



St. Ann School Wednesday Memo

SAINT ANN SCHOOL
— putting faith in education —

12/9/15

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



Total for 16 Lunches for December: \$47.20.

Monday, Dec. 14	Hot Ham & Cheese
Supervision	Caravella
Tuesday, Dec. 15	Nachos & Cheesy Ground Beef
Supervision	Glanville
Wed., Dec. 16	Turkey Noodle Hotdish
Supervision	Karlen
Thursday, Dec. 17	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
Supervision	Wiese
Friday, Dec. 18	Sloppy Joes
Supervision	Pedersen

6, 7, 8th Grade Holiday Bazaar



The middle school students will be hosting the annual Holiday Bazaar on Friday, December 18 from 9:15am - 10:45am in Healy Hall. Elementary students and parishioners are invited to peruse the holiday crafts and baked good items that the students have created. Most items are priced between \$1 and \$3. Therefore, we suggest that students bring no more than \$5 to spend at the Holiday Bazaar. All proceeds from the event will benefit our St. Ann Middle School Spring Science Field Trip. Snow date will be Monday, Dec. 21. Thank you for your contribution!

Dates to Note:

- Dec. 10 Home & School Steering Committee Mtg. 6:30 PM**
- Dec. 15 Monthly Tuition Due, Advent Concert 6:30 PM**
- Dec. 18 Holiday Bazaar, 9:15 AM**
- Dec. 22 Las Posadas Procession, 2 PM**

Last Reminder: Advent Program



St. Ann School will hold an Advent Program presenting students, (K—8) on **Tuesday, December 15, at 6:30 PM** in the Church. Students should arrive no later than 6:15 PM. Students are to dress in their Sunday BEST. No jeans. Dress shoes if you have them, please.

There will be a reception in the gym following the program. **Please provide one or two dozen bars or cookies or other healthy snacks** for the reception following the concert event.

As a reminder, **all items are to be free of nuts or nut products**. These items can be dropped off at the school kitchen anytime on Tuesday, December 15, before the concert. We look forward to seeing you at the concert.

SCRIP

 We will be selling SCRIP gift cards after Mass this weekend and next weekend. Help support St. Ann School by buying SCRIP for all your shopping needs and holiday gift giving. The last order date before Christmas for SCRIP is December 14.

St. Ann School Las Posadas Scheduled for December 22nd

What is Las Posadas? This is a traditional Hispanic celebration that reenacts the journey of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging as they prepare for Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. The word *posada* means *inn or place of lodging*. So *Las Posadas* is a *procession of Mary and Joseph, guided by an angel, going from door to door seeking lodging*. Traditional songs are sung in Spanish and English as they travel, are turned away, and then at the end finally given a place to stay.

Here at St. Ann's School under the direction of Ms. Gilbert the 7th and 8th grade students will be leading a procession from classroom to classroom. All the students will end the journey with the kindergarten students welcoming Mary, Joseph, and their traveling crowd into their home (the gym). Songs will be sung in Spanish and English. Following the celebration, we will sing carols in the gym.

Las Posadas is a wonderful tool to teach children about awaiting the joyful coming of Jesus, welcoming the stranger among us, and serving the needs of others.

Important Note for Parents of grades 3-8. In your family envelope today is the results of your child's Iowa Assessments test, along with a letter from our principal, Kara Roisum. If you have any questions about these assessments feel free to call the school office.



Principal's Corner

“You cannot conceive of a true Christian who is not merciful, just as you cannot conceive of God without his mercy. Mercy is the key word of the Gospel. ... We should not be afraid: We should allow ourselves to be embraced by the mercy of God, who waits for us and forgives everything.” ~ Pope Francis, December 8, 2015.

The Year of Mercy has officially begun, and our mission to be more merciful is on the hearts and minds of our students. Just yesterday, I was watching as the 5th grade brought their “Advent of Mercy” ornaments to hang on our tree outside the office. They were sharing with Mrs. Stano their excitement over the 2 acts of mercy they are working on for Advent. The first was their collection of personal hygiene items to donate to the Catholic Multicultural Center. The second act will happen this Friday as parishioner Peg Koch once again joins the 5th graders as they bake and prepare cookie trays to be delivered to our homebound friends and families in Stoughton. In addition, our school’s Faith Family activity last week in which we prepared goodie boxes for recent St. Ann Parish High School Graduates was a huge success. The kids did a beautiful job creating cards of encouragement and Christmas wishes, and as I delivered them, it was wonderful to see the look of surprise on the faces of the young men and women receiving them, knowing that we were thinking about them and praying for them as they discerned their vocations. Finally, thanks to the “Kids-4-Kids” campaign, many people from Stoughton as well as surrounding cities were able to share their love and mercy to the Reynold’s family this past Saturday. What a turnout! It was the first time Mrs. Reynolds was able to get out, and what a beautiful way to welcome her. To say the day was a success is an understatement; the goal was not only met but exceeded, and thus Martin Luther Christian School will be donating the full \$7000.00 in matching funds to the family.

This is exactly what Pope Francis’ message of the Jubilee is all about: taking the mercy that God grants to each of us every day no matter what and “paying it forward” to someone whose path wouldn’t normally overlap with ours. I am hoping that all of us can continue to find unique ways to express our mercy toward others. The good news is that there are literally dozens of resources on the Internet for things kids can do. My challenge to all families is to brainstorm some of these ideas with your own kids and have them bring the ideas back to school. Although it’s wonderful to have kids participate in the various activities, as the kids behind the Kids-4-Kids group can attest, it’s even MORE meaningful to help be the inspiration behind the activity.

~ Kara Roisum

Report Cards Available Online today

Report Cards for grades K-8 will be available online at the end of the day. We have had a few glitches this year as we slowly begin to improve our standardized grading system, so please bear with us.

If you require a paper copy, please let the office know and we will print one for you.