

Vocational Appreciation

Catholic Schools week came and went but not without leaving an imprint on all of us here at St. George. There were a lot of unknowns about what it would look like as a virtual celebration, but the teachers, staff, and students made it very memorable

One of the more memorable celebrations was the day dedicated to current and future vocations. Students in all grades tuned in to listen to visitors talk about their professions who inspired us to follow in their footsteps.

We listened to men and women talk about serving our country and community by joining the military or public service position as a police officer, fire fighter, or a first responder. All of them have sacrificed so much to keep us safe, and inspired some of us to fight



or protect our country. As much as they love protecting us, they love and protect our faith even more.

Junior High had the pleasure of meeting and listening to Fr. Adams and Fr. Thinh talk about their vocation. It was a reminder about how special our faith is and the devotion a priest has to all of us and God.



Fr. Adam

By Audrey Mistica

Father Adam's vocation started 50 years ago. He was born in Michigan, with 6 siblings. His parents were "really really really devoted to their faith." The children were baptized and went to church every week. Not only did Fr. Adam had to go once a week, but twice. When he was around our age - like eleven through fourteen years old - he didn't appreciate his faith as a gift.

He thought it was boring, and an obligation. He thought it was something his parents made him do. "The fact is that I also recognize that I wasn't very happy being me, at the time of my life. I went to a school with over 2000 kids" he said. He didn't know how to fit in. He was questioning himself like Who am I? or How do I fit in? He didn't know his purpose in life, or his faith.

When Fr. Adam was in his second

year of high school, he met a priest by the name of Father Matthew, who called his house, and asked his parents if he, out of the 5 brothers, wanted to be one of the 12 apostles that get their feet washed on Holy Thursday. When he first heard of it, he was really skeptical. "I was like, wash my feet? I wash my feet everyday, thank you very much. I take two showers a day, what are you talking about wash my feet? So somebody hasn't been paying attention in Church, and that was me." His parents thought it was a good idea and persuaded him to do it.

When they arrived at the Church on Holy Thursday, he was prepared to be bored and not enthused to be there. Then everything changed when Father Matthew washed his feet. "It was the first time in my life I remember feeling deep in my soul, not just that God knows that I exist out of the billions of people in the world, but that God loves me. And I felt a sense of God's love." He started to

Father Adam and Father Thinh are vocation directors in Iowa. Father Adam describes vocations as "Something God calls you to do." He continues saying, "And the big difference between a vacation and a vocation is that, a vocation can be fun too, just like a vacation, but a vocation is not something you do for a week, or for two weeks. A vocation is something you do with your entire life." We are all called to do something, whether it's being a teacher, artist, or a priest. Your vocations are your gifts and your passion, it's what you love to do.

Ask Frankie

By Frankie Valenzuela

Why are we called the Knights?
-Camila

Dear Camila,
Our student body is called the knights because of our mascot and patron saint, Saint George. He was a knight when he was alive, so we carry that on in our name.

What is going to happen to the old church? -Frank

Dear Frank,
I can't really provide a definite answer. I can tell you that it will stay standing for as long as it can. It has been declared a historic monument for the city, so it won't be torn down. I am not sure if we will be able to hold mass in it again, though, for now we just need to preserve it. responsible for proof reading all of



Father Thanh's Journey into Priesthood

After graduating from high school, Fr. Thanh wanted to be a firefighter. He thought it was his call, but when he studied to be a firefighter, it was too challenging and difficult for him. However, his mom is the one who turned him toward the Lord. One of his key figures in his life is his mom. She encouraged him to go to Mass daily -usually he just went on Sundays. "By going to Mass everyday, it increased my faith. It showed me that God loved me more and more, and I understand what it meant to be Catholic. And by going to Church everyday, I have the opportunity to meet various people, such as different priests and nuns, and I just felt really inspired by them. I felt inspired by their sacrificing gift to God." Fr. Thanh saw that they were very happy. He was curious to why they were so happy when they didn't make a lot of money.

