



The Weekly Warrior

Check out the news and events happening at St. Charles School!



Dear school families,

Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Market. This was a wonderful event for our parish family. We know this event will grow even more for next year.

As we attend Mass this weekend, we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. We are rejoicing because Jesus is coming to each one of us! He is our hope and our light. By entering our humanity he brings eternity to our reality. With Christmas days away, may we slip away for a moment to focus on the real holiday magic of this season. May our hearts be ready to welcome Jesus as God's eternal gift to the world. (taken from *Living With Christ*, December 2019, p.124)

Congratulations to Aayva Peacock and George Amidon who received a "1" rating in the recent District Solo Ensemble Competition held in Coopersville Middle School last Saturday.

Students of St. Charles and St. Joseph/St. Mary families received offertory envelopes this week. Please talk to your children giving back to God-- whether it be time, talent or treasure. Children can bring these envelopes to Mass when you attend Mass as a family.

Next week will prove to be a busy one. Here are the reminders:

- **Warrior 52 raffle tickets need to be turned in by Friday. If you want to sell over the Christmas break, please contact me.**
- Students have been practicing for the sing-a-long to be held on Thursday, Dec. 19 beginning at 12:30 in the Activity Building. Everyone is invited.
- Classroom Christmas socials will take place after the sing-a-long.
- We will celebrate Mass on Friday, December 20 at our usual time of 1:00 p.m.

Have a wonderful week ahead preparing for the birth of Christ.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

13 Santa Night 6-7:30
 17 Taco Tuesday - Nick Blackmer
 18 Cooking Club for all grades until 3:30
 19 Christmas Sing-a-long 12:30 PM Social to follow
 19-20 No PM Busing
 20 Pizza Friday - Indira Smith
 20 Last day of school before break
 25 Merry Christmas!!!

JANUARY 2020

1 Happy New Year!!!
 6 Back to School



The Fruit of Silent Prayer

It's tempting to look at Zechariah's silencing as nothing more than a punishment for his unbelief. But as we look at his prayer of praise (Luke 1:68-79) it clear that God was doing something deeper. Zechariah had an important role to play in God's plan, and he needed to be ready for it. He needed to instill in his son a faith that could endure persecution and misunderstanding. He had to teach John to pray expectantly and to hear God's word for his people. And he had to give him the courage he would need to proclaim that word even if it meant arrest and martyrdom.

Taken from: *The Word Among Us*, Advent 2019



Scrip Corner

Our final order before Christmas will be December 17th!!!! The order will go at 1 PM to assure arrival before Friday, the 20th. Please be sure to have all your orders that you want for Christmas in before that time!!!

So if you are ordering gift cards for Christmas, please have the order to us by the 17th!



**The winner of the Weekly Warrior 52 raffle last week was: Terry Russell
Congratulations!!!!**



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School Mission Statement

- St. Charles Catholic School is dedicated to:
- Teaching the message of Jesus
- Building the Christian Community
- Providing a quality education
- Participating in Catholic Worship through instruction, example and environment
- Serving those in need

United in Prayer

Throughout this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of our Lord, let us join together to pray the **Advent Prayer** with your family, during your personal prayer, and adoration time, and with members from our community as you gather for different meetings and events.

Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 14, 5:00 PM (SC)

Aaron, Annie and George Amidon

Sunday, December 15, 8:00 AM (SM)

Drew & Lizzie Feuerstein and Katie Gasper

Sunday, December 15, 9:00 AM (SC)

Ryan, Madison and Carter Cusack

Sunday, December 15, 11:00 AM (SJ)

Lexie & Lanie Feuerstein and Theo Iwuh

December 16 9:00 AM (SC)

December 17 6:30 PM (SJ)

December 18 9:00 AM (SC)

December 19 9:00 AM (SJ)

December 20 1:00 PM (SC) All School Mass

Please come and join us for Mass.