



Dear Parents,

I am blessed to be in a position to witness the power of joy firsthand each day. I see it in the bright eyes of our students as they prepare for the Christmas play, in their acts of generosity towards those less fortunate, and in their unwavering faith.

But this joy is not confined to the walls of our school. It extends to each and every one of you, parents, who play such a vital role in nurturing the faith and values of your children. Your dedication to their education and spiritual growth is truly inspiring.

This Christmas, I encourage you to cherish the simple joys of the season: spending time with loved ones, sharing meals, giving gifts, and most importantly, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Grellner

Home and School Raffle Winners:

- Week 1 -\$1000 Preschool Class sold by Preschool Class
- Week 2-\$100 Kara Neihart sold by Annabelle (4) and JJ (1) Neihart
- Week 3-\$100 Robb Huot sold by Charlie (7) and Maggie (5) Reinkemeyer
- Week 4-\$100 Cathy Niekamp sold by Grace (4), Carter (2), and Jack (PK) Terry
- Week 5-\$100 Garry Sullentrup sold by Oliver Sullentrup (4)
- Week 6-\$100 Jeri Ann Rackers sold by Colleen (8) and Daniel (6) Clough
- Week 7- \$100 Kenny Booth sold by Raelynn Cooper (K)
- Week 8- \$100 Lara Oidtman sold by Kate (5), Ross (3), and Nora (2) Bradford
- Week 9 -\$100 Lori Muenks sold by Kaydence (8) and Brady (3) Nilges.
- Week 10-\$1500 Vicki Sallin sold by Mason (4), LaylaMay (1) and Trevor (PK) Sallin

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December 15, 2023

Servers for Weekend Mass:

5pm- Elyse Brandt, Adalyn Brandt, Amelia Brandt

10 am- Charli Lenger, Harper Lenger, Liza Neuner

<p><u>January birthdays</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Audrey Curless (3) 2-Justyce Koenigsfeld (8) 6-Jentry Mosley (2) 7-Cooper Rikard (2) 8-Ezden Blauvelt (2) 13-Gibson Hamburg (1) 16-Lucy Brandt (5) 17-Hank Dudenhoeffer (3) 19-Colton Leivian (8) 19-John Craig Klebba (PK) 20-Emric Eisterhold (PK) 23-Briar Prenger (PK) 23-Marla Sprenger (4) 24-Annabelle Neihart (4) 29-Dawson Sprenger (8) 	<p><u>Important Dates:</u></p> <p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-No School 3-Classes Resume 5-Report Cards go home 15-No School 16-8th grade retreat in Folk 19-Speech Meet at SGS 23-Home and School Meeting @7:00 pm in lobby 26-4 D Day sponsored by 4th gr. 28-Kick off to Catholic Schools Week
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This time there are so many activities around school and around the community that it takes many volunteers in order for it to be successful.

A huge thank you to all those who rode or walked with our float. A special thank you to Lucas Hoffman who drove the truck and to Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Reinkemeyer who walked with the students.

I would also like to thank Kim and Lilly Foster for singing at Church during the Navities Showcase. I was not able to attend, but I heard these two ladies were wonderful and helped make the presentation an awesome representation of our school.

I would also be remiss if I didn't thank Craig Leivian, Brian Lumpkin, Nick Schmitz, Ethan Grellner, Dakota Saunders, Jim Klouzek, Boone Tryee, Bruce Sprenger and Jeff Heckman for helping set up the stage.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS HOSTING A WINTER COAT DRIVE. YOU CAN DROP OFF ITEMS IN CHURCH.

If your child is absent, or there is a change in plans, please inform the office and not just your child's teacher.

St. Ann's Sodality will have a Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday, December 17th in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Donations may be dropped off at the Church basement on Saturday evening before Mass or on Sunday morning after 7:30 am. All donations are welcome. Come to buy Christmas cookies, candy, sweet rolls, pies, jelly and other goodies.

