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IT'S TIME FOR ARCHERY

Archery begins on SUNDAY JANUARY 28, 2018 AT 3PM. Program runs for 6 weeks, meets weekly on Sundays at Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association. Archery is open to students in grades 4th thru 8th.

Orientation meeting for new archers will be held on January 24, 2018 at 6:30pm. New archers and their parents are required to attend. Returning archers are encouraged to attend, as Coach will be reviewing the whistle commands, and some history of the sport. Contact Coach Dean Bartolomucci or Carol Bartolomucci by January 22, 2018 if your student is planning to participate. carolbmucci@gmail.com (586) 206-8854 or d_bartolomucci@comcast.net (248) 602-8298.

PTC MOVIE NIGHT RESCHEDULED

Mark your calendars for Friday February 9, 2018 6pm-8pm for pizza and a movie at Holy Family. Be sure and check those backpacks in the next couple weeks for a flyer with the RSVP form that needs to be returned. ALL Holy Family and St. Augustine parish families are invited to attend.

REMINDER

No afternoon bus January 17th, 18th & 19th

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NEGATIVE TO NAVIGATE

by Mary DeJonckheere, 4th Grade Teacher

Our lives are filled with many positive characteristics. Having food, clothing, shelter, family, and friends are just a few. Our lives also contain negative aspects. These things can include hatred, bullying, crime, lack of faith, and the loss of loved ones. Do we have the ability to change any of these negative aspects? We may not be able to solve all of them individually; it may take a change in society for some. But we can focus on the lack of faith in our lives.

Each morning, our students and staff say the school mission statement. In the statement there is a line that says "Navigating a Christian course." This line means the students and staff focus on living a life as a true Christian. There are times when we falter, but when that happens we recognize it, learn from it, and navigate forward.

If you look at the word negative, you can see that with a simple switch of an "e" to an "a" and rearrange the letters you can navigate your life. Get rid of the negative and turn in to a positive in bringing faith back into your life by doing six simple things. Negative to navigate can be simple.

~ **First** there is prayer. Try prayer if you haven't. It doesn't have to be anything complex. Pray the "Our Father" or just talk to God, thanking him for the things you have.

~ **Second** is love. Love one another unconditionally. Don't judge others. Tell yourself you don't know that person's story and what he/she has gone through.

~ **Third** is to be humble. Remember, the simple things are often the best. A more expensive car scratches and dents like the less expensive. Don't put yourself first. Inquire about the other person first. You don't need all your wants.

~ **Fourth** is to believe. Believe not just that God is real, but believe in others as well. Believe they can do something and they can accomplish it.

~ **Fifth** is to be grateful. Be thankful for what you have. Many people struggle to keep a roof over their head. Be thankful you can see how God gives you a beautiful sunrise to see. Or how a fresh blanket of snow covering the trees makes the world look calm. There is so much to be thankful for.

~ **Lastly** is to have faith. Have faith that God has a plan for you and that you will follow that plan. Trust in yourself that you know right from wrong and that God sees you.

Start your change to Navigate by focusing on one of these six practices at a time. There is no time limit to complete each one. Move on when you feel ready. God will always be there for you.

hope that as the Advent season continues, we find ourselves on the side of the "Stable-Few" more often than that of the "Inn-Crowd". Perhaps, together, we can create a "Stable-Many!"