



Faith



Focus

SEPTEMBER 2024

St. John Paul II Catholic School

“It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives.” -St. John Paul II

September Virtue:

CHARITY

Loving God with all your heart, mind, and strength and your neighbor as yourself.

Dad's Club



St.JPII

**9/3 Dads Retreat
6:00-8:00 p.m.
StJPII Chapel**

Saints of the Month

PreK-2nd: St. Gertrude

3rd-5th: St. Vincent de Paul

6th-8th: Ven. Laura Vicuna



**9/18 Moms Retreat
6:45-8:15 p.m.
StJPII**

The StJPII community of parents, alumni, and friends are welcome to **Friday All School Masses in the BAC at 8:30 a.m. Grades assisting with Mass:**

- 9/6 Grade 7 (First Friday)
- 9/13 Grade 4
- 9/20 Grade 6
- 9/27 Grade 3

September Service Project

First Grade will make sandwiches and lunches for the West Houston Assistance Ministry.



Parents are invited to bring their children to the optional 7:10 am Mass in the All Saints Chapel on Wednesdays. What a beautiful way to start your day!

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

The first Friday of each month, we will continue our tradition of honoring the First Friday devotion with all school Mass. It is often marked by a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus since Jesus died for us and won our salvation on a Friday.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) reported visions of Jesus Christ directing her to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on nine consecutive First Fridays in reparation for sins and to show love to Jesus. We pray your family continues this devotion at your Parish community.

First Friday Devotions Dates:

- **September 6, 2024**
- **October 4, 2024**
- **November 1, 2024** (Holy Day)
- **December 6, 2024**
- **January 3, 2025** (during Christmas Break, visit your home parish)
- **February 7, 2025**
- **March 7, 2025** (daily Mass before school in the Chapel due to Ash Wednesday)
- **April 4, 2025**
- **May 2, 2025**

First Friday Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

- I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- I will establish peace in their homes.
- I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
- I will give to priest the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
- To all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in my Last moment.

