

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

inspiring mind and soul

Epiphany Catholic School, an integral part of Epiphany Parish, is a Christ-centered faith community. Dedicated to the formation of the whole person, we are committed to providing all students with the highest quality Catholic education. We are preparing students to "Manifest Christ to All."

E Happenings for the Week of October 2, 2017

Week of October 2nd

Mon., 10/2 -

- No Scheduled Events

Tues., 10/3 -

- Mass, 8 am, Led by 6th GR

Wed., 10/4 -

- GR 8, Field Trip, Minnehaha Falls

Thurs., 10/5 -

- Virtus Training, Hearth Room, 6:30 pm

Fri., 10/6 -

- **Marathon Service Day**
- **Marathon Pepfest**, 8 am
- GR 2 & 8, Field Trip, St. Paul Cathedral
- **Adoration & Benediction**, 1 pm, Middle School

Sat., 10/7 -

- **Marathon**, 9 am - 1 pm, Lakeside Commons Park, Blaine



Dear Parents,

Twenty years ago a friend asked me if I would talk to a mother's group about forming children in virtue. I can still recall the look on her face when I said, "You mean values, right?" She was quick to point out that values are subjective ways of thinking and are different for different people based on their upbringing, culture, and lifestyle. *Virtues* are habits that are objectively "good" in all circumstances and for all people. This quick correction began my education

about the formation of virtue in our children.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that virtue is, "an habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself." It then goes on to explain virtue as, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. - CCC 1803.

During the month of September our students worked on the virtue of Goodness, which helps us look at others with love and give special consideration to their happiness. The month of October will be dedicated to **Gratitude**, the virtue that helps make us aware of the gifts we receive each day and appreciative of the giver. This virtue is especially important in helping our students look beyond themselves to the needs of others. A grateful heart is a happy heart, regardless of the circumstances.

We'll practice the virtue of gratitude in many ways with our students during the month of October. One particular way will be to pause for **Gratitude Moments**. Gratitude Moments will be random times throughout the school day when we ask our students to pause and name what we are grateful for **at that very moment**, no matter how small the item. To help strengthen our efforts, please practice this at home, too! If a child needs help with this exercise, provide some initial suggestions like, "I'm grateful for shoes on this cold sidewalk." "I'm grateful for the lunch I had today." "I'm grateful that I have a house to be in right now." "I'm grateful that my sore ankle isn't hurting anymore." The list can go on forever because if we really pause to think for a moment ourselves, the blessings we are given are limitless. The very air we breathe is a gift that is given to us freely from God. Let's pause each day to help our children learn the valuable virtue of gratitude.

In Christ,

Ann Coone, Principal

Marathon



We are excited to announce that after Week 3, we are at 47% of our goal. Our Week 4 totals will be shared tomorrow morning, 9/29 during the morning announcements. Be sure to watch our page on the school website for updates.

Please keep contacting us at marathon@epiphanymn.org! Your questions are great and allow us to help keep you on track as we enter the final weeks of Marathon activity!

Here's your weekly recap:

- Our goal is to raise \$40,000 and relocate our playground closer to the school building. *After Week 3, we have raised **\$19,033.86!***
- During the course of the school year, we sometimes need to enhance our schedule to make room for special events. Because of the 100th

anniversary of the Fatima apparitions, we will celebrate this as a school on Friday, 10/13. **This means that our final Pep Fest will now take place on Tuesday, 10/17 at 1:30 pm. It will be a great way to enter the annual MEA break.**

- We will enjoy A Party with the Principal in November for any student who has donated at least \$250 by 3:00 pm on Thursday, 10/5. *Remember: coupons are located at the back of the Marathon packet for those students who achieved this incentive.*
- Thanks to all who supported our *exclusive* shopping date at Chema Malu last night!
- Service Day, Friday, 10/6 is getting closer! Plan to join your student at school that day - our revised schedule will be available by this Friday afternoon. If you are able to help in your student's classroom, please email Marathon with your name, their name and their teacher's name.
- Marathon Morning, Saturday, 10/7 is full of many amazing things . . . including some amazing music from Mr. Strasser and Music Into Memories, some HUGE prize giveaways and freshly delivered goodies from Pizza Ranch! See you at Lakeside Commons Park in Blaine for food and fellowship!

