



# St. Ann School Wednesday Memo

SAINT ANN SCHOOL  
— putting faith in education —

12/7/16



**Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive no later than 11:15 AM (11:00 AM if possible).**

**Total for 15 Lunches for December: \$44.25**

<b>Monday, Dec. 12</b>	<b>Scalloped Potatoes and Ham</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Scott</b>
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 13</b>	<b>Chicken Tostadas (Advent Concert Tonight)</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Unitan</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 14</b>	<b>Hamburger or Cheeseburger</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Caravella</b>
<b>Thursday, Dec. 15</b>	<b>Italian Dunkers</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Dugan</b>
<b>Friday, Dec. 16</b>	<b>Baked Chicken</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Schafer</b>



## Holiday Bazaar Update Friday, December 16

The third annual Holiday Bazaar, presented by our middle school, will be on **Friday, December 16 from 9:30-11 AM**. The middle school students are hard at work making some great items to sell. Items will include pillows, pillowcases, ornaments, baked goods, bath salt, socks, Christmas cards, and more. We would like to ask all students to bring money to purchase these homemade items on that Friday. Cost of items will range from \$0.50 to \$4.00 each. All profits will be used for the spring middle school field trip. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julie Grutzner, middle school social studies teacher.



## St. Ann School Advent Concert "The Light Before Christmas" **Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016 6:30 PM in the Church**

As you are preparing your child for our upcoming Advent Concert, please remember these expectations:

Students should dress in Sunday best. Jeans are not allowed for this concert.

Attendance is **REQUIRED** unless a prior excuse has been given **IN WRITING** to Mrs. Gleason.



## Madison Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot

Sunday, December 18, 2016  
11:00 AM-1:30 PM  
Ages 8-13

Edgewood High School  
2219 Monroe St., Madison

Registration forms are available at the St. Ann School office.  
Additional info at [www.madisonelkslodge.org](http://www.madisonelkslodge.org).



## School Mass this Thursday

Please join us for school Mass this Thursday, December 7, at 8:00 AM for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please remind your child to wear their St. Ann School Logo-wear to school on Thursday.

## Candy Cane Sales

Throughout this week, middle school students will be selling candy canes at lunch for 25¢ each. Candy canes are traditionally purchased to give to a friend as a secret Santa surprise. Proceeds will go towards middle school class trips.



## Don't forget to order SCRIP!

Remember Scrip for your  
holiday and everyday shopping!



# Principal's Corner

For the past two years, I have tuned in to Dynamic Catholic's series, "Best Advent Ever." Each week, I receive an email, along with a video, reflection, and prayer, suggesting ways that I can prepare myself for Christmas. This week's topic is "Am I Surviving or Thriving?" I think many of us struggle with this time of year and the feeble attempts we make to simply survive the holidays. There are decorations to be hung, sweets to bake, gifts to be wrapped, and in our attempt to create the perfect season, we lose what matters most: thriving in the joy of Christ's coming. I envy those who somehow manage to do all those things and still maintain the spirit of the season. I typically end up exhausted and disappointed that yet another Christmas has come and gone and I hadn't had the chance to simply enjoy it.



After watching this week's video, I am determined more than ever to find those moments that will allow me to thrive in the season. Perhaps this means that I have to forget about a few of the decorations or find a more efficient way to shop or bake. If as a result, I end up being more at peace, I know my family will appreciate that much more than a few more strings of garland or even a batch of cookies. Ultimately, the choice is mine. It's time to stop making excuses or blaming others for the pressure I place upon myself.

Similarly, the readings this weekend, along with Father Randy's homily, suggested another way to thrive this season: unite in Christ's mission. St. Paul's letter to the Romans prayed that "God ...grant [them] to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord [they] may with one voice glorify the God and Father of Lord Jesus Christ." As Father explained, this mission to live as Jesus taught us can sometimes become difficult when what we think Jesus would want is actually our own agenda.

As a principal, I question myself constantly when attempting to make the best decision for our kids. Often times, parents, students, and even teachers have varying ideas of what is best for the St. Ann community. Some want more discipline; others want stronger leadership, while others want fewer restrictions. It's a juggling act that can sometimes be difficult to maintain, but if I spend time in quiet prayer and really ASK Jesus to guide me, ultimately, I am left with the same answer time and time again about the true meaning of being a disciple of Christ and living the mission: to bring others closer to Jesus to experience His grace and mercy. If I keep my focus zoomed in, then I know that I will, indeed, thrive this Advent season.

~ Mrs. Roisum