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IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

6 - End Trimester 1
12 - Virtual Night of Hope
15 - ACS Mass, 8:30 a.m.
24 - Thanksgiving Feast (students/staff only)
25 - Noon dismissal.
26/27 - No School
Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

4 - Noon dismissal, staff day
5 - Moving Day 4th, 5th, Art/ Music, Kinder
12 - Moving day grades 1-3
14 - School Spelling Bee
18 - Noon dismissal
19 - Christmas Break begins
Moving day for Middle School

JANUARY

4 - Classes resume
9 - High School Placement Test for 8th graders

ACS Off to a Great Start with First Fundraiser

The ACS RockTOBER Dance Challenge fundraiser replaced our annual Fun Run this year. Support for this event during such an incredibly difficult time for many in the world was outstanding and we thank all who donated and helped us raise over \$40,000 for our school. The annual Pastor vs. Principal competition between Fr. Chad King and Dr. Pristash was close and for the first time in the school's history Dr. Pristash did not take the crown of victory. Fr. Chad won by a few hundred dollars, bringing the total raised by this friendly competition to just over \$8,600!

Our students enjoyed the weekly activities that lead up to the dance event. A tremendous amount of work



was done by event chair Chelsea Cordell and Director of Marketing/Development, Keli McCann. We thank our teachers for their help and our 8th grade ambassadors who created entertaining videos for all the classes to keep them informed and excited for the big event.



The Mission of Annunciation Catholic School

Within our strong Catholic community, we develop children to their fullest God-given potential - spiritually, intellectually, morally, socially, and physically.

Applying for Kindergarten 2021-2022

The priority kindergarten application will be available online on November 16 at 8 a.m.
Visit www.acsphx.org to apply!

Nov. 16 - 30 Apply online for Priority Admission to Kindergarten

Requirements:

1. Siblings of current students
2. Active, registered families of St. Gabriel's, St. Rose and Our Lady of Joy.

Dec. 1 - 15 Apply online for Open Admission to Kindergarten

Requirements:

1. Registered Catholic families in parishes within the diocese
2. Non-Catholic families

Admission Requirements

1. To enter Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2021.
2. Completed online application (\$200 application fee is non-refundable if your child is accepted.)
3. The child's birth certificate and immunization records. (can be uploaded with application).

Please contact the school office with any questions, office@acsphx.org or call (480)361-8234

Attention ACS Families!

Please notify the school office if you have an incoming Kindergartener for the 2021-2022 school year. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2021.

Please complete the online application by December 1, 2020.

Dine Out Fundraisers! No Cooking for you!

November:

Tuesday, November 17

Barros Pizza

10:30am - 10:00pm

30815 N Cave Creek Rd #132,

Cave Creek, AZ 85331

For take out, dine in or curbside pick up (not delivery).



December:

Tuesday, December 15

Cafe Zupa's

11:00am - 9:00pm

Desert Ridge location 21001 N Tatum

Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85050

For take out and dine in.



Student Spotlight: Simeon Rainney

ACS 6th grader Simeon Rainney, completed his Junior Open Water S.C.U.B.A. diving certification this summer. He completed 10 hours of coursework and 8 hours of diving practice with [Sea2Sea Scuba](#). He took his final examination at Lake Pleasant with his Scuba instructor who said Simeon was "a natural!"

Simeon plans to take his skills further when he turns 12. At that age, he will be eligible to test for his advanced certification. Such a cool hobby!

Congratulations Simeon!