If you have additional questions, please email marathon@epiphanymn.org - we are happy to help build an *Attitude of Gratitude!*



We invite all Epiphany Catholic School parents and guardians to our first **State of the School Principal Social**. Please join us on Monday, 11/6. Principal Ann Cone will update school families on the current school year and future plans.

The evening will begin at 6:30 pm in the meeting rooms with a wine & cheese social followed by the State of the School at 7 pm.

School News

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences - Conferences will take place on Thursday, 10/12 and Tuesday, 10/17 from 3 - 5 pm and 5:45 - 7 pm. The online scheduler will open at 12 am on Monday, 10/2 and close on 12 am on Monday, 10/9. **The password to access the online scheduler is STARS.** Any conferences needing to be scheduled AFTER 10/9 will have to be schedule by the school office. Click her to access the [Online Scheduler](#).

2017.18 Parent/Student School Handbook - For the most current and up to date school handbook, please visit the school website. Click on [Epiphany Catholic School - School Information and Forms](#) to directly view the handbook along with other important school information.

Activity Care (AC) - Activity Care is a new initiative at Epiphany Catholic School and is open to all K-8th students. AC provides a safe, nurturing

environment for children, homework support for older students, and care for all students prior to and after school events. It is available Monday - Thursday, 2:30 - 5 pm. **There is NO Activity Care on Fridays.** The cost for AC is \$2 from 2:30 - 3 pm (with a \$5 family cap) and \$5 (with a \$12 family cap) for students from 2:30 - 5 pm. **If needing to reach Activity Care during the hours of 2:30 - 5 pm, please call [763.862.4382](tel:763.862.4382).**

Extended Day Program - Fall Release Days. The Extended Day Program provides educational and recreational services to elementary students and is open to the community on school release days. Fabulous field trips and special events are planned with the interests of the students in mind; and the program is all-inclusive, which means there are no extra field trip dues! Release day program hours are 6:30 am-6 pm. Students are to bring a bag lunch; breakfast, am & pm snacks and a beverage at lunch are provided.

The first school release days are fast approaching. Take a look at the scheduled field trips and special activities below then **contact us at [763.755.7341](tel:763.755.7341) or sbest@epiphanymn.org** to register.

- **October 18** - AM: Trip to Bunker Park Stables for Hayride & Bonfire
PM: Autumn Bingo w/Prizes
- **October 19** - AM: Autumn and Harvest Relays
PM: Fall Festival (Games, Prizes, Refreshments)
- **October 20** - AM: Trip to 101 Market for Corn Maze & Activities
(Corn Pit, Duck Races, Petting Zoo, Pedal Carts, Potato Slinger)
PM: Mini Pumpkin Pals

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Volunteering at Epiphany

A key to our commitment to promoting safe environments in our parishes, Catholic schools and communities is for all persons in positions of trust in regard to minors and vulnerable adults to fulfill the Enhanced Essential 3 requirements (EE3). The EE3 relates to:

- 1) the Code of Conduct
- 2) safe environment training and
- 3) background checks, with re-credentialing required every three years.

Your involvement at Epiphany Catholic School as a volunteer who interacts with children



If this is your first volunteer/employee position through the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis, the [VIRTUS Online Registration – NEW Users](#) will assist you in this process.

You can take the VIRTUS training at any location within the Archdiocese if the Epiphany sessions do not work in your schedule. The following 2017.18 Epiphany training sessions are **located in the Hearth Room and start at 6:30 pm.** Please arrive 10 minutes early to register and receive your packet.

- Thursday, October 5
- Thursday, November 2
- Thursday, January 25, 2018

warrants compliance with the Archdiocese's Safe Environment requirements.

