

## Week of August 8: Scripture and Tradition—Why Catholics Rely on Both

One common question is: Why don't Catholics believe in "Scripture alone"? The truth is, the Catholic Church treasures Scripture deeply—it was the Church that compiled the Bible! But Catholics also believe that God's revelation comes through **Sacred Tradition**, the living transmission of faith.

St. Paul tells the Thessalonians: "Stand firm and hold fast to the traditions you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours" (2 Thessalonians 2:15). Tradition doesn't mean "old customs"—it means the lived teachings of Christ passed down through the apostles and their successors.

Together, Scripture and Tradition form one sacred deposit of faith. Just like a river needs both banks to flow clearly, our understanding of God's Word is most full when guided by both.

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Please continue to keep the school and parish community of Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis in your prayers.

*Loving God,*

*We pray for the students, teachers, and parishioners of Annunciation Catholic School. Bring them comfort, healing, and peace. We also ask You to bless our school community here at St. Patrick. Help us to always feel safe, to look out for one another, and to trust in Your loving care. We pray too for peace in our world, that all people may live together in safety and love. Amen.*

Have a Great Week!

God Bless,

Mr. Chris Meyer, School Principal

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### **General Information**

1. There WILL NOT be school on **Monday, September 1**. School will resume on **Tuesday, September 2**. Have a wonderful Labor Day!
2. Please take a moment to complete the survey at this link: <https://forms.gle/tz1JifyYWsdUfruPA>. This is for your child's Hallow account. This account is completely free to you, and provides multiple resources on the Catholic faith, including prayer, discussions and music. Please complete this form as soon as possible, as we will begin rolling out accounts next week.
3. We are looking for assistance during our daily lunch periods. If you are interested in helping out (and earning service hours), please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-58117443-cafeteria> . If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Allison at [ahayes@spcsjax.org](mailto:ahayes@spcsjax.org).
4. Our new spirit store is open and ready for you to purchase this year's spirit items. The address for the store is: <https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/spc25>. The store will remain open until **Thursday, September 11**.
5. We will be selling popsicles for \$1 at lunch on Fridays as a fundraiser for an upgrade (repair) to our school PA system.
6. Health Heroes will be on campus this coming **Friday, September 5**, to administer flu shots to students whose parents completed the form that was sent home. If you are still interested in having your child receive a flu shot, and have not returned the form, please contact Ms. Allison in the main office. Only a limited number of flu shot doses will be brought to our school, so it is important that we give Health Heroes an accurate count prior to them arriving.

7. If your child is in 2nd grade, and is planning to make his or her First Communion this year, or if your child is in 8th grade, and is planning to make his or her Confirmation this year, then you must sign up for Sacramental Prep classes through our parish's Religious Education program. Classes won't begin until the second semester (they are already on our school calendar), but registration is already open. To sign up for these prep classes, please go to <https://form.jotform.com/252178565200050>. For more information, contact our DRE Cathy Taylor at [ctaylor@spcsjax.org](mailto:ctaylor@spcsjax.org).

8. Please remember that if you would like to volunteer on campus (field trips, cafeteria, HSA events, etc.) that you need to have a background screening completed and you must attend a Protecting God's Children class. In order to sign up for the class, please use the directions that are attached to this email. To sign up for a background screening, please reach out to our business manager, Lorrie Mathews at [lmathews@spcsjax.org](mailto:lmathews@spcsjax.org) to schedule an appointment.

9. From Bishop Kenny HS: With great excitement, we invite all our grade school families to join Bishop Kenny High School for our annual **Catholic Grade School Night** on **Friday, September 5 at 6:00pm**. Grade school cheerleaders are invited to join the Bishop Kenny Varsity Cheerleaders in their uniform – bring your pom poms! Gates open at 6:00pm (this includes cheerleaders who will join the BK Varsity squad) and kick-off is set for 7:00pm vs. the Toco Creek Toros.

All grade school students receive free admission to the game, and parents can purchase their tickets through [GoFan](#). There will be free prizes at the gate, complimentary Bruster's Ice Cream for all grade school students, and a 360 photo booth. In addition, we are excited to welcome Bishop Pohlmeier and many of our diocesan pastors as they join us for the game.

10. From our friends at Soccer Shots: **Soccer Shots** is the nation's leading introduction to soccer program. Each week they teach the fundamentals of the game through engaging themed sessions. One week players will be astronauts flying to the moon and the next they'll be pirates sailing the seven seas all while learning how to dribble, pass and shoot. The program also has an emphasis on character development with the use of weekly character words. Sportsmanship topics like respect, integrity and determination are used to build stronger youth, beyond the game!

If you are interested in the Preschool or Elementary School programs, contact us at [www.soccershots.com/northflorida](http://www.soccershots.com/northflorida), [northflorida@soccershots.com](mailto:northflorida@soccershots.com) or (904) 494-6446.

11. SAVE THE DATE: The Middle School to the Max committee is planning their annual Uno Night for **Friday, October 3, 2025**. More details will be sent out when we receive them.

### **Home School Association (HSA) Happenings**

1. For our returning families, the HSA is interested in what you thought about last year's events. If you are interested in providing feedback to the HSA, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/ZQUmqgwnf2aWMH6V9>. You will receive 1 service hour for completing the survey.

2. The HSA is hard at work planning this year's activities. They would like to organize some committees to help them with their work. If you are interested in participating (or learning more), please use this survey link: <https://forms.gle/cSH3GftJpTpV3NeUA>

3. SAVE THE DATE: The HSA Back to School Bingo Night will be held on Saturday, October 4. More details will follow.

## **Week at a Glance**

### **Monday, September 1**

- No School--Labor Day

### **Tuesday, September 2**

- Orchestra Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, September 3**

- Cross Country Meet @ Ed Austin Regional Park 4pm
- Basketball Practice
- Cheerleading Practice

### **Thursday, September 4**

- Orchestra Rehearsal

### **Friday, September 5**

- All-School Mass 8am
- Health Heroes on campus for flu shots
- Cheerleading Practice
- Bishop Kenny HS Catholic Grade School Night 6pm (game time 7pm)

***The mission of St. Patrick Catholic School is to lay the foundation for success in students through Catholic traditions, rooted in the Eucharist and Gospel teachings of Christ, with high standards of education in a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment.***