



Week 5 Newsletter
September 27, 2023

7th graders after leading their first mass of the year

Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

Join the Mrs. Brain and the first graders in celebrating St. Francis Wednesday, October 4th at 9:25am after daily mass ends.

God bless you all,
Mrs. Day

Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events..

- Sept 28 - School Mass sponsored by 5th grade, 8:30AM
- Sept 30-10/1 - All Youth Celebration - Blessing of youth at all masses
- Sept 30-10/1 - Holy Family Parish listening sessions for Partners in the Gospel (see info below)
- Oct. 2 & 5 - HFS Partners in the Gospel listening sessions

School Announcements:

MAP Testing

Tomorrow we will facilitate assessments for our last two classes. Many make-up tests were completed this week, and we have next week to complete any final tests. Thank you for your great support of our fall assessments. Data will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant

The Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant Program for the 2024-2025 school year application window will open October 1, 2023, and close Wednesday December 13, 2023. The website is www.fulcrumfoundation.org, scroll down and choose "Tuition Assistance Program".

October 1st 11:00 Mass - Student Help Needed

The parish is having a Celebration of Youth on the weekend of 9/30-10/1 and they are requesting some school children help with liturgy. HFS has been asked to read the prayer of intention during the 11:00 AM mass on October 1st. If you would like your child included in this special occasion please reach out to me directly (tday@hfsauburn.com). Thank you for your presence to our parish family!

Accreditation Parent Survey

As part of our self-study process this year we will be gathering information from all parents, students, and staff. This is done first through surveys and then through specific task groups. Our accrediting body, WCEA, has created the different surveys based on the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Schools (NSBECS). Visit this site for a review of the [NSBECS](#).

This survey is designed to help our school shine a light on all that we are doing well and bring to the surface the areas where we can grow. There are five sections to the parent survey, one section to tell us who you are, and then four asking 42 specific questions in reference to the standards. The final question allows for a free response.

Completing the survey in one sitting is ideal, so before you take the survey I request that you create a space and time for yourself to really pray and discern your responses considering all that you have experienced with and know of our school.

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE PARENT SURVEY

Partners in the Gospel Listening Sessions

All parishes will be announcing their assigned parish family at masses this coming weekend. Each parish then has three weeks to host listening sessions to gather feedback from the parish community. Holy Family Parish will be hosting meetings on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1st after all masses.

- Sept. 30 after evening mass - 6:00 PM
- Oct. 1 after morning mass - 9:30 AM
- Oc. 1 after late morning mass - 12:00 PM

I will be hosting school community listening sessions in the evening on both Oct. 2nd and October 5th.

- Oct. 2nd - 6:00 PM virtual meeting [ZOOM MEETING LINK](#)
- Oct. 5th - 6:00 PM in person in the school library

The listening sessions are based on the synodal model of prayer, share, respond. Join us in these sessions to share your thoughts and feelings about the upcoming change to our parish and archdiocese.

For more information about Partners in the Gospel please visit the following resources:

- [Introduction Video](#)
- [Current Reality Video](#)
- [Archbishop Etienne's Pastoral Letter](#)
- [NEW Q&A](#)

Funeral Reception Committee Help

At Holy Family there is a beautiful tradition of offering to grieving families the gift of a luncheon in the Parish Hall. Volunteers cook, make salads, and bake to provide a wonderful meal. The committee is in need of more volunteers. If you are able to help, your name would be placed on a call list, and you will then be rotated through the funerals as they come up - so you would not need to make something for every funeral. The hours

you would spend on making something would count toward service hours. If you can help please send a note to the school office, and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Brock

Development News

HFS Auction

Auction Volunteering: Still lots of opportunities to sign up for auction volunteer roles. This can be done at:

[HFS: All Families: Peace, Love & HFS Auction \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Auction Sponsorships: If you have a business and would like to sponsor our auction, please reach out to Gretchen to get a sponsorship form outlining the various packages available.

Auction items: Please note we have had air fryers donated already. We will not be accepting anymore air fryers.

You can enter you donated items here: [Auction Donations \(ejoinme.org\)](https://ejoinme.org)

Enclosures/Attachments

October Calendar

Auction flyer

Lifetouch flyer

SCRIP News

SCRIP Order Form

HFS Parent Club Commitment Hours Form