When he was 18, he was trying

to figure out what God wanted him to do. One day he met a lady who was a close friend to Fr. Trung Mai (Dominic), and she gave Fr. Mai Fr. Adam's information. "That night, I prayed to God. I told God 'God, give me a sign. Show me the way. Whatever religious order answers my call or accepts me, I will go toward that religious order.' Unbeknownst to me, the very very next day, I received a phone call. And that phone call happened to be from Fr. Mai, at the time he only lived 45 minutes away from my house. So, next thing I know, 45 minutes later, he showed up at my door." Fr. Thanh said. "He talked to me about the Divine Word Missionary, and he talked about the religious order that me and Fr. Adam belong to.

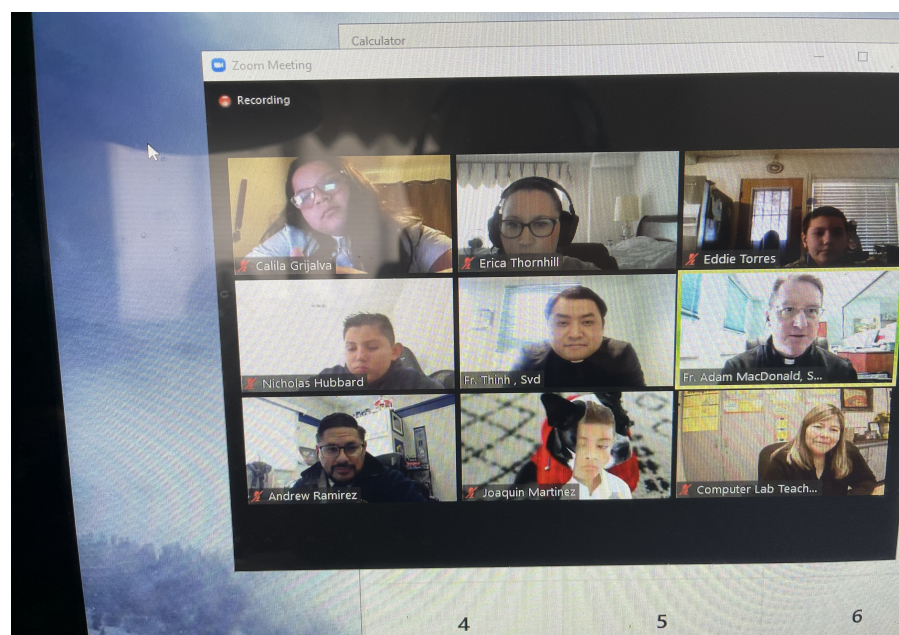
We are missionaries, so we go proclaim the word of God to all of those people who have not encountered God or experienced God." It was a wonderful experience for Fr. Thanh. In 2009, he was in a seminary, and 11 years later, he was ordained a priest.

Father Adams

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wonder who Jesus was, and started reading books and asked questions. He started participating in Church activities, like altar serving and youth groups.

Father Adam realized his calling was to serve God and entered the vocation. He was ordained a priest 20 years ago and is now promoting vocations and encouraging people that we all have a vocation.



Mark it on Your Calendar!

Date: 3/10/2021- Report Cards go LIVE

Date: 3/10/2021- Virtual Parents in Prayer 8:30AM– 8:45 AM

Date: 3/10/2021- School Board Meeting 6 PM – 7 PM

Date: 3/11/2021- SC Buck-a-Jeans

Date: 3/12/2021- Student Mass 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Date: 3/12/2021- Virtual ARMOR Awards Assembly @2pm
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Date: 3/14/2021: Family Student Mass @9am

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Ask Frankie

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Is there a way to prevent so much screen time? - Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

I understand that a lot of us are struggling with screen time lately, but it depends on the kind of screen time you are talking about. Screen time for school or screen time for fun? For school, the best thing to do is pace yourself, spread out your work so that you can do it all without being stressed. As for fun screen time, just try to take breaks and maybe find other things you can do instead of being online.

I'm nervous about coming back to school after so long. Any advice? -anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

I think that we're all a little worried about going back to school. It's been a long time and a lot of things have happened. However, the school has worked hard to ensure that we are safe and following CDC's guidelines and recommendations. For example, we have no touch water fountains, desks are 6ft. apart with sneeze guards, and breaks and lunches are staggered for social distancing protocols. You will also find hand sanitizing stations in the classroom and throughout the school.

