



December 8, 2023

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

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

SCRIP HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

It's time for the Scrip Holiday Extravaganza! Let us help you check items off your Christmas list while helping St. George School. This year the Scrip Holiday Extravaganza will look a little differently. All Scrip customers who purchase \$500 or more of scrip (electronic or physical gift cards) between *November 20 and December 17* will be entered in a drawing to win \$200 of Scrip gift cards of their choice from what we have in stock. The winner will be announced on December 19.

The Scrip Program is a fundraiser that pays for copy usage fees and maintenance costs at St. George School while sharing a portion of the sales rebates with the parish programs or St. George or Helias enrolled student registration fees of the purchaser's choice. You can purchase Scrip at the Scrip table before or after Mass, through the RaiseRight app, or by sending an order to the school or parish office. Order forms are available on the school website.

Servers for Weekend Mass:

- 5pm- Anna Peters, Kaydence Nilges, William Kuschel
- 10am- Preston Jaegers, Stuart Massman, Leo Massman

Calendar reminders:

December 15 will be the day before we go on Christmas break. Students will be on break from December 18th through January 2. All classes will resume on January 3rd. There will be no After Care during this time.

<p><u>December birthday</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9-Austin Curless (1) 15-Vasen Brandt (1) 16-Toryn Dudenhoeffer (4) 17-Estellise Womack (2) 18-Riley Kay (8) 18-Charli Lenger (8) 19-Sadie Kempker (PK) 20- Owen Voss (1) 22-Zachary Kliethermes (3) 22-Layla Loethen (1) 22-Jasper Alderson (2) 23-Nora Alderson (3) 26-Justin Neihart (1) 27-Rose Dahl (5) <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 Eistherhold (PK) 23-Briar Prenger (PK) 23-Marla Sprenger (4) 24-Annabelle Neihart (4) 29-Dawson Sprenger (8) 	<p><u>Important Dates:</u></p> <p><u>December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9-Christmas Parade 14-Christmas Program 1:00 pm and 7:00pm 15--Ornament Painting 5:30 -7:30 pm 12/18-1/2--Christmas Break <p><u>January</u></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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Our annual Home and School Ornament Decorating event will take place on December 15th from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Here is the the link to order your ornaments:

<https://forms.gle/QfEj31MajEbhnRZk6>

The Connection between Spiritual Preparation and Stewardship

Spiritual preparation and stewardship are interconnected aspects of Advent. By preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ, we are also preparing ourselves to be better stewards of His creation and His people. When we open ourselves to the transforming power of God's love, we are empowered to make a positive difference in the world.

During Advent, we are reminded that Jesus came into the world to save us and to make all things new. By preparing for His coming, we can also prepare our hearts to be instruments of His love and compassion.

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.

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.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Save the Date</i></p> <p><i>Taste of Italy will be held Saturday, January 20, 2024. An Italian dinner will be served in the gym with carry out meals available. This event raises roughly \$25,000 each year for Home & School. All parents, PK-8, will be asked to pre-sell dinner tickets, raffle tickets, and work a shift at the event. The auction committee is looking for handcrafted items for the live and silent auction, as well as sponsors for the event. If you have something to donate or want to be a sponsor, please contact Sharon Sprenger 573-619-8090 or Emily Koenigsfeld 573-469-8070. Thank you for your support!</i></p>	<p>Book Fair We are excited to announce that the SGS Book Fair will be open on December 9th from 9:00 to 12:30. Students have the opportunity during the week. Then again on Thursday after both Christmas performances.</p>
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Important Christmas Program Information

1. After the 1:00 pm performance, all costumes will be left at school.
2. Students will be allowed to go home after the 1:00 pm performance, with parent permission.
3. Doors will open at 6:30 pm for the evening performance. All students will report to their classroom.
4. After the program, no one will be going to the classrooms. Teachers will not be in their rooms for supervising purposes.