

October 1, 2020



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2020/2021

"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"

October

The month of the Rosary

"The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the

same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers."

-- Mary in our Life by Fr. William G. Most

May we challenge and devote ourselves during this month of October to regularly praying the prayers of the rosary as we seek the intercession of our Blessed Mother in our lives.

Please remember that tomorrow, Friday, October 2nd, we have an 11:30 am dismissal from school due to the conclusion of the self-study. There is NO afternoon Extended Day tomorrow.

We will begin virtual visits from the Diocesan high schools for the 8th graders next week - truly an exciting time for these students as they begin to focus a bit more on life after Holy Spirit.

1st Trimester interims will go home on Friday, October 9th. For students in Grades 3-8 who have a 75% or below, a paper interim will be sent home. Please be sure to make use of the Parent Portal to check in on how your students are doing. If you have questions about your login credentials, please contact Mrs. Laclede (llaclede@holyspiritflames.org).

Monday, October 12th is a NO school day for everyone.

Get ready for SPIRIT WEEK! The Student Council has planned some great days. Take a look below and plan those costumes! Information regarding our annual Ton of Love food drive is also provided.

Enjoy the weekend!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Required Symptom Screening Questionnaire

We continue to work on an App for the daily health screening. Students must continue to arrive at school each day with a paper copy of the completed form. We are asking for the paper copy for now as trying to manage emails from families at the start of each day is not workable or practical for the staff.

Holy Spirit's SPIRIT WEEK

Brought to you by the Holy Spirit Student Council!
A week of guaranteed fun for the whole school!

OCTOBER 26TH-30TH

Monday	Western Day Dress as your best cowboys and cowgirls (There just might be a little line dancing in your future!)
Tuesday	BOOSTERTHON Dress in your P.E. Uniform with fun accessories
Wednesday	Ton of Love Collection Day of our food for the St. Lucy Project Also Crazy hat and sock day (with uniform)
Thursday	Ocean Day Dress as your best crab, fish, pirate, mermaid, the options are endless! "Protect the Creation, Praise the Creator"
Friday	Trunk or Treat! (No School Day) Join us for the sponsored PTO Trunk or Treat!

TON of L VE 2020

Monday, October 19- Wednesday, October 28

As part of our annual Spirit Week, the Holy Spirit Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide food drive to support Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project. Due to the increased demand, our assistance is needed to help resupply the food pantry with the following items:

*please begin bringing items in the week of October 19th

- Pre-K: Easy Mac- any type
- Kindergarten: instant potatoes
- 1st grade: pasta
- 2nd grade: tuna
- 3rd grade: canned vegetables
(corn, green beans)
- 4th grade: canned fruit
- 5th grade: cereal (large boxes)
- 6th grade: jelly
- 7th grade: peanut butter
- 8th grade: canned meats (tuna, Chicken)





MILITIA IMMACULATA

WHAT IS IT?

Militia Immaculata is a prayer group that uses the power of the youth to pray for an end to evil in the world. We meet every Tuesday to call upon the Holy Spirit through the intercession of Our Lady for the conversion of the whole world!

WHAT DO YOU DO?

We pray the rosary, led by Father O'Donohue, intercede for our friends and family, pray some special prayers by St. Maximilian Kolbe, and then we end with some delicious snacks!

WHO CAN JOIN?

This group is open to Holy Spirit School students in all grades.

**Annual Registration required.*

*In addition, weekly Signup Genius required as space is limited**

IS THIS REALLY AS GREAT AS IT SOUNDS?

Yep! Just come to one of our meetings and you will see the power of prayer! You will get it and want to tell others about it. Really!

**TUESDAYS Starting Oct. 6
3:15-4:15pm in the Quinn Room**

For more information, check out our website:

www.holyspirtchurch.us/ministries/youth/mi/

Parish Happenings!



SIGN UP TO PRAY!

Sign to intentionally pray for our parish priests.
Pick any day(s) available throughout the year.
We can send you a reminder (with a suggested prayer) the day before.

Let's fill our priests' year with our prayers!

Your name will appear on a calendar that will be given to our priests on Nov. 1, 2020

SIGN UP AT:

holyspiritchurch.us/priesthoodsunday



YOUTH
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

2020
DO NOT BE AFRAID
-JPTT
Come
Check It Out

HSYM Oct. 4 MSYM Oct. 9
Check out the website for more info,
www.holyspiritchurch.us

A poster for a youth event. It features a blue background with a faint image of a person. The text is in white and yellow. At the top is the Holy Spirit Catholic Church logo. The main title is "YOUTH" in large, bold letters. Below it is "HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH". The event is for "2020" and is titled "DO NOT BE AFRAID" in large, bold letters. Below that is "-JPTT" and "Come Check It Out". At the bottom, it says "HSYM Oct. 4 MSYM Oct. 9" and "Check out the website for more info, www.holyspiritchurch.us".

