



**"The higher we go,
the better we shall hear
the voice of Christ."**

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

**Geibel
Gator
Newsletter**





Welcome Back!

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. I am so excited to be sending a “Welcome Back” letter rather than a “Hello” like last year. With a year of experiences to draw from, I can’t help but to think this year is going to be filled with great new memories, friendships and milestones.

My sports background tells me that the most significant growth typically comes between the first and second years. The first year is spent making observations, taking notes and planning based on the findings. My enthusiasm is rooted in the most important observation I made and that is the special community we have at Geibel Catholic and the extended family that rallies around one another at every turn.

Graduation night was the turning point for me as I came to realize how much I truly love and care for our faculty, staff and students. I was and am so proud to have been a small part of their journey and look forward to the adventure ahead with the Class of 2023 as well as their little brothers and sisters in Grades 7-11.

I feel extremely blessed to have our entire faculty back this year and welcome our new administrative assistant, Caroline Hernandez, who has already proven to be Geibel Catholic’s newest Godsend.

Thank you for all of the love and support as we move into the new school year and God Bless our Geibel Catholic family. Go Gators!

Sincerely,

Mr. Fetter, Principal





Happy First Day of School!

We were honored and blessed to have Bishop Kulick, Father Julius Capongpongan, and Dr. Rottler greet the faculty and staff of Geibel Catholic. Thank you so much, Bishop Kulick, for visiting our wonderful school and helping us start the school year in prayer. We are blessed to have you as the shepherd of the Diocese of Greensburg.





Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary time

This last weekend in scripture, we heard readings from the prophet Isaiah, the letter to the Hebrews, and St. Luke's account of Jesus. In Isaiah, God reminds us that God will call all nations to Zion (Jerusalem) into one loving community. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that not only are we to draw strength from Old Testament men and women of faith, but most of all to emulate Jesus Christ. The author of Hebrews reminds us to reflect upon our suffering as discipline, always remembering that we have the affection of God, who loves us as a parent should love a child.

Lastly, when asked, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus' answer may be somewhat shocking. Jesus' reply to the question "Will many be saved?" flips the focus back on the questioner. Jesus is asking, "Are you seeking my way of life or prestigious status?" Those who seek rank will find it and find it shallow. Those who follow Jesus down his road and through his gate will discover that they are the least made first, the lowly who will shine with God's own glory. One of the core Gospel conundrums is that one cannot save oneself. Whenever we strive to be perfect or focus on sin and forgiveness, we remain the center of our attention. The passage through Jesus' narrow gate takes us beyond self-concern into the realm of knowing we are loved and are therefore free to love any and everyone else.

What does all this mean to us in the modern world? God has called all people to a life of holiness. The Christian life is not one of sunshine, unicorns, and hallmark-style hope but rather a life of discipline that seeks to emulate Jesus Christ. What is a life of discipline? The root of discipline is disciple, which is a learner. Discipline is meant to teach us what to value and how to live according to those values. It is not like calisthenics which strengthens us by simply doing it. It works if we see more clearly how the Lord works in life, including its sufferings and losses.



Fr. John Moineau; Our Geibel Catholic School Family; A.K., A.K., the men and women serving our country; the Priests and Bishop of our Diocese. Have a prayer request? Call the Office, 724-628-5600 or email, cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org

Important Upcoming Dates

September 2nd– FinalForms needs to be completed. If FinalForms are not completed by this date, your child may not be able to attend school. Senior Parking forms need to be completed in FinalForms, copy of their drivers license and \$30 payment due or no parking pass will be distributed and parking privileges will be suspended until completed

September 5th– Labor Day/No School

September 8th and 9th– Onedrive Training for New Students

September 9th– Back To School Mass (Formal Attire)- Geibel Catholic Gym

September 14th– Jostens Meeting for Seniors

September 23rd– Gator Walk/Fall Pep Rally

September 27th– Meet the Teachers Night/FAFSA Night 6pm

Calendars

The School Academic Calendar can be found by clicking on the below link:

<https://www.geibelcatholic.org/resources/Documents/Calendars/2022-23%20Color%20School%20Calendar%20Revised.pdf>

Or by scanning the QR Code



The Athletic Calendar can be found by clicking on the below link:

<https://www.geibelcatholic.org/Lists/AthleticsCalendar/calendar.aspx>

Or by scanning the QR Code



FACTS forms

should be completed as soon as possible. If you need assistance or have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Zylka at tzylka@geibelcatholic.org

Student Handbook

The 2022-2023 Geibel Catholic Student Handbook can be located on the Geibel Catholic website or by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.geibelcatholic.org/Documents/GEIBEL%20Parent%20and%20Student%20Handbook%20Revised%20Updated%202022-23.pdf>

FinalForms– Need to be completed by September 1st.