December's Outstanding Warriors



The December virtue of the month was patience. This seems appropriate since we all seem to get busier during this time. Congratulations to the following students who received the Outstanding Warrior Award for December: Genna Haslag, daughter of Clayton and Tasha Haslag, Adalyn Brandt, daughter of Paul and Courtney Brandt, Will Kuschel, son of Kurt and Katie Kuschel, Kate Bradford, daughter of Will and Abby Bradford, Mason Sallin, son of Ben and Kim Sallin, Nora Alderson, daughter of Joe and Laura Alderson, Colton Frank, son of Troy and Kelly Frank, Anslee Dudenhoeffer, daughter of Kevin and Jenna Dudenhoeffer, Gentry Deeken, daughter of Brad Deeken and Jordyn Hoffmeyer, and Emmett Lenger, son of Derek and Sheila Lenger. These students displayed patience and kindness as they acted Christ-centered and faith directed in all that they are.

Taste of Italy Updates

Taste of Italy packets were sent home on Wednesday, December 13th. Each school family is asked to work their assigned shift, sell 6 dinner, and 10 raffle tickets. All dinner and raffle tickets, sold or unsold, need to be returned to the school office by January 19th. Please send ticket money to the school office as you sell them. Mark the outside of the envelope with "Taste of Italy" and the family name. Checks can be made to "St. George Home & School". Families that sell at least 6 dinner, 10 raffle tickets AND return the money to the school office before 3PM on Friday, January 19th will be rewarded a dress down day. Meals will be served in the Activity Center on January 20, 2024 from 4-7:30 PM. Carry out meals are available from the Church basement. Silent auction is from 4:00-9:00 PM. The live auction is at 8:00 PM. Please watch the Home & School Facebook page for more information.

With the excitement of the holidays upon us, I encourage you to take some time to reflect on your accomplishments and celebrate your individual and collective successes. Let this be a time for rejuvenation and preparation for the exciting opportunities that await us in the next semester.

May the second semester be filled with continued growth, joy, and success. Congratulations to everyone on a remarkable semester!

Choir singing at Harbor Place.



Heartfelt Thank You to Our Generous School Families

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to express our deepest gratitude to all the wonderful families in our school community for your incredible generosity this holiday season.

Seeing the mountains of gifts piled high with love and care was truly heartwarming. We know that each one of those gifts represents an act of kindness and generosity, and we are incredibly grateful for the positive impact you have made.

We are so fortunate to be part of such a caring and supportive community. Your generosity is a testament to the wonderful people who make up our school family.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your kindness has truly made a difference and has brought joy to a family in need. We are so grateful to have you in our community.

God Bless You All,

St. George Catholic School Staff

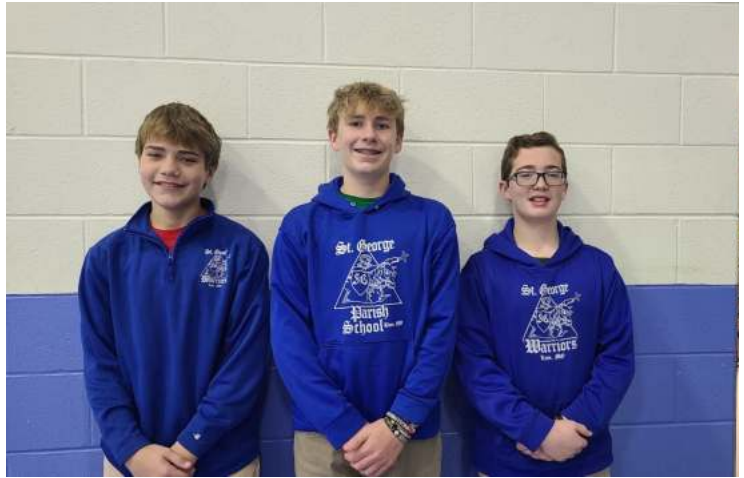
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We are wanting to have a cleaning day at school on December 17 immediately following Mass. It should take roughly an hour

Inclement Weather

With the season of possible inclement weather approaching, please note that most of the time we will be following Linn R2's schedule when they call for inclement weather. However, there may be times in which Linn R2 will not be in session due to weather conditions, and we will be in session if conditions improve. If it is possible, and we are prepared, we may be holding classes virtually. Please pay close attention to our textcaster. After School Care will be closed if we have a snow day. If school is dismissed early, After School Care will close 2 hours after dismissal.

Congratulations to Charlie Renkimeyer, Dawson Sprenger and Eli Kenigsfeld for being selected for the Junior High all District honors band. We are very proud of these gentlemen.



Miracle at Bethlehem

What a great performance. Congratulations to Ms. Meier for directing another fabulous Christmas program. I am so impressed with the students! All of them were wonderful!

