. After taking her vows, she was assigned to the Canossian convent in Schio and remained there for forty-two years. Her feast day is February 8 and she serves as the patron saint for survivors of human trafficking. .

## Leadership Words of the Day

- 1/30 **Logical**: an action or decision that is based on sound judgment
- 2/3 **Mentor**: an experienced and trusted advisor who trains and guides another
- 2/4 **Mobilize**: to gather, prepare and unify others for action
- 2/5 **Motivate**: to inspire someone's interest or enthusiasm for doing something

# Things You Are Asked to DO:

## Reading Challenge—Due 2/26

February's leadership theme for the month is **Empowered**. And in keeping with this theme, we want the students to feel empowered and empower others by reading to others. The process is simple, each student has received a reading challenge sheet to take home. And for each book they read to someone else, they may color in a book on the provided sheet. The idea is that they will do service by reading to a sibling, elderly neighbor, family member, etc. The students are asked to return the forms by no later than Wednesday, February 26. Additionally, on Valentine's Day (February 14), our older prayer partner classes will visit their younger mentees and read together. And as an added reward, the prayer partner group which reads the most books (on average per person), will earn a joint pizza party. Happy reading BEAR NATION!

## Spirit Night—2/14

Please help us celebrate our wonderful St Agnes Community AND help the 8th grade class raise money by joining us at our upcoming SPIRIT NIGHT. The event will be held in the Activity Center on February 14 from 5:30-8:30pm. So you may ask what's on store for the event? What isn't on store would be a better question?!! Join us for games, raffles, dinner, beverages, relays, an 8th grade dance number, and our annual 8th grade vs. parents basketball game. Please click [HERE](#) to order your tickets early and save money and time.

## H.S.A. Notes

Volunteer opportunity to assist with kindness activities. Please contact Mrs. Mary Sites to learn about duties that you can take home and bring back for hours.

If you are interested in joining the HSA board or leading in any capacity, then join the next HSA board meeting on March 2 at 6:30pm. Please contact Sherita Thomas for more information.

## St. Agnes 5K Run/Walk—5/2 (Previously Posted)

Register [HERE](#) to take part in the 5K Run/Walk event that is scheduled for 5/2. And don't forget, our upcoming practice run/walk sessions are scheduled for 3/7 and 4/4 at 10:00AM in the school parking lot. As this event serves as the largest fundraiser of the second half of our school year, we need your help to make it a success. We are looking not only for runners and walkers, but also for business and corporate sponsors. If you know of a group who might be willing to serve as an event sponsor, please contact our 5K Chair, Kathy Acosta at [kleenacosta@gmail.com](mailto:kleenacosta@gmail.com).

## FACTS Financial Aid (Previously Posted)

If you are applying for Financial Aid through the Archdiocese of Baltimore, please be aware that the deadline for applications is Friday, February 28th. You must apply through FACTS in order to be eligible for Financial Aid through the Archdiocese. Please click [HERE](#) to start the process.

## Time for Re-Enrollment (Previously Posted)

Each family has received an email from School Admin with a link to log-in, review and sign your 2020-21 Contract. At the end of the contract, you will be prompted to pay the \$250 Enrollment Deposit per family. Once each contract is signed and your deposit is received, you will also need to complete your FACTS payment plan for the 2020-21 School Year (payments starting in July). These **THREE** things—**Contract, Deposit and FACTS**—are due by February 28, 2020 in order to secure your child(ren's) spot for the 2020-21 school year. We do anticipate a waiting list for a few of our larger classes, so don't delay! Spots will be offered to new families starting on March 1, 2020. Additionally, there is a \$100 late fee assessed for contracts signed after March 1, 2020. Please note: If your family is behind in tuition and/or fees, your contract will not be issued until you become current with your financial obligation.

## Mark Your Calendar

February 6	Bomb Threat Drill
February 6	5th Grade Service Experience at CEA
February 10-13	IOWA Interim Testing
February 10	8th Grade Service Experience at MBK
February 12	6th Grade Service Experience for WMS
February 12	Middle School Cub Club
February 14	3rd Grade Valentine's Day Service Experience at the Oblates of Providence Motherhouse
February 14	Spirit Night
February 17	NO SCHOOL—Presidents Day Observed
February 18	7th Grade Service Experience at Frederick Villa
February 19	N.U.T. Day

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