

St. Ann School

December 15th, 2011

Counting our Blessings...

St. Ann School Mission Statement

We at St. Ann School are guided by the Holy Spirit to provide an exceptional Catholic education for students spiritually, academically, physically, and socially.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM,
and 5:30PM

December Events

16 - K of C Free Throw Contest,
(during gym class, 8-14 yr. olds)

21 - PALS

21 - Christmas Vacation begins at
dismissal

25 - Merry Christmas

January Events

3 - School resumes

4 - Loaves & Fishes

4 - B Spirits @ St. Mary, 5:30PM

4 - A Spirits @ St. Mary, 6:30PM

5 - A Spirits vs. St. Pete, 5:30PM

5 - B Spirits vs. Trinity, 6:30PM

8 - K of C Parish Breakfast

14 - Girls Basketball Tournament
Time: TBA

24 - Advisory Mtg., 6:30