Mr. Ramirez and staff have taken a lot of precautions to make this work and I know they've thought about everything. Don't worry, we're all going to be fine.

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Attention Frankie*

Coach vs. Quarterback



Why did Tom Brady leave the Patriots even after saying he wanted to retire as a Patriot? Brady had said, "Choosing to leave New England, and the only team I've known for 20 years, to join a new football team is a great opportunity, a great change, and a great challenge," but the reason he left was more than that.

ESPN's Ian O'Connor reported that Brady wanted a "divorce" from his coach, and Brady made it clear that he was fed up with Belichick's culture, which means that he was fed up with Belichick. All Brady wanted was to feel valued and to love work, but Brady realized that in New England, under Bill Belichick that might be impossible.

So who led the Patriots to victory? I believe that it was Brady. Some close to Brady actually looked forward to that day, in a weird way, believing that the team would

collapse without him. He was the human backstop who bailed out everyone's mistakes, who helped Belichick to all but two of his winning seasons as a head coach, and who engineered five Super Bowl wins when trailing or tied in the fourth quarter.

After Brady departed from the franchise after the end of the last season, many pointed their fingers at Belichick for them separating, as he wanted Brady out to usher in a new era at the franchise. Brady moved to Tampa Bay and showed his class, as the Buccaneers made it to their first Super Bowl game since their 2002 Championship win, while the Patriots had only 7 wins and 9 losses. -Sophia Cortez

Aftermath of Super Bowl LV

Super Bowl LV is one to remember! The Chiefs and Bucks put on a show for the 25,000 people that were there. Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, this Super Bowl had the lowest attendance figures in Super Bowl history. Although there were not a lot of fans there to support the teams, Tampa showed up to win.

The final score of the game was 9-31, with Tampa Bay coming out on top. Kansas City was not able to do much against Tampa's defense, as they were only able to score field goals. The big difference from this game was how both team's quarterbacks played. Patrick Mahomes, the Chiefs starting quarterback, threw for 270 yards, but also threw two interceptions.

On the other hand, Tom Brady had a much better game. He threw for 201 yards with 3 touchdown passes. The Chiefs defense wasn't able to keep up with the Bucks and their offense wasn't able to overcome Tampa's defense. This is ultimately what cost the Chiefs the game. It was a fun game to watch and was amazing to see Tom Brady get his 7th Super Bowl ring. - Grant Monsibais



Keeping Busy During a Pandemic

As we all know, we are still going through the Covid-19 pandemic. It is most important for us to keep safe and keep ourselves busy. Throughout the quarantine, I found that I have quite the hobby for baking and cooking. This can be one way you can keep busy while still staying in the safety of your own home. You can make things out of the ingredients and items you already have at home. Remember to have fun with it and be creative. Also, if you are going to be handling things like knives, stove tops, or ovens etc., always remember to have parental permission and supervision.

Go on walks! I know I can admit that since the quarantine I have hardly stepped outside my house. Yes, we should be staying home, but it is also important to get fresh air and daily doses of vitamin D. Vitamin D is super important to have. It helps regulate your calcium to keep your bones, teeth, and muscles strong. You can go on walks in your neighborhood or even go on hiking trails. Just remember to bring a mask with you when you come in contact with others and to sanitize your hands regularly. Also if you are underage, have an adult with you. This is a great way to get some fresh air and vitamin d while having fun.

The last suggestion I have is to spend time with your family. Due to classes now being online, we spend way too much time on our screens. I know that I can spend anywhere from 7-9 hours on a screen just for school. All this blue light can potentially be damaging to our eyes. So one thing you can do with your family while staying away from screens is going on picnics. Picnics are wonderful ways to get out and away from the screens. You can have them at parks, in your front yard, or the trunk of your car. When having picnics at parks you are in an open and ventilated space, which is the best especially if you are going out. Stay away from others and keep to your own personal space bubbles when you are out. Picnics are also lovely ways to catch up with family members and enjoy meals. Remember food brings family to a table, or to a picnic cloth in the situation. Remember, stay safe and have fun!

- Madison Hida

Local Mountains Get Record Breaking Snowfall

Our local mountains have recently gotten over so many feet of snow giving many families something to look forward to for the weekend. COVID-19 has taken away many activities from us, however, the snowfall has attracted so many people to our local mountains for skiing, sledding, or snowboarding.

