

FRIDAY CRUSADER

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2ND, 2026

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IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, October 8th - Parent Commitment Meeting at 7pm in Assembly Room

Friday, October 9th - Fall Fun Run (sign up to volunteer!)

Monday, October 12th - PTO Meeting at 8:05a in Library

Sunday, October 18th - 7th Grade Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 18th - $500 Early Bird Raffle Drawing; BUY ONLINE today!

† THIS WEEK AT SFX

FAITH • SCHOOL • COMMUNITY

It was a busy week for our SFX Crusaders!

We had a visit from **Bishop Walsh** this week! He came into the school on Tuesday and visited several classes. What a beautiful way for our students to celebrate the Feast Day of the ArchAngels. He and Mr. D even played dodgeball with the 2nd graders!

Our 5th grade students performed "Chronicles of Narnia", based off the book The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by CS Lewis. Each student had to choose a character and write a monologue that best personified the character. But they didn't just write the monologue - they had to memorize it, dress in character and perform at school! The kids even performed their monologues in front of Bishop Walsh!

Our Middle School students went to Camp Daggett on Thursday morning and stayed overnight. They returned to school Friday afternoon. This is always a much anticipated trip; lots of smiles, rock climbing, volleyball, a "glow party" dance on Thursday evening, teamwork, and fun! Father Roman came out and talked to the kids about Blessed Fulton Shein; he even played some volleyball! We want to thank all of our parents who drove kids and cooked the meals, our teachers who chaperoned and slept in the bunk room, and St Francis Credit Union for covering half of the cost. This trip takes a lot of coordination - we are blessed to be able to do this year after year.

Today is the Petoskey Northmen homecoming football game! We had **SFX alumni football players** visit us during lunch today. What great examples of leadership!

Finally, the annual **pet blessing** was today. Dogs, cats, bunnies and chickens - it takes all kinds! This tradition is held around the feast day of St Francis of Assisi (on October 4th), celebrating our pets as gifts from God.

ATTENTION PARENTS: Our Lost & Found is filling up with red fleeces, jackets, and hoodies—many with no name! ***Please label your child's belongings*** so we can return them to the right Crusader. Missing something? Take a peek at the Lost & Found!





Sign up for Youth Mass on October 18th

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

PEACE

"she gives her battles to God and lives in peace" – Phil 4:6

"You will never enjoy peace if you are always disturbed by the faults of other."

— ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA

THE HOMILY AT HOME

Continuing the Conversation as a Family

WEDNESDAY • FRIDAY

Walk in His light together.

Wednesday's Mass: Wednesday was the Feast Day of St Jerome - he was a great lover of reading the Bible. Father Peter talked about how God is everywhere and when you read the Bible, you are reading the Word of God. Take time to talk to God; we always find excuses but God is always looking for us and asking us to follow Him. God gave us all unique gifts and talents - He wants us to use them! Father Peter also talked about the Archangels (Gabriel, Raphael, and Michael), as Tuesday was the Feast Day of the Archangels.

Friday's Mass: Today is the Feast of Guardian Angels; Father Peter reminded students that we were all given a guardian angel by God. At the end of Mass, students sang the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Latin - parishioners followed with an hour of Adoration.

THE HOLY ARCHANGELS OF THE LORD



Archangel Raphael (Medicine of God)

Tobit 12:15
I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand in the glorious presence of the Lord, ready to serve him.



