

St. Ann School

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Wednesday Memo



Total for 20 Lunches
for Oct. : \$60.90

Monday, Oct. 21

Supervision

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Supervision

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Supervision

Thursday, Oct. 24

Supervision

Friday, Oct. 25

Grilled Chicken Sandwich

Welhoefer, Hanson

French Toast Sticks/Cheese
Omelets

Horton, Pedersen

Shredded BBQ Pork Sand-
wich

Ploch, Clark, L.

Rotini w. Meat Sauce

Pedersen, Langenohl

Classes dismissed 11:00 AM

Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive by 11:15 AM.

School Picture Retake Day

If your child missed School Picture Day in September OR if you are dissatisfied with your child's picture, Lifetouch is offering a retake day on Tuesday, October 22 starting at 8:00 AM. If you wish a retake because you are dissatisfied with your child's photo, please bring your photo packet in before Oct. 22. You may wish to write any comments on the packet if you wish the photographer to take note of any changes you may wish. If you did not receive the proper photos in your order, please notify the school office.



The **Wednesday Memo** is now available on our School Website under news archive. Check it out at www.stanns-school.org



What a great response to our coat drive! Our final coat count was 66. Many thanks to all who participated.

Monthly Tuition was due Oct. 15.

Please send payment to the school office.



Just a reminder, this Thursday is the last day to order this month! October has two free items. With every \$40 purchase you will receive free Broccoli Florets and with a \$90 online purchase and the promo code: OCTBONUS, you will receive free Chic-NSteakes. Remember to qualify for the Frequent Buyer item. Make two purchases of \$40 or more between September and November then one more in December to receive a free hanging organizer at the December sale pick-up. Don't forget to enter the Great Grocery Giveaway! You could win free groceries for a year! All orders need to be placed by Thursday October 17. All paper orders need to be turned into the Market Day box outside the teacher's lounge by 3pm and all online orders at marketday.com need to be placed by 11pm. The pick-up date is Monday October 21 in the gym at 4:30 to 6pm. Please let Koreen Kuhn know if you have any issues with picking up your order or any other general questions at jhkuhn@charter.net or 712-4126.



Principal's Corner

A Road Trip With Mom

This past weekend my sisters and I took my mom on a fifty mile drive along the Mississippi River from Dubuque to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin along the Great River Road of Iowa. We stopped at scenic overlooks, paused to watch barges go through Lock and Dams, drove through old river towns and ended up having a picnic lunch at Pikes Peak State Park. As we drove, Mom would comment on the beautiful leaves changing, the quaint homes in the river towns and all the memories of past visits to these special places of interest that we enjoyed as a family. Mom's spirit and my own was reenergized by the beautiful weather, the ability to sit quietly in wonder and awe as we traveled and as we stood at points overlooking the mighty Mississippi River. Mom's childlike enthusiasm invited each of us to be embraced by God's presence in so many simple ways.

As I drove back to Stoughton that evening, I reflected upon how such a day helps me to deepen my own personal spirituality. I offer some of my thoughts to you as practical suggestions on how you can guide your children and yourselves to know God more deeply.

Promote quiet time. Scripture reminds us, "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) Introduce a period of quiet time each day to your child, where he/she can rest or just sit quietly and reflect upon God's presence in his/her life.

Model the spiritual life for your child. Like the saints, be the best possible role model for your child through your words and actions. Be aware of your child's actions, words and values. Pay attention to how they treat friends, adults, strangers and animals. Model how to speak courteously to everyone, show respect to people from all walks of life and how to treat animals kindly.

Teach your child to pray. As soon as your child can understand language, teach him/her how to pray. Upon seeing a flower opening, offer this type of prayer with your child, "Thank you, God, for this sign of new life." If your child has a pet, pause with your child to pray, "Thank you, God, for our dog, Buddy. Bless him." Express gratitude to God for friends at school and for caring teachers. Pray whenever they hear a siren, asking God to watch over and bless anyone involved in the emergency. Create a litany of thanks as you share your evening meal together.

Encourage stewardship of our earth. A sense of spirituality includes developing a sense of respect for what God has created and given to us. Teach your child to set time aside to recycle plastics and newspapers, to turn off the lights when they leave a room, not to litter, to plant seeds or flowers and to take care of them as they grow.

Help your child recognize God's presence in nature. Psalm 139 expresses awareness of God in the heavens, during the dawn and on the far side of the sea. Pause with your child to praise God for the gentle fall breezes, the colorful leaves, the starry sky, at the river's edge, on a mountain top... Pause and listen to birds in the early morning or watch a squirrel scurry up a tree. And He said, "It is good!"

May your family be blessed with moments to pause, reflect and enjoy the presence of God in the activities and routines of your every day life. Enjoy the little joys which are spiritual moments, moments when God is embracing you with love!

~ Ms. Leonard

It's a CLASS ACT

Reading with your Children

By Ms. Demeter, 6th grade

One of the most important ways a student can learn and experience new things is read. In our 6th grade reading class, we experience new books and learn the importance of reading through a "Reading Workshop." Each day the students come in, we have a short lesson, and then the students just read a book of their choice. In order for children to become habitual, critical readers, they must always have a "just right" book in their hands. This is a book that is not too easy or not too hard for their reading level. It also is a book that interests them! During Reading



Workshop, I talk to each of my students about what they are reading. It is amazing to hear the wonderful, critical, and interesting

things your children discuss with me.