FinalForms is a new platform that Geibel Catholic is utilizing this school year. It will house all of the beginning of the year forms that are typically sent home during the first week of school. This will also be the area in which you are able to update any general contact, medical, and emergency contact information. As the year goes on, you will also be able to utilize this platform to indicate your child's interest in sports. We are still in the beginning stages of FinalForms full potential. Emails went out on Monday, August 8th to the email that you registered PowerSchool with. If you did not receive the email, the link below will get you to our school's specific forms. If you need assistance with anything, please give us a call at the Main Office or email Mrs. Hernandez at cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org

FinalForms Link: Be sure to click on "Login" and then select "Never logged in"

<https://dioceseofgreensburg-pa.finalforms.com/parents/login>



Our classes are in need of a few supplies, to help them have a successful school year. If you are able to assist them, it will be greatly appreciated:

Mrs. Yankovich: newspapers

Mrs. Cline would like to extend her deepest gratitude to the families that have donated science experiment supplies to her classroom.



On Monday, September 19, our diocese will be attending the 2nd annual PA March for Life in Harrisburg to take a public stand for life from conception to natural death. To make the march as accessible as possible, we shall be sending five buses with 14 different stops around the diocese. Hopefully this will make it available for anyone who wants to attend.

This year, the event takes on further meaning because of the Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court case that puts the issue of abortion back into the hearts and minds of voters and elected officials. This makes our state march all the more relevant and necessary. I ask that you promote this march in your bulletins and by other means where able. For more details, see our diocesan pro-life webpage. <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/ministries/Pages/Pro-Life-Ministry-and-Advocacy.aspx>

You are also welcome to join us yourselves for the march. Last year we had a marvelous event that included a rally, a march around the Capitol building, and an opportunity to meet with many of our local representatives at a reception in the Capitol. This year's trip will also include participation in Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral, just two blocks away from the Capitol. Please contact Chrissy at 724-552-2581 or ccerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org to reserve a seat on one of our buses.

Buses and Stops

- Bus 1: Christ the King Parish, Leechburg and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell.
- Bus 2: Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City and St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon.
- Bus 3: St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg and Holy Cross, Youngwood.
- Bus 4: St. Joseph Parish, Uniontown, St. Rita Parish, Connellsville and St. Pius X Parish, Mount Pleasant.
- Bus 5: Church of the Resurrection Parish, Clymer, St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana and SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville.

God bless.

Fr. Dan Carr
Director of Pro-Life Activities

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Gator Café Menu



Monday, August 22 nd	Tuesday, August 23 rd	Wednesday, August 24 th	Thursday, August 25 th	Friday, August 26 th
Teacher In-Service	Teacher In-Service	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Cookie	Pasta w/marinara Garlic Bread Green Beans Pudding Cup	Macaroni & Cheese Breadstick Broccoli Freeze Pop
Monday, August 29 th	Tuesday, August 30 th	Wednesday, August 31 st	Thursday, September 1 st	Friday, September 2 nd
Personal Pan Pizza Pasta Salad Chips Ice Cream Sandwich	Walking Tacos Beef/Cheese/Lettuce Corn Cookie	Pasta w/meatballs Breadstick Green Beans Rice Krispy Treat	Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Carrots Popsicle	Chicken Strips French Fries Broccoli Apple Sauce
Monday, September 5 th	Tuesday, September 6 th	Wednesday, September 7 th	Thursday, September 8 th	Friday, September 9 th
No School	Soft Tacos Beef/Cheese/Lettuce Corn Pudding	Cheese Ravioli Green Beans Breadstick Jell-O	Pancakes Sausage Hash Brown Apple Sauce	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Carrots Freeze Pop
Monday, September 12 th	Tuesday, September 13 th	Wednesday, September 14 th	Thursday, September 15 th	Friday, September 16 th
Homemade Pizza Pasta Salad Chips Pudding	Nachos Grande Beef/Cheese/Lettuce Corn Cookie	Macaroni & Cheese Breadstick Broccoli Cupcake	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Peaches	Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Popsicle

Daily Alternate- Chicken Patty Sandwich

Drink Choices included with daily lunch- White Milk, Chocolate Milk, Fruit Punch, Apple Juice, or Small Water

GEIBEL PARENT SOCIETY (G.P.S.)

