

Each week we will be sharing a brief article on the Catholic Faith. Here is this week's article:

### **Week of September 7: The Communion of Saints—Why We Honor the Holy Ones**

Do Catholics worship saints? No—only God is worshiped. But we **honor** the saints, our spiritual older brothers and sisters in Heaven who show us how to live holy lives.

The Bible tells us, “We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1). These witnesses intercede for us, just as we ask friends to pray for us. They don’t replace Jesus—they lead us to Him.

The “Communion of Saints” includes the Church on Earth, in Purgatory, and in Heaven. We are all part of one Body in Christ, and death does not separate the bonds of love and prayer.

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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. Tomorrow is a special day in the Catholic Church as two people are canonized saints. Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis will be officially declared saints by Pope Leo on **Sunday, September 7**. Both of these young men serve as beautiful examples of faith for our students. To learn more about how you can view the Mass of Canonization, please use this link: <https://dosafi.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5cbbc6030d8ad8295bee54a60&id=a840ff4b55&e=c2841d262a>
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 are currently rolling out accounts.
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. Grades close for progress reports this **Wednesday, September 10**. Progress Reports will be emailed home for K-8 students on **Friday, September 12**.
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. Bishop Snyder Catholic High School is hosting **Grade School Night at Bishop Snyder** this **Friday, September 12** during their home football game. Gates open at 6pm, and kickoff is at 7pm. To RSVP, please use the QR Code on the flyer attached to this email.

10. DON'T FORGET! Ms. AJ is offering "Art in Your Heart" classes **Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30**. There is a fee involved in these special art classes, so if you are interested, please reach out to Ms. AJ at [ajallen@spcsjax.org](mailto:ajallen@spcsjax.org).

11. 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**. The event will run from 6:00-8:00pm. The cost is \$10 at the door. To RSVP, please use the following link: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090B48AEAE2FA7F94-58318308-unotournament>. For more information, please see the flyer attached to this email. This event is for middle school students from our school only.

### **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 8**

- Basketball Practice
- Cheerleading Practice
- Cross Country Practice

### **Tuesday, September 9**

- Soccer Shots
- Basketball @ Holy Spirit (Girls 5:30, Boys 6:30)
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- Art in the Heart Class 3:00-4:30

### **Wednesday, September 10**

- Grades Close for Progress Reports
- Basketball Practice
- Cheerleading Practice
- Cross Country Practice

### **Thursday, September 11**

- Final Day to Shop the Spirit Store <https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/spc25>
- Cross Country Meet @ Clay County Regional Sports Complex 4pm
- Orchestra Rehearsal

### **Friday, September 12**

- Popsicle Friday--\$1 popsicles available at lunch
- Progress Reports Emailed Home
- Cheerleading Practice
- Bishop Snyder 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.***