



Holy Trinity Catholic School

A Ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

From the desk of Mrs. Luzzo: September 26, 2022

- **MAP testing** – MAP testing is complete! Our students did an amazing job! Teachers will share information gathered from these assessments with their students over the next few weeks and will review it with families at the parent-teacher-student conferences in October.
- **Hot Lunch Help Needed** – We are still looking for volunteers to help on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Volunteers will need to complete the simple Safe Food Handler online course (paid for by HTCS). If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Hines at 843-390-4108 or ehines@charlestdiocese.org.
- **Pet Blessing** – The annual blessing of the pets is scheduled for **10 AM on Tuesday, October 4**. All are welcome to join us on the side of the church by the far parking lot for this special celebration.
- **Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser** – Information about this annual fundraising event was sent home last week. It is important that we have 100% support from our families to make this a success.
- **Items Needed** – Mrs. Trexler is still collecting paper towel tubes and empty Clorex wipe type containers. Please feel free to keep sending these items in until we say otherwise. Students can drop them off on their way in from morning arrival. Thank you for your help with this.
- **Operation Christmas Child** – Please save your shoeboxes for our annual Advent social outreach project. The red/green boxes we are typically given to fill are limited this year, but that doesn't have to limit us! Any shoebox or clear (shoebox size) bin with a lid will work! More information will be coming home soon. This is a great way for our families to partner with their children on a social outreach project.

Catholic Faith Formation: Because the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the Divinely revealed, written Word of God, Catholics venerate the Scriptures as they venerate the Lord's body. But Catholics do not believe that God has given us His divine Revelation in Christ exclusively through Scripture. Catholics also believe that God's Revelation comes to us through the Apostolic Tradition and teaching authority of the Church. What Church? Scripture reveals this Church to be the one Jesus Christ built upon the rock of Saint Peter (Matt. 16:18). By giving Peter the keys of authority (Matt. 16:19), Jesus appointed Peter as the chief steward over His earthly kingdom (cf. Isaiah. 22:19-22). Jesus also charged Peter to be the source of strength for the rest of the apostles (Luke 22:32) and the earthly shepherd of Jesus' flock (John 21:15-17). Jesus further gave Peter, and the apostles and elders in union with him, the power to bind and loose in heaven what they bound and loosed on earth. (Matt. 16:19; 18:18). This teaching authority did not die with Peter and the apostles but was transferred to future bishops through the laying on of hands (e.g., Acts 1:20; 6:6; 13:3; 8:18; 9:17; 1 Tim. 4:14; 5:22; 2 Tim. 1:6). By virtue of this Divinely appointed authority, the Catholic Church determined the canon of Scripture (what books belong in the Bible) at the end of the fourth century. We therefore believe in the Scriptures on the authority of the Catholic Church. After all, nothing in Scripture tells us what Scriptures are inspired, what books belong in the Bible, or that Scripture is the final authority on questions concerning the Christian faith. Instead, the Bible says that the Church, not the Scriptures, is the pinnacle and foundation of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15) and the final arbiter on questions of the Christian faith (Matt. 18:17). It is through the teaching authority and Apostolic Tradition (2 Thess. 2:15; 3:6; 1 Cor. 11:2) of this Church, who is guided by the Holy Spirit (John 14:16,26; 16:13), that we know of the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, and the manifold wisdom of God. (cf. Ephesians 3:10). <https://www.scripturecatholic.com/catholic-faith/>

HTCS Mission: *Holy Trinity Catholic School, a ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, offers to early childhood and elementary school students of diverse ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds a superior academic program based on Gospel values. Within a family atmosphere, the school strives to develop the spiritual, academic, personal, creative, and physical growth of each student.*