Skiing, sledding, and snowboarding, in my opinion, are excellent activities to do while following CDC protocols while still having fun. Whether you do one or all three of the activities, it is very easy to social distance yourself and you are even able to take off your mask on some runs if you feel comfortable and safe enough.

I have gone snowboarding many times during this Pandemic in Mammoth and Big Bear, and each and every time I feel extremely safe. The staff is ensuring that all who are visiting the ski resort are following the guidelines. If you have your mask under your nose, the staff will kindly ask you to pull it up to keep you safe and make others around you feel more comfortable. As well as mask protocols, social distancing is also a very large factor during a pandemic and tables are socially distanced appropriately. I definitely recommend you head up to the mountains before all the fun is melted away just in time for summer. - Noel Bernal



Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort



Big Bear Ski Resort

Book Reviews

by Luna Torres

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling

Summary: Harry Potter, a boy who learns on his eleventh birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. He is summoned from his life as an unwanted child to become a student at Hogwarts, an English boarding school for wizards. There, he meets several friends who become his closest allies and help him discover the truth about his parent's mysterious deaths.

This book was amazing!!! I loved all the characters and it was so magical. I would definitely recommend kids in grades 4th-6th to read this book. It has plot twists you won't expect and adventures that keep you wanting to read more.

I give this book a 5/5

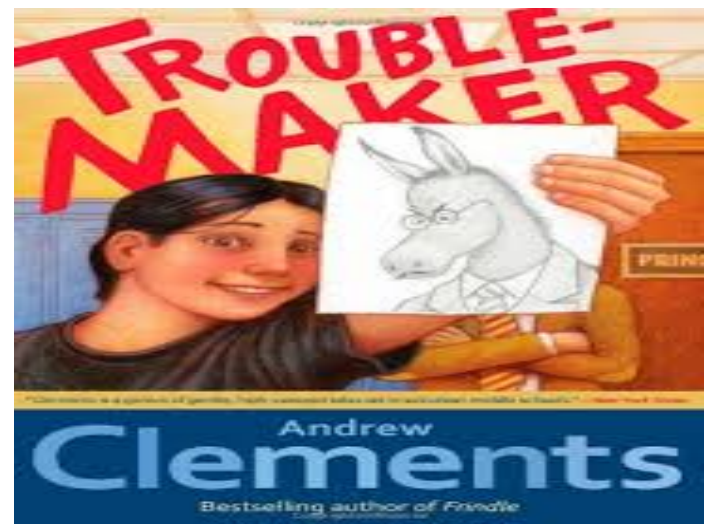


Trouble Maker by Andrew Clements

Summary: It's a pretty funny joke, but Clay is coming to realize that the biggest joke of all may be on him. When his big brother, Mitchell, gets in some serious trouble, Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways... but he can't seem to shake his reputation as a troublemaker.

In the book, it teaches a valuable lesson where labels can get stuck with you no matter how hard you try to be the better version of yourself and that sometimes people won't forget the person who you used to be. Some people would want you to act a certain way to entertain themselves and others, just to see you do something dumb and get in trouble.