- Thursday, February 22
- Thursday, April 19
- Thursday, May 24

Playground Volunteer Signup

There is a requirement for every family to volunteer on the school playground during lunch recess two times per school year from 10:30 - 11:30 am. You must sign up for **one shift in a warm month** (September, October, April, May, and June) and **one shift in a cold month** (November, December, January, February, and March).

The link for [Playground Signup](#) is now open.

Please make sure when you are volunteering to:

- Be on time
- Engage with the students. They love having visitors. They enjoy playing ball, jump-roping, etc.



A reminder that **ALL** volunteers must complete the Essential 3 in order to volunteer in the school. Questions on the requirements to volunteer? Please contact the Parish Office at [763.755.1020](tel:763.755.1020).



Epiphany Spirit Days

Epiphany students and staff enjoyed the first Spirit Day last Friday. Mark your calendar for upcoming Spirit Days.

Students can wear any Epiphany shirt (i.e. marathon, drama, sport) or Epiphany sport jersey along with their uniform pants, shorts, or skirt on Spirit Days.

Future Spirit Day Dates:

- October 27
- November 20*
- December 22
- January 26
- February 23
- March 23
- April 27
- May 25

*Monday of Thanksgiving Week

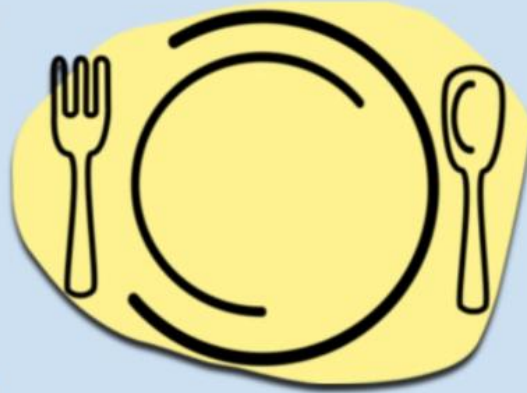
Dinner is Served

Epiphany PTO is seeking parent volunteers to help us serve dinner to our wonderful teachers during conferences

*October 12 and 17
from 4:15–6:30 p.m.*

NO COOKING REQUIRED!

If you are interested in helping one or both nights please sign up [here](#).



GOT BOX TOPS?



TURN 'EM IN NOW!

Summer Collection
is coming to an end.

Please have all Box Tops turned in *before October 1*.

Remember to mark bags of Box Tops with students name and grade.

For every 25 non-expired Box Tops turned in the student earns a chance to win a \$10 gift card.

Church/Faith Formation

Sacraments and the Catholic Faith - Do you have a child in Epiphany School whom you would like to have baptized? Or celebrate their First Reconciliation or First Eucharist? If so, please read [Sacraments and the Catholic Faith: An Invitation](#) for more details and contact information.

E3 Middle School - Click on [Open Youth Room Calendar - 2017.18](#) to view the open youth room schedule from now until the end of the school year. The Youth Room is open to all 6 - 8th graders after school until 3:50 pm on the days

E3:MS Presents...
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

TOP SECRET

**Mission:
POSSIBLE**

YOUR MISSION, SHOULD
YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT
IT, BEGINS...

**OCTOBER 1st
6:45 - 8:15PM**

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ALL 6TH-8TH GRADERS
WELCOME!

**DANGER. FOOD. ADVENTURE. PRIZES.
SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH.**

Will you answer the call?

Contact: Carly Radke, Middle School Youth Minister at
cradke@epiphanymn.org



Centennial Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima

Archdiocesan Candlelight
Rosary Procession

Friday, October 13
State Capitol 6:30 p.m.
Procession 7:00 p.m.



**PRO-LIFE
ACTION
MINISTRIES**
COORDINATED BY PRO-LIFE ACTION MINISTRIES

Adopt a Day

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Friday, Oct 13 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

sign up for your hour after Masses Oct 1 & 8

2017 **Star**
Bazaar
at EPIPHANY

Volunteers Needed

Saturday, November 4
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



BakeSale • KidsCorner • KitchenHelp

LefseKitchen • RaffleSales

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