New Parents:

- Have questions, but feel bad calling the office again?
- Finding it hard to find answers?
- Afraid you've missed an email?
- Need to ask a question after school hours?

Seasoned or Returning Parents:

- Remember how it felt as a new family?
- Mentor & Support our new families as well as help increase communication when you join the GPS.

Email your name, grade your child/children are going into, cell and if you are a new or returning parent to hspeney@gmail.com to JOIN.

Substitutes Needed

We are hiring substitute teachers for the upcoming school year. This is a great way to help out the school and earn some extra money. Qualified applicants will have a bachelor's degree (in any subject) and be able to obtain all necessary clearances. If interested, please send a letter of intent and resume to Principal Fetter at RFetter@geibelcatholic.org

Current Job Openings

Geibel Catholic Junior Senior High School has two part-time openings in our Cafeteria. We are looking for someone willing to work 15-20 hours per week. Job description and responsibilities are listed below. If you are interested in this position or know anyone that may be, please have them email tzylka@geibelcatholic.org their resume and contact information.

Cafeteria Staff Job Description and Responsibilities

- Working with Cafeteria Supervisor to make sure preparations are being done to eliminate excessive food waste and cost, working towards a food loss of less than 2% daily.
- Daily cooking, grilling, or baking as needed by menu in coordination with cafeteria staff and Supervisor.
- Serving and line coordination for all daily lunches.
- Responsible for quality control of all food items being served to the students.
- Responsible for making sure the kitchen is always clean and inspection ready per required cleaning schedule.
- Responsible to follow all SERV Safe protocols for food safety.

Clearances found at <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/youth-protection/Pages/childservices.aspx> will be required.

Service & Community Opportunities

This section will be used to communicate service hour opportunities within our Diocese and the local communities. If you or anyone that you know has an event and would like to advertise for volunteers, please send the information to cnhernandez@geibelcatholic.org

For service hours at St. Pius and Visitation, Mt. Pleasant, we have the following opportunities:

Altar serving at our parishes – we are in desperate need of servers. Requirements are baptized Catholics who have celebrated first communion. We will train kids of all ages and abilities. Contact Christy at ccabaniss@dioceseofgreensburg.org

This fall we will have faith formation on Tuesday nights from 6 to 7:30, older kids (6th grade and up) are welcome to volunteer as classroom and hall-way aides. Those interested can email Christy at ccabaniss@dioceseofgreensburg.org

The Holy Name Society will be having Omelet Breakfasts on Sunday, October 9 and Sunday, November 13. The point of contact is the president of the HNS, John DiPasquale and he can be reached at sdipasquale@zoominternet.net

Yough Catholic Youth Group Grades 6-12:

Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm in the Saint Rita's School Building. Grades 6 and 7 will meet in one room. Grades 8-12 will meet in another.

GRADES 6, 7, AND 8 REQUIRED TO ATTEND TO BE CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE FOR CONFIRMATION (Unless your child attends Catholic School). Catholic School children are still encouraged to attend Youth Group.

Youth Group Dates: September 7th, 21st; October 5th, 19th; November 2nd, 16th; December 7th, 21st; January 4th, 18th; February 1st, 15th; March 1st, 15th; April 5th, 19th

Please contact Mary Sampey, 724-984-7652, if your child is interested

The Partner Parishes of St. John the Baptist, Scottdale and St. Joseph, Everson

Faith Formation program will be on Sunday, September 25th from 9:30-10:30am. We will meet the second and fourth Sunday of every month and attend 10:30 mass together on the fourth Sunday of every month. If you are in grades 9-12, and need service hours, you can volunteer to help with snacks during this time. Please contact Jill at jcolland@dioceseofgreensburg.org with any questions or to join us!

St. Rita Holy Name Men's Society 2022-23 Pancake and Sausage Breakfasts at Saint Rita Church in Connellsville, sponsored by the Saint Rita Holy Name Men's Society. As a reminder, each breakfast begins at 7AM and ends at 11:30AM, however volunteers are welcome to help out any time between 6:30 AM and 12:30 PM (8:30-10:30 are our busiest times when we have the most need). Any volunteers you can steer our way are greatly appreciated!

Dates: Sunday, September 18, 2022; Sunday, October 16, 2022; Sunday, January 15, 2023; Sunday, February 19, 2023; Sunday, March 19, 2023