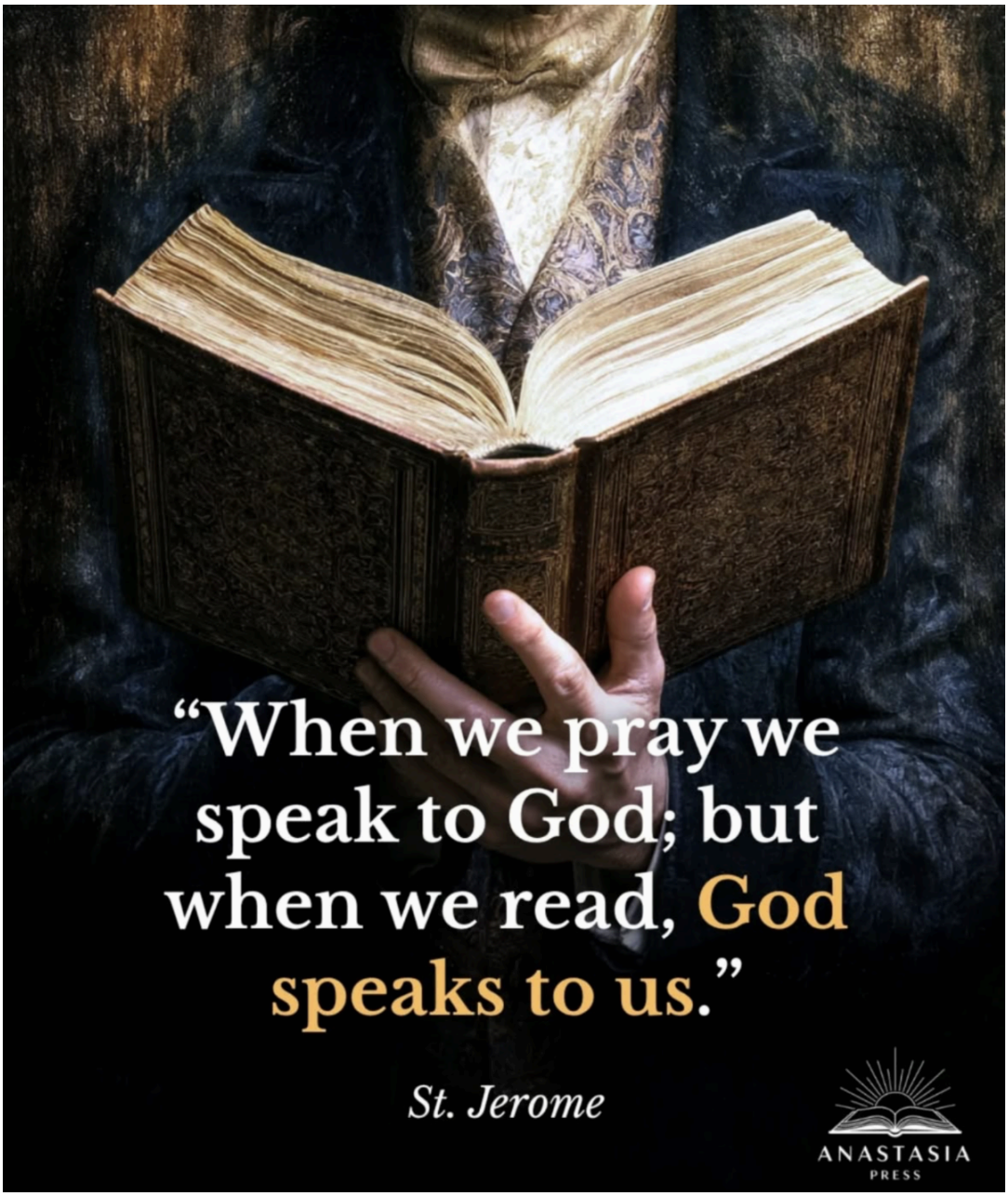
Archangel Gabriel (Power of God)

Luke 1: 26
In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,



Archangel Michael (Who is like God)

Revelation 12:7
Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels.



PTO CORNER

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Many hands make a strong school community.

The Fall Fun Run is NEXT WEEK! This fundraiser supports the *heart* of our school: our students, staff, and teachers. Funds raised will help us provide extra classroom supplies, more field trips (and the buses to get there!), hands-on learning materials, enrichment experiences, and professional development for our amazing staff. Every dollar is overseen through a PTO review process, ensuring thoughtful, transparent use that benefits our entire school community.

