

ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 16, 2024

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Ma Mag	Eagle's Nest, after school, fitness club. The semester 2 club will begin on Tuesday February 20th. Permission forms are located outside the Phys. Ed. workroom. Payment can be made through cash on-line. New members must complete the 2 page form. Returning members from semester one must complete the 1 page form. Payment and forms must be received before attending
Guerrieri, Amodio, Di Maio	ATTENTION ASCENSION STUDENTS! Do you like to sing? Want to learn how? Then, the choir is for you! We will have our first meeting after school TODAY in Room 303. Hope to see you there!
Albano	What happens when someone's reputation is ruined online? Do we join the mob and make fun of that person or do we try to help them? How would you know what to do? Find out on February 29, 2024 as the Performing Arts club of Ascension presents Moving on. Tickets are \$5.00. The show is at 6:00 p.m. Buy your tickets through Ms. Albano's Chaplaincy office.
Albano	First bible study meeting will be during Lunch 3A and Lunch 3C in the chapel next Thursday.
Brown	Black History presentation is after school today in room 115.

Daily Reflection



Dear God, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We acknowledge and express gratitude to the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation of the Anishinaabek Peoples who continue to share their ancestral lands with us.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the Letter of St. James

“You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness.” (James 1:19-20)

One thing I enjoy doing in my spare time is reading. What I read varies based on mood as sometimes, I could read a good mystery or classic literature, poetry and or speeches. A year before COVID-19, I was into reading memoirs of historical figures. One, being Fr. August Tolton. Who is this? He is considered by many to be the First African-American born Catholic Priest.

Fr. August Tolton’s story is a juggernaut story of how to forgive and persevere in answering God’s call when many refused to acknowledge and accept his priesthood. From his escape from slavery, to his rejection in every American seminary, to his formation at the Vatican then being sent back to America as a pastor in Quincy Illinois, Fr. Tolton shows what it means to remain faithful to Christ and His Church, even when many opposed it. It reflects what we heard in today’s scripture. A man with a deep faith in God listens before reacting. Considers and discerns in prayer instead of seeking vengeance or giving up. Remains faithful and trusting in God’s goodness to be the servant of the Lord in the face of ignorance and adversity.

In Fr. Tolton’s life story, I learned what it means to do the will of God means embracing a path not paved in gold. What do I mean? It means every individual’s life journey will have many obstacles, especially when following the Lord. Faith in God does not mean that one’s life is free from suffering and pain. Instead, it shows how one’s life can be an example of God’s compassion and mercy towards others. It shows what it means to be in a relationship with God. As Fr. August Tolton once wrote, “As I look back on my life, I realize that every time I thought I was being rejected from something good, I was actually being redirected to something better.”

Let us pray we remember we were born with two ears and one mouth as a visible reminder to listen twice as much as we speak. May we find in our hearts to forgive those who may have offended and hurt us in our lives. Let our life and how we react to the many things which happens to us, is a way to show the love of God and a means to restore one’s dignity that was lost. Let us always see our hardships, struggles, and suffering as a moment and the time to grow closer to God and others. May you find comfort in the words of Jesus at the Ascension, remember “I am with you always.” Amen. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.