



The Weekly Warrior

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



Dear school families,

The beautiful liturgical season of Advent is upon us. I pray that we all grow closer to God during this time as we watch and wait for the birth of Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel reading from Matthew this Sunday, we hear John the Baptist saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" John is the great messenger of the Messiah, the one who proclaims to a waiting world that the promise of the ages has come to pass. The call to repentance is also directed to us. We are called to repent of whatever hinders us from receiving with our whole being the message of the Messiah, a message of peace, mercy and justice for all. (taken from *Daily Prayer 2020*, p. 8)

Be sure to visit the Christmas Market this Saturday.

There are many vendors participating, and you will be sure to find some wonderful gifts for family and friends. This event supports YM3, religious education and the school.

This time of year is surely busy for all of us. Students are busy practicing songs for our Christmas sing-a-long on Thursday, December 19 beginning at 12:30 in the Activity Building. Please plan to attend this wonderful event.

Please keep the second graders in your prayers as they will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation next week.

Our seventh and eighth graders will travel to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Belmont next week for a NET retreat with students from ABVM and St. Patrick's in Parnell. This will be a great experience for them.

Be sure to see the flyer about the PTO Santa night next Friday, December 13, beginning at 6:00 in the Activity Building. This is a fun family event sponsored by the PTO. Be sure to RSVP, so we have an accurate count for pizza.

Due to Greenville Public School's professional development afternoon next Wednesday, December 11, there will NOT be orchestra, band or p.m. bus service.

Advent blessings.



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Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- 7 Christmas Market 9-3:30
- 9 Charity Day - Toys for Tots
- 10 Taco Tuesday - Kari Meulenberg
- 10 Prayer Warriors
- 11 No PM Busing
- 11 Cooking Club Grades 7 & 8 until 3:45
- 12 Library - Amber Landis
- 13 Pizza Friday - Krysta Russell & Jenny Albert
- 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



Second Sunday of Advent

How can we prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming, both at Christmas and at the Second Coming? Here's one idea: just as you give Christmas gifts to your friends and family, think of a gift you could give the Christ child.

Here are some possibilities.

Set aside an hour each week to sit before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In the quiet of his presence, praise and thank him for becoming a man and saving you from sin and death. Serve the needy in some way. Volunteer at a food kitchen, buy gifts for a struggling family or help decorate the home of an elderly neighbor.

See where you have strayed from God. Then go to confession and receive his forgiveness and the grace to follow him more closely. Is there anyone you need to forgive? Ask Jesus to help you forgive that person, and then reconcile with them if possible.

Scrip Corner

Scrip ordering schedule!!!!

We will be ordering next week Tuesday, December 10th at 1 PM. 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: Katie Smith
Congratulations!!!!**

Greenville Ecumenical Food Pantry would like to thank the students and families of St. Charles School for their generous donations to our food pantry. Your kindness benefits so many in our local community. We appreciate your continued support!

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 7, 5:00 PM (SC)

Sullivan Family

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

Will & Lena Ostermeyer and Evan Stahlin

Sunday, December 8, 9:00 AM (SC)

Charlie Weinheimer, Carson Landis and Luis Cruz

Sunday, December 8, 11:00 AM (SJ)

Jackson Porta, Jack & Grace Verdun

December 9 9:00 AM (SC)

December 10 6:30 PM (SJ)

December 11 10:00 AM (Green Acres)

December 12 10:00 AM (Metron - Belding)

December 13 1:00 PM (SC) All School Mass

Please come and join us for Mass.