Saint Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Community Presents



FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

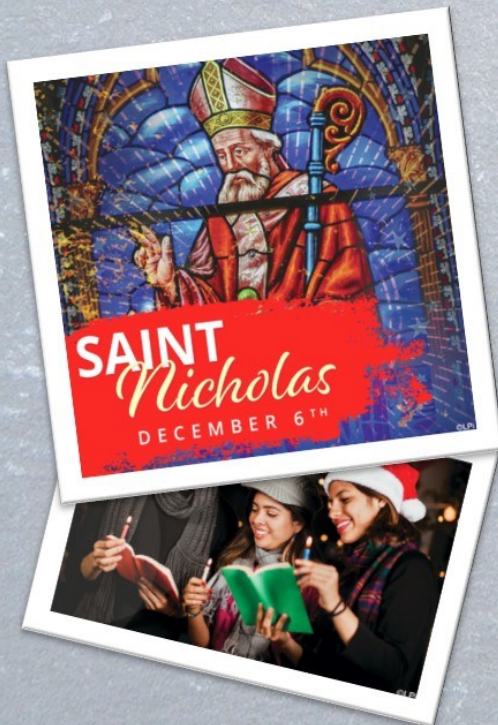
CHRISTMAS CAROLING

celebration

ADVENT 2020

SUN 6 DEC † 5PM - 7PM

IN CHURCH PARKING LOT



Format: Four 30-minute waves

Programs: Here is what's being offered:

Meet St. Nick (Fr. Chad)

Receive an Advent gift from the parish

Advent Wreath blessing

Enjoy Christmas caroling

Drop off a blanket for this year's Blanket Drive

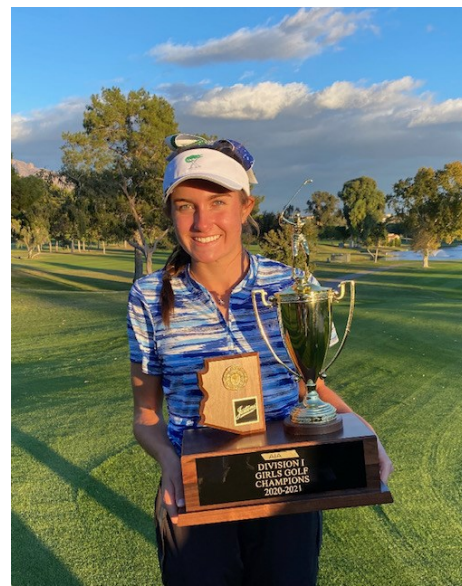
Register: You will have an opportunity to register for one of four waves — 5:00pm, 5:30pm, 6:00pm and 6:30pm. Sign up via Flocknote.

Alumni News

Congratulations to Jayden Jevnick and the Xavier College Prep golf team! Jayden is a 2020 ACS graduate. In August, she made the Xavier golf team as a freshman and earned a spot in the top 5 playing in the State Tournament.

Last week, Jayden helped lead her team to the State Championship Title! They were big underdogs to Pinnacle Peak who had 4 seniors and a sophomore playing in their top 5. Xavier led both days and finished 3 strokes ahead for a tightly contested win! Jayden played in the 3rd position for her team and finished 11th overall out of 81 players in the tournament!

In addition to her golf skills, Jayden maintains a 4.0 GPA and is enjoying her time at Xavier.



Vibrant Vinnies: October/November Service Projects

The Vibrant Vinnies are changing the world, one act of service at a time. In October, they assisted at St. Joan of Arc food pantry serving the poor and being the hands and feet of Jesus! Special thank you to Coach Hubbard for helping us!

On the weekend of November 7 & 8 they assisted the parish SVdP chapter with the St. Vincent de Paul Stuff the Truck event which was a big success! Thanks to all who donated, they collected over 2 full truckloads to help the new St. Vincent de Paul Store.

Now begins our work on 200 Christmas stockings for the underprivileged in our community.

Never too young to serve!

Pictured right: Coach Hubbard, River Vogelsang, Brenna Sharp and Meadow Vogelsang at the food bank





Christmas Bazaar!

