

All Saints

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Supporting the Poor and Vulnerable in Our Community- Preparing for Thanksgiving

"At the heart of the Sermon on the Mount is this call to an obedience that is not prescription or law or sacrifice but joyful living in mercy without calculation. This joyful living takes believers to an unexpected place. It takes them to the cross; it takes them to the cross in human lives, to the cross in the life of family, community, society, nation, and world. It takes them to the place of God's suffering in the world." Dirk G. Lange, Assistant General Secretary for Ecumenical Relations; The Lutheran World Federation, Geneva, Switzerland

A basic moral test for each of us is to evaluate how our most vulnerable community or society members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, we as Catholics must embrace the mercy at the center of Jesus' final parable, the Last Judgment story (Mt 25:31-46.) We must put the poor and vulnerable's needs first. In today's comments, I have provided four simple options for us to proactively show mercy to the least of our community. We have many options to help those in need; a task, a prayer, a reflection, an activity are a few acts of mercy and contemplation to help us focus in this time of Thanksgiving.

A simple task

Purchase canned and non-perishable food items and drop off at a local soup kitchen. Add to act of mercy by making cards for the guests who come for the meal to brighten their day. Let them know that someone cares about them.

A Family Prayer

Creator God, you care for all of us. We know your desire for us to thrive and prosper. Please help us be ever mindful of those in our community who do not have the resources necessary to survive. Please give us the strength and conviction to do what we can to help those who need it. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen. Continued on page 5.

Matthew Houghton
Principal

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Events Around School

Can Food Drive

Doug Fogg

The Student Leadership Team is sponsoring a canned food drive for all of next week. We will have boxes set up near both campus offices and near the doors on the bottom floor at SMC as well, to collect cans. These will be donated to the Interfaith Food Cupboard at the end of the week.

Posters will also go up on Monday. Please do what you can to encourage all students to participate! Many blessings, Doug Fogg



Science Blasts Off at ASCS



This week students from the middle school participated in the Blast Off - Soda Mentos Science experiment.

Student Laptops for Remote Learning if Needed

Every student at All Saints Catholic School, Grades K-8, is participating in a 1:1 laptop assignment this year. In the case of remote learning, these laptops are available for at-home use. Please refer to our Student Laptop Loan Permission [form](#) for the school policies on the loan of a school laptop for off campus use. Please note that parents are responsible for the care and supervision of the laptop and are expected to reimburse the school for repair or replacement costs if at fault for damage. The projected costs are listed on the form. In addition, please know that our school security filters do not cover at home networks and it is the responsibility of the parent to monitor website use.

Our school technology director, Casey Murphy, can remotely support all school laptops through a screen share application. Therefore, if your child is using a school laptop, you will have the advantage of her direct technical support.

Be sure to read, sign, and return the Student Laptop Permission Form to the school office as soon as possible. This will allow your use of laptops at home and a transition to remote learning efficiently if we need to do so. A hard copy will be sent home with your child.



Faith Formation Pre-K to Grade 5 Works of Mercy Project Continues

If you and your family would like to participate in this event, sponsored by the Pre-K to Gr 5 Faith Formation group, during the month of November, please consider donating one (or more) of the following new items.

Lap size blankets

Hats

Scarfs

Gloves or mittens



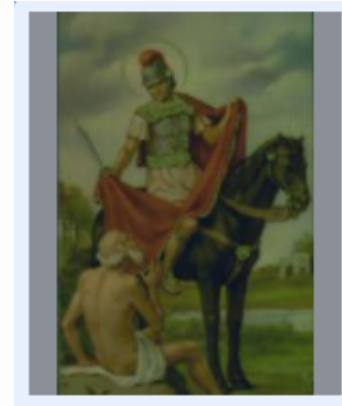
Please note that we are asking for new (not used) articles. The hats, scarfs, gloves/mittens can be child or adult sizes. We will distribute our donations to the agencies who are in need of these items.

For more information contact:

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Saint of the Week - Saint Martin of Tours

He gave half his cloak to a beggar, had a dream, and then gave all his life to Christ



Saint Martin of Tours, your encounter with the beggar has fired the imagination of countless Christians. You were generous in every single way in living your faith. Through your intercession in heaven, assist us now to see Jesus in everyone, just as you did then.

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
c. 336 – 397

November 11 - Memorial

Liturgical Color: White

Patron Saint of France, soldiers, and
conscientious objectors

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- Shop or plan for Christmas gift giving with electronic or physical gift cards from more than 750 national merchants
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The days ASCS will be offering childcare during the month of November.

This list of days can also be found in Quick Schools. Please email Mary Soucy at mary.soucy@portlanddiocese.org if you would like to reserve a spot for your child or you have questions

Space is limited. Early Release Days are a charge of \$22 and Full Day Childcare is \$35.

Early Release Day (k-4) - Monday, November 23rd - Childcare is available from 11:30 to 5:30

Early Release Day (k-4) - Tuesday, November 24th - Childcare is available from 11:30 to 5:30

Full Day Childcare - Wednesday, November 25th - Childcare is available from 7:00 to 5:30

Preschool students will have regular classes with their regular teachers on Monday and Tuesday and will have "childcare only," without regular classes, on Wednesday.

The Archdiocese of Portland- Christmas Card Contest Winners

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Artist: Ella Tederous

School/Parish: Saint Thomas
School, Sanford



Although ASCS didn't win the contest, the children of the Archdiocese were very creative. Here are the winners.

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Artist: Lilly Beauchesne

School/Parish: Saint Dominic
Academy, Auburn



K-2

Artist: Alana Kurkowski

School/Parish: Holy Cross School



6-8

Artist: Bethany Souther

School/Parish: Ascension of the Lord,
Kittery

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MATTHEW HOUGHTON

Bible Scripture for more reading and connection- Matthew 25:34-40

A Family Reflection

As a family, share reflections on the importance of serving those in need. Draw pictures of your family members participating in acts of service that could be returned to school to be shared and posted in the classroom as part of a reflection.

A Family Activity

As a family, you could write a postcard to local legislators urging them to take a stance on issues that will benefit the poor and vulnerable (lobbying for affordable housing, access to education, etc.). Mail the completed postcard.

God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor. Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploited. Open our mouths to defend you in public squares as well as in private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to you.

Amen. *From Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice, USCCB, April 1998

Some books to consider reading together- Green Street Park and Drop by Drop are two books for children in grades K-5 that help parents and children see examples of how to participate in solutions to significant problems related to others' lives and dignity. Green Street Park is a story about Philip, his family, friends, and neighbors who learn to imitate the model of St. Francis of Assisi by caring for creation in their neighborhood. In Drop by Drop, children learn about how a lack of water affects a little girl named Sylvie and her family. After seeing how the problem got solved, they make a plan to help. These books are available at your library or online.

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