

St. Ann School

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Wednesday Memo



School Lunch
Menu

Lunch supervision volunteers
must arrive by 11:15 AM.

Total for 19 Lunches for Feb-

ruary: \$55.10

Monday, Feb. 9	Tator Tot Hotdish
Supervision	Johnson; Clark, Megan
Tuesday, Feb. 10	Breaded Chicken Patty
Supervision	NEEDED, NEEDED
Wednesday, Feb. 11	Beefy Macaroni "Goulash"
Supervision	Hansion, Nelson
Thursday, Feb. 12	Cheese Quesadillas
Supervision	Erickson, Mehring
Friday, Feb. 13	Sloppy Joes
Supervision	Milota, Royko

Report Cards

Report cards for grades K-8 will be sent home on Thursday, Feb. 5. Please check your child's backpack.

SCRIP Order due on Monday

Please order online, drop off an order form or email or text Diane Neumeyer: neumeyerdi-ane@yahoo.com 608-235-3274.



St. Ann Drama Club News

St. Ann School Drama Club will be performing Disney's Lion King, Jr. on May 8 & 9, 2015. Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to participate in Drama Club. Our director for this program is DeeDee Bouzak, who is also Stoughton High School's theater director. Students from Stoughton High School are assistant directors for our program. We look forward to seeing another wonderful play performed by our St. Ann School students.

Home & School Steering Meeting

You are welcome to join Home & School for their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 12 in Healy Hall.

Monthly Tuition Due

As a reminder, monthly tuition is due on Monday, February 16. Thank you for your prompt payments.

Lent is Coming

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18. We will be sending you a link in the near future to a website that will provide you with a great opportunity to enrich your Lenten experience. If you enjoyed the DVD that you received at the beginning of the school year, "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality" by Matthew Kelly, we believe you will find this program a very powerful way to bring you closer to God this Lent..

Happy St. Valentine's Day

Students will be celebrating St. Valentine's Day on Friday, February 13 will celebrations in their homerooms at the end of the day.

Two Events— One Night Camp Gray Family Night for K and Up Middle School Lock-In

In your family envelope today is a flyer about our family Camp Gray Retreat Night on Friday, February 27. All families of students in grades K and up are invited to this fun team-building faith-filled event from 5-10 PM. Dinner will be served that evening. After the family night, there will be a Middle School Lock-in for our students in grade 6-8. Please fill out the form in your family envelope and return to school as soon as possible so we can plan for this fun evening.



Principal's Corner

Nurturing Our Faith

I have to admit that there are times when I worry about our faith and our youth. Admit it: our children attend Mass less than ever, and often times having faith and especially being Catholic means being a target for criticism. I worry that many of our youth don't have strong enough roots to enable them not only to practice their faith but to *evangelize* their passion for Christ. As I witness more and more how the secular world is stifling religious freedom, I ask myself, "How can I arm my children with the tools they will need to retain their faith?"

Over the weekend, I had the fortunate opportunity to participate in the Madison Diocese's *Frassati Fest* at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. For those not familiar, *Frassati* is a high school spiritual pep rally named after Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, an Italian, born in 1901, who at a young age was known for his piety and work with the youth. Although he only lived to the age of 24, he became widely known for his activism. As St. John Paul stated in 1989, he was "a man of the Beatitudes." In total, there were over 300 high school students attending *Frassati Fest* this year, and I cannot describe in enough detail the atmosphere of love, respect, and energy this group exerted as they celebrated their love of our Lord. The weekend consisted of everything from breakout sessions focusing on topics, such as *Prayer* and *Discovering your Story in Scripture*, to personal testimonies from the leaders. In addition, the teens had Adoration and ended the weekend with Mass. Of course, there was also time for fun at the waterpark. For our youth, events like *Frassati Fest* are so important. Nothing gives a teenager strength and perseverance like other teens that have your Catholic back, so-to-speak. In addition, although I could give witness until I'm blue in the face, teens are more affected when they hear a 17-year-old describe his faith journey and how the Holy Spirit works through him than they are listening to "Mom."

Returning home, I once again had to thank God for our continuing mission at St. Ann's. Along with you, we are planting the roots that our children so desperately need. What we must figure out, however, is a way to nurture the rest of the plant so that our children leave St. Ann's with a deeper LOVE of their faith and the comfort to express it. Unless they feel comfortable evangelizing their faith, we cannot bring more youth to the Church. As a parent, I have started this nurturing at home with my own kids. I have been guilty of assuming that since my kids had the roots that naturally the rest of the plant would just grow as they journeyed through the sacraments. I was mistaken, and therefore I have been making a more conscience effort to make my faith a living part of my daily life. For example, I have to admit that up until the last year or so, I have never felt comfortable saying, "I love the Lord." For me, although I was faith-filled, it almost felt corny or overly dramatic, and I was uncomfortable at how others would perceive me. I am finding, however, that the more I pray and share my growing faith with others, the more the words cannot help but be spoken. It truly is the working of the Holy Spirit. Now my children are becoming accustomed to my vocabulary and are seeing firsthand how the Holy Spirit is working through me. It may seem like a very small step, but I encourage you at home to do the same. You will be amazed the influence your testimony has on them, and you will be nurturing those roots that we have all worked so hard to plant.

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