Blessing of the Animals

October 4th
3-4:30pm Between the Church & School

Bring your furry friends, great and small, for a special blessing!

All are Welcome! Pets, Livestock, Reptiles, etc.

www.holyspiritchurch.us

A poster for a "Blessing of the Animals" event. It features a background image of a man in a brown robe (likely a priest) sitting in a field with a white dog and several white doves. The text is in black and white. At the top is the Holy Spirit Catholic Church logo. The main title is "Blessing of the Animals" in large, bold letters. Below it is "October 4th" in a script font, followed by "3-4:30pm Between the Church & School". The text "Bring your furry friends, great and small, for a special blessing!" is in a smaller font. A circular callout box contains the text "All are Welcome! Pets, Livestock, Reptiles, etc.". At the bottom, it says "www.holyspiritchurch.us".



September 23 - November 1 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

HELP SAVE LIVES IN (CITY NAME)!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 26 coordinated campaigns:

- 17,226 babies saved from abortion
- 206 abortion workers converted
- 107 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Outside (name of abortion center and street address, any pertinent info)
- **Vigil hours:** (i.e., 7 am to 7 pm daily)
- **Local contact:** (name, phone, email information for local leaders / coordinators)
- **Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up** for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

[40daysforlife.com/\(cityname\)](http://40daysforlife.com/(cityname))

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH
Sponsored by: the Knights of Columbus

SOCCER CHALLENGE

Saturday, October 10

9:00AM - 2:00PM
Field behind Holy Spirit School
All individual boys & girls ages 9-14 are invited

Individuals kick soccer penalty kicks (12 yards) with scores for shot location in goal, 3 warm-up kicks, 25 kicks for record.

Contact: knights@holyspiritchurch.us Rules Info: www.holyspiritchurch.com/soccerchallenge
www.holyspiritchurch.us

A Public Service Message from the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus

VOTE EARLY!!

Visit the website for details,
www.holyspiritchurch.us



October: Month of the Most Holy Rosary

Join Us for an Illuminated Rosary for Life, Marriage and Family
October 12 at 7:00 pm (Columbus Day)

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH
On the grounds between the church and school, Refreshments will be provided after the Rosary.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for Us!

Community Happenings!

BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES WITH ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!

Visit us at jpthegreat.org to reserve your spot at our Virtual Open House, live from October 25 - November 7!

• Dominican Leadership
• College Prep & Dual Enrollment
• 20+ AP Classes
• Special Services
• Freshman Seminar Program

A FAITH-FILLED EDUCATION FOCUSING ON ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!

Reserve your spot at our Virtual Open House, live October 25 - November 7, today!



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"The teachers really care about the students and their success. They want each student to grow as a human being rather than treating us as a number or grade. The people at JP make up the whole school atmosphere. They are all supportive and encouraging, and always try to help each other out." -K.R.



Oakcrest Goes Live!

Oakcrest student ambassadors have always loved speaking to current middle students as they prepare for the next step in their educational journey. This year is no different! Tune in as current students share the spirit and heart of the Oakcrest Upper School experience.

Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm

Monday, October 19 at 9:00 am

Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 pm

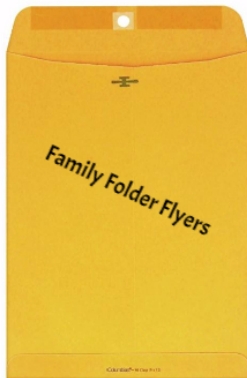
Friday, October 23 at 9:00 am

Scan the QR code for more information and to register.



Oakcrest School

An independent school for girls in grades 6-12 guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church
1619 Crowell Road • Vienna, VA 22182 • Oakcrest.org



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "October 1, 2020" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Spirit Week flyer
2. Ton of Love food drive flyer
3. Box Tops/Amazon Smile/Harris Teeter Rewards

Parish Flyers:

1. Militia Immaculata
2. Blessing of the Animals
3. Middle and High School Youth Ministry Kick Offs
4. 40 Days for Life
5. Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge
6. Illuminated Rosary
7. Voting
8. Priesthood Sunday

Community Flyers:

1. St. Paul VI High School Open House opportunities
2. Pope John Paul the Great High School Open House information
3. Oakcrest High School Open House opportunities