I give this book a 5/5

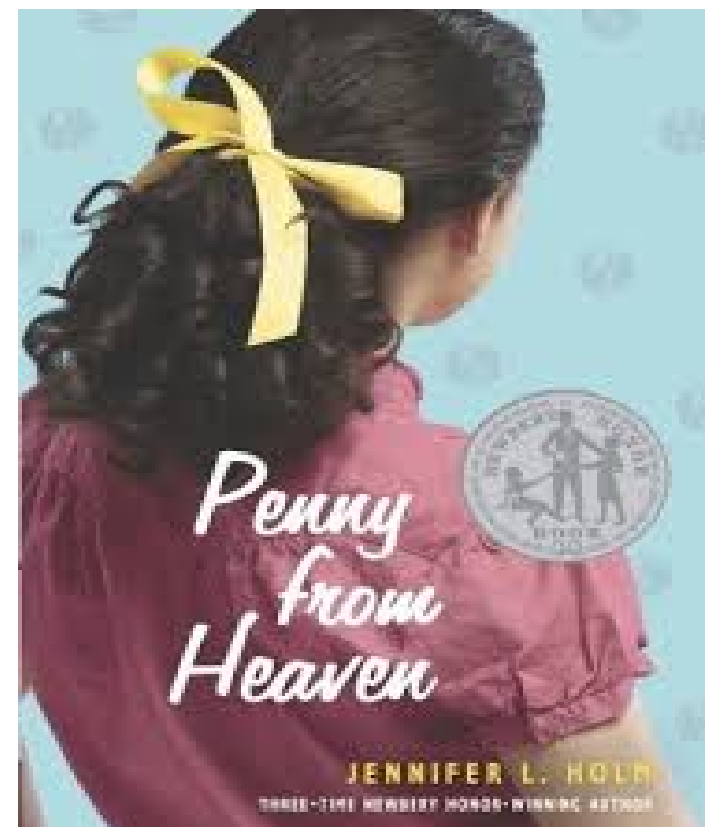


Penny from Heaven by Jennifer L. Holm

Penny from Heaven: A story about a young girl who is on her way to adolescence. Barbara Ann Falucci, who has always been known by the nickname Penny, lived with her mother Eleanor, grandmother Me-me and grandfather Pop-pop in New Jersey in the mid-1950s. Her father, who came from a large Italian family, has been dead since Penny was so young that she barely remembers him at all. Despite her many efforts to find out the truth, the circumstances of his death are a mystery to her. As a result, Penny often wonders about heaven and what will happen when she passes, although she has no intention of dying herself until she is at least a hundred years old or more.

Honestly the deeper meaning of the phrase Penny from Heaven- is that there are occasions when the angels in heaven miss you, and it is at such times, they toss pennies from Heaven for you to receive. This book brings out a lot of emotion and phases that a regular teen would go through. It's such an awesome book for 6th and 7th graders.

I give this book a 5/5



Entertainment

by Maddie Ballinger

For younger kids, a movie on Netflix called “Bigfoot Family”, came out last year. In this movie, Father Bigfoot has become popular around the world and wants to use his celebrity to make a difference. He decides to assist an environmental group in preventing the destruction of a nature reserve, but then vanishes without a trace, and the mother, a raccoon and a bear head North to rescue him. This is a follow up movie to “Son of Bigfoot”, but works as a stand alone film, as well.



A show I think kids of all ages may enjoy is Miraculous Ladybug, and all three seasons are available on Netflix. In Miraculous Ladybug, Marinette Dupain-Cheng and Adrien Agreste, the main protagonists, turn into the superheroes Ladybug and Cat Noir, using the powers of supernatural creatures known as Kwami. With a quest to protect Paris from the evil Hawk Moth, the two must learn to deal with their new responsibilities as well as everyday problems such as love, education, family, and friends. I think while this may be labeled as a kid’s show for some, it can be very interesting and enjoyable to a wide variety of people.



A show that might be better for older kids and adults, is Marvel’s WandaVision on Disney Plus. WandaVision takes place after the events of Avengers: Endgame (2019), and directly sets up Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness, in which Olsen reprises her role as Maximoff.

At first glance, WandaVision is a playful satire of family sitcoms of yesteryear. Wanda, also known as Scarlet witch, and Vision, play house as a happily married couple dealing with mundane problems like disastrous dinner parties that are all performed in front of a live studio audience. It’s great for anyone who loves Marvel, and misses seeing the movies in theaters.

I hope you enjoyed my recommendations, and hope you’re all staying safe and healthy!

Remember to ask your parent for permission before viewing any of my suggestions!

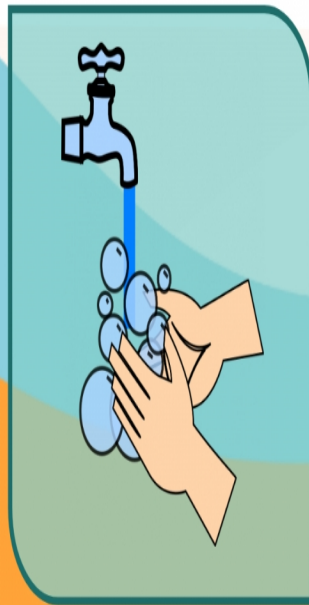
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