We need VOLUNTEERS for the Fun Run! Come cheer on your kids and help us out! Click HERE to sign up to volunteer. Thank you for your help!



DONATE to the Fall Fun Run - Click Here!

We need Fall Run VOLUNTEERS - Click to sign up!



Our next Parent Commitment Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8th at 7pm in the SFX Assembly Room. Attendance to one of the meetings is MANDATORY - please attend! You'll hear from our principal, Father Peter, and a few parents about financial information and ways to volunteer. **Friendly reminder**: each family is required to volunteer 20 hours...***this meeting counts for 1 hour!***

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NEWS • EVENTS • OPPORTUNITIES

Great job, 5th grade!
Thank you for bringing Narnia to SFX!!





THANK YOU TO ST FRANCIS CREDIT UNION FOR COVERING HALF OF THE COST FOR OUR MIDDLE STUDENTS TO ATTEND!



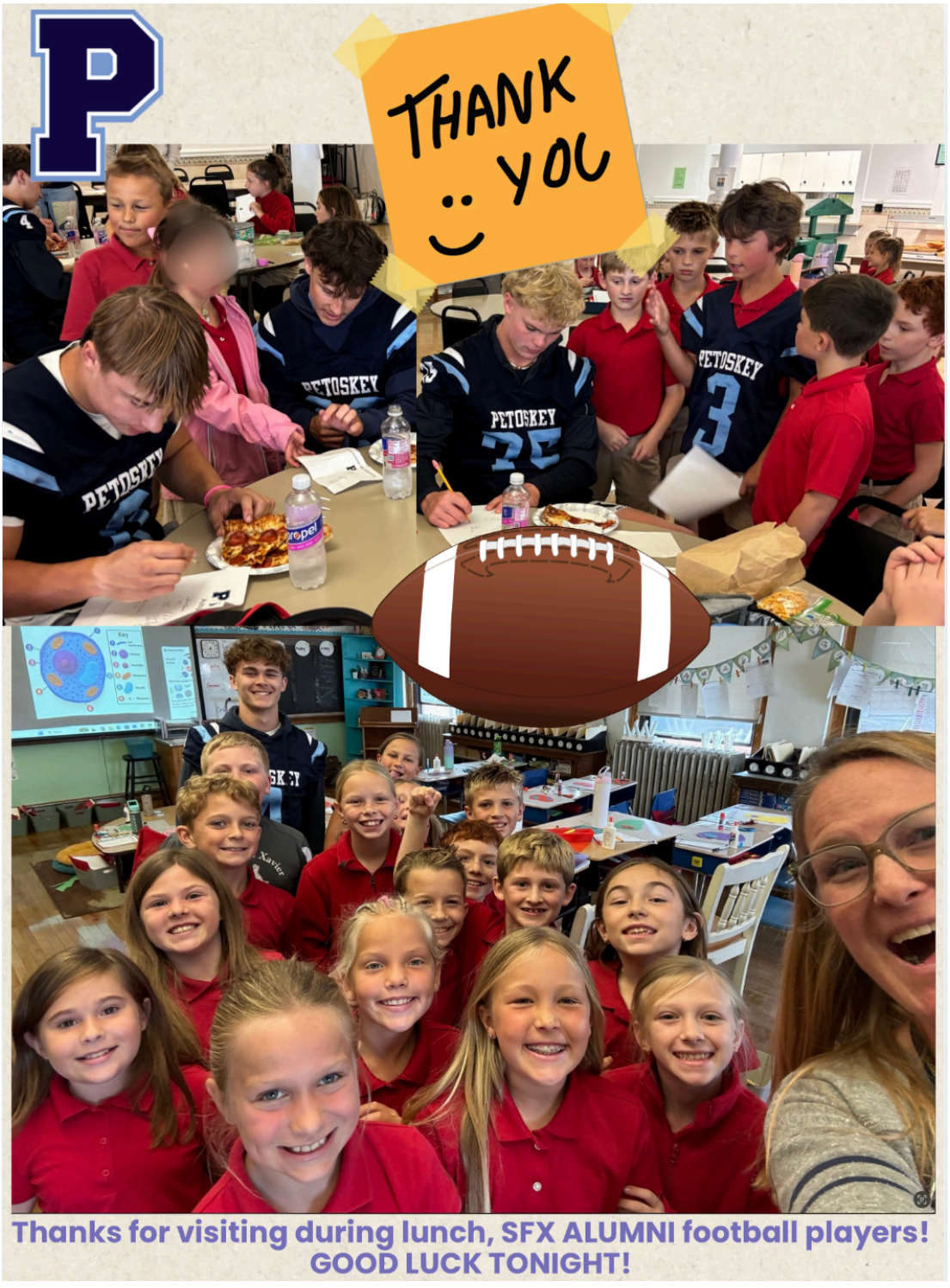
Happy Campers!