A great way to encourage this kind of reading is to take a few trips to the library each month. I tell each of my students to have a library card, and make good use of this free way to get amazing literature in their hands. In my room, we always have to read 30 minutes a night. Even me! Take the time to read with your children for the 30 minutes and discuss what you have read. I know you will be proud to hear what you children tell you.

Happy Reading!

To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.

~ Victor Hugo

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents. ~ Emilie Buchwald

5th Grade at the Catholic Multicultural Center

By Mrs. Stano



Each year the fifth grade has a wonderful opportunity to answer the call to stewardship. Once a month we travel to the Catholic Multicultural Center to offer our services of cleaning, organizing, dusting, vacuuming, and helping the staff prepare for the mobile food pantry.

Our first visit this year was Oct. 2. While Antonio, a long time staff member of the Center, was showing us around we came upon a very bare food pantry. This food pantry is different from the mobile pantry that is once a month. This pantry is used by families that are in an emergency situation. Meaning the family may have run out of food mid-month and would need more to get them through until it is time again for the larger mobile food pantry.

As we stood in this bare pantry I said to Antonio "Surely there must be more food?" and he replied with a simple, "No." I could see that the students were shocked that people who might have needed food might only be able to choose from a few cans of corn, noodles, peanut butter, and boxed potatoes.

Mrs. Mehring was chaperoning with us that day. As we were leaving I was talking with her about the fact that I had never seen the pantry that empty. We started talking about how a food drive would be a good thing for the kids to do and the fact that we had a picture to support the fact that the pantry was bare.

A few weeks have passed since our visit and I still could not get that image of the bare shelves out of my head. During our recent staff meeting we were told that the students would be allowed to dress up for Halloween. The catch; a donated canned good item for a food pantry in order to dress up. I spoke up and asked if it would be ok to donate that food to the CMC and the staff unanimously and cheerfully agreed that the food collected should go there.

So, we are going to "Dress Up" the shelves of the food pantry at the CMC. I know that the staff and the community will be so grateful for our donations. And, I know that the fifth grade as well as the rest of the school will do their best to support this wonderful community center that provides so much to so many people. Be on the lookout for more details about the Halloween dress up/food donation and a picture of the bare shelves of the CMC.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Grandparent/ Special Person Day, Friday, Nov. 8

Grandparent / Special Person Day will be held on Friday, November 8. There will be a morning session from 9-11 AM (guests are invited to join us for all school Mass at 8:10 AM) and an afternoon session from 12:45 - 3 PM. The visit will include a prayer, entertainment, refreshments and activities.

Reservations are required and are due October 30. We need accurate numbers for seating and refreshments and activities. **Reservation Forms were sent home today!**

Please make sure that you have made a reservation if your child is planning to bring a guest to either the morning or afternoon session. As a reminder, due to space restrictions, we will not be able to accommodate younger siblings and parents. We look forward to honoring your child's grandparent/special person on this day.

All Saints Day School Mass



Students will be celebrating All Saints Day at 8:10 AM Mass on Friday, November 1. Students in grades 1-4 are to dress as their favorite Saint or Patron Saint. Saints costumes should be very simple: often a robe or tunic can depict a saint or a special symbol of that saint. All students in these grades are encouraged to dress in these costumes on this day. Students in Grade 5 will prepare special portraits. Students in grades 6-8 will carry in banners and candles for Mass. Kindergarten will wear saints crowns that they have created in class.



Music Classes

A guest artist will be coming to present to 2nd-8th grade students during music classes on October 18. Sid Boersma is a local musician with an expertise in bluegrass music. He will be demonstrating a variety of instruments as he teaches bluegrass style to the students.

~Charis Boersma

Seat of Wisdom Diocesan Institute Charity and Social Justice Course offered at St. Ann Parish, Healy Hall, October 22 and 29, 6 – 9 PM

Inspired in this Year of Faith by Pope Francis' emphasis on charity and social justice, the OEC is sponsoring new courses on Catholic Social Doctrine being taught by **Dr. Constance Nielsen** who earned her Ph.D. in Religious Studies with this particular emphasis. A 6-hour course will be offered in two parts at St. Ann Parish on October 22 and 29.

The class will focus on understanding the key themes of the Church's social teaching, such as human dignity and development, solidarity, subsidiarity and the common good. This class will also examine how the Church's presentation has developed in order to respond to the "signs of the times" and address specific questions such as, "**What are the rights of unions?**" "**How does the right to own private property fit into the pursuit of the Beatitudes?**" "**What is the role of the State?**" "**What are the causes of involuntary poverty?**" and "**What does the Gospel call us to do as citizens?**"

To register: Call the St. Ann Parish office at 608/873-7633. For questions, please call 608-821-3160.

To register to attend for SOWDI credit (advanced doctrine—6 hours): please go to:

http://apps.madisondiocese.org/DOM_Parish_Data/SOWDI.aspx .