**Our Lady of Joy Catholic Parish, Carefree
(NE corner of Pima and Cave Creek Roads)**

**Friday and Saturday
November 13th - 14th
9 am to 4 pm**

60+ vendors offering:

**Jewelry, photography, pet boutique, purses,
fused glass, quilts, gourd art, metal yard art,
holiday ornaments & wreaths, rock art sculptures,
doll & children's apparel, watercolor paintings,
woodworking/cutting boards, beaded wrapped
silverware, imported olive oils, and much more!**

**FEATURING: a mini Book Nook, Sweets & Treats
Joyful Grounds Cafe & the Doughlicious Food Truck
serving wood fired pizza, paninis and salad.**

**Covid Alert: Social distancing and Masks are required
Check our website to verify status olj.org**

Come celebrate a Carefree Christmas with us!





Catholic Identity Committee

Saint Spotlight of the Month



Saint Elizabeth of Hungary was born in 1207 to King Andrew II and Gertrude of Merania.

She was given to prayer, humility, and piety from a young age, despite her noble birth. Her early life would be tempered with tragedy, losing both her mother at age 6 and fiancé at age 9 to untimely deaths. The deaths seemed to have the effect of deepening Elizabeth's prayer life which brought her peace. Elizabeth married Ludwig, in 1221.

Elizabeth used her position to live simply but care charitably for her people and even took bread to them, and cared for them during the Plague of Thuringia. Elizabeth's provision for the poor was not popular with all. During one such trip, she was confronted with the accusation that she was stealing bread from the castle to give to the poor. As she opened her cloak, all that was revealed was a bouquet of fragrant roses, not the large rations of bread. When Franciscan Friars arrived in 1223, she learned of St. Francis' ideals and further molded herself to those.

Her husband Ludwig died of disease in 1227, crushing her. Elizabeth lived an austere life of a nun and vowed never to remarry. A year later she founded a hospital in honor of St. Francis where she tended to the sick and would become a 3rd Order Franciscan.

She passed away in 1231 at the age of 24.

After her passing, numerous healing miracles would take place at her gravesite near her hospital from 1232-1235, which spurred her cause for sainthood after investigation. Pope Gregory IX canonized her on May 27, 1235.

St. Elizabeth's feast day is November 17. She is the patron saint of bakers, beggars, brides, charities, death of children, homeless people, hospitals, Sisters of Mercy, widows. View the following links for ideas to celebrate her at home as a family!

[St. Elizabeth of Hungary Printables and Worksheet Packet](#)

[Rose Bread for St. Elizabeth of Hungary](#)

[Catholic Cuisine: St. Elizabeth's Crown](#)

Fruit of the Spirit

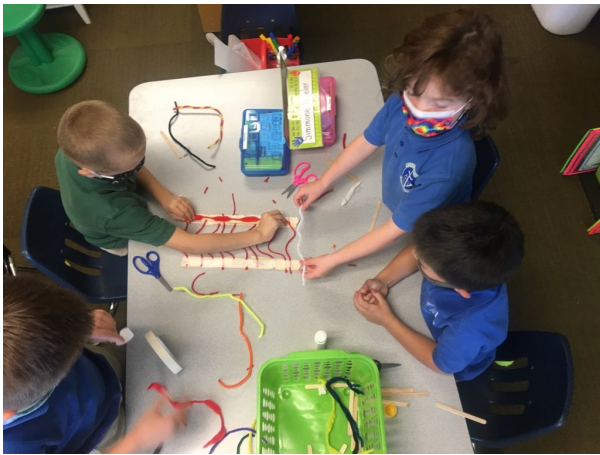
SELF-CONTROL

Enjoying things in a proper, balanced way.
Making good decisions in specific circumstances.

"A person without self-control is like a house with its doors and windows knocked out." Proverbs 25-28

Kinder Kids Learn Engineering

Kindergarten completed their first STREAM project this fall. We began with learning about Johnny Appleseed, and the lifecycle of the apple. Our Kinder kids even took a virtual field trip to an apple orchard! We then learned about the engineering design process with our famous Engineering song. The students worked in small groups to solve a problem. The problem was we forgot to bring our ladder to the apple orchard, and needed to get apples from the top of the tree. The groups were to design and build an apple picker with given supplies. The groups collaborated and were able to design and create an apple picker. We are all so impressed with how well the Kindergarteners were able to work together and design their own apple picker within the first trimester of school!