Thank you for visiting us at Camp Daggett, Father Roman!


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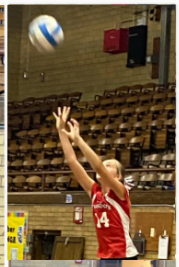




Thanks for visiting during lunch, SFX ALUMNI football players!
GOOD LUCK TONIGHT!

CRUSADERS
MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL







The Crusaders 6th/7th grade team **beat Rogers City!**

The 7th/8th graders played a hard-fought battle and came up short against Rogers City.

HARBOR LIGHT INVITATIONAL
Saturday, October 3rd
starting at 9:00 AM

Good Luck, Lady Crusaders!

Go Crusaders!

LITTLE CRUSADERS
PRESCHOOL SPOTLIGHT





7TH GRADE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2026
9AM-NOON

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL BASEMENT



$12 PER PERSON

$40 PER FAMILY

Help us support our 7th grade class as they prepare for their big trip next year!

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

HIKE IN PETOSKEY STATE PARK



JOIN OUR EMAIL/TEXT LIST!

Sunday, October 11 5:30-7:00 p.m.

@Meet at the PSP beach parking lot at 5:30

JOIN US! ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WELCOME!

NEIGHBORS

Supporting Neighbors





WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 14 • 4-8PM

Join us in supporting the St. Francis Xavier 8th Grade Class Trip to Washington D.C., as 10% of all sales (excluding online and delivery) will be donated.

There's no limit to how much heart you can put into the community – and we're always looking for opportunities for neighbors to help neighbors. Join us and consider giving what you can to our local cause today.

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October is the Month of the Rosary

How To Pray The Holy Rosary

1. Make the Sign of the Cross- In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

   Then say "The Apostles' Creed"

2. Say the "Our Father"
3. Say 3 "Hail Marys"
4. Say the "Glory Be", then "Fatima Prayer", announce the First Mystery; then say the "Our Father".
5. Say 10 "Hail Marys" while meditating on the Mystery
6. Say the "Glory Be", then "Fatima Prayer", announce the Second Mystery; then say the "Our Father"
7. Say 10 "Hail Marys" while meditating on the Mystery
8. Say the "Glory Be", then "Fatima Prayer", announce the Third Mystery; then say the "Our Father"
9. Say 10 "Hail Marys" while meditating on the Mystery
10. Say the "Glory Be", then "Fatima Prayer", announce the Fourth Mystery; then say the "Our Father"
11. Say 10 "Hail Marys" while meditating on the Mystery
12. Say the "Glory Be", then "Fatima Prayer", announce the Fifth Mystery; then say the "Our Father"
13. Say 10 "Hail Marys" while meditating on the Mystery

Say the "Glory Be", then "Fatima Prayer", then say the "Our Father", say the "Hail Holy Queen"



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