2020-2021 Student Council Officers and Class Representatives



Front row left to right:

John Shen (Historian), Isabella Piazza, Enzo Cannizzo, Isabella Slepak, Gianna Velasquez (Vice President).

Back row left to right:

Natalia Ehmann, Emma Wicker, Zariah Garcia (Religious Affairs), Braylee Jevnick (Secretary), Zak Rossbach (Treasurer), Christian Bax (President), Olivia Bax, Hayley Carrillo (Student Affairs).

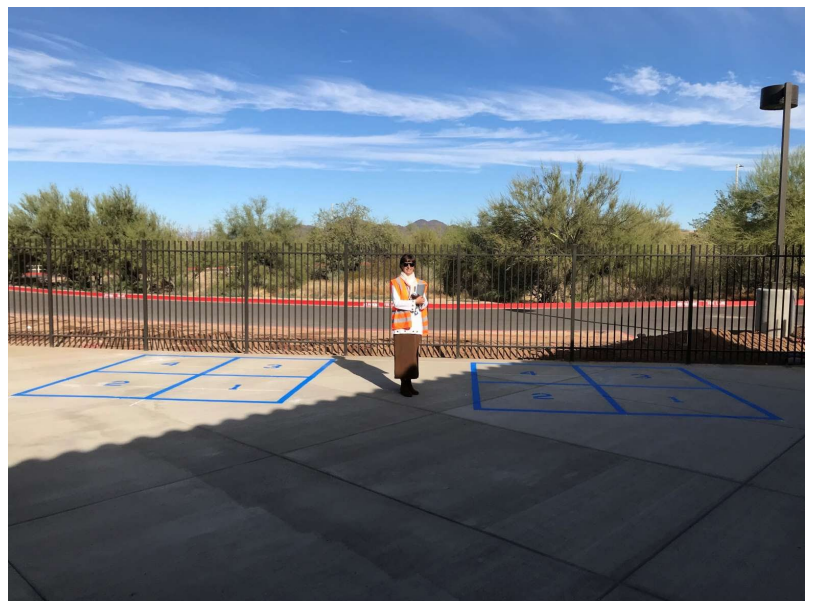
Construction Continues on Our Church and School

The new school buildings are being fitted with plumbing and lighting fixtures. Dr. Pristash is excited to have a large outdoor handwashing station for our students.



Parking on the south side of the new school building paved and striped! Plants going in and light poles will be placed soon.

Four square courts were painted near the outdoor lunch pavilion. Lots of outdoor fun awaits our students in the beautiful play areas!



The west facing interior of the church.



The east facing interior of the church.



The Chapel



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For the complete staff directory visit

[http://acsphx.org/about us/
staff directory](http://acsphx.org/about_us/staff_directory)



Student and Staff Birthday's

November

Noah Bailey
Kylan Brittain
Bruce Broeker
Claire Douglas
Katalina French
Gabriel Guarino
Madeline Levell
Blaine McClay
Joseph Miko

Penelope Ponce
Christian Raiff
Simeon Rainey
Rick Reichow
Alexander Rozaci
Jackson Stack
Calista Velasquez
Senora Motola
Mrs. Redendo
Mrs. Trayer

December

Elliot Bailey
Olivia Connell
Conrad Cupo
Daniel Girdish
Britney Jahn
Kyle Kohls
Jack Kraus
Luis Mata

Leray Nachman
Thomas O'Shei
Brody Powers
Zofia R.
Leia Tollison
Bennett Tranter
Mrs. Schwartz

Part Time Bookkeeper Needed



St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church is looking for a part-time bookkeeper to help with the parish finance department.

If you are interested, please contact Amy Jo Hutchison at 480-595-0883 or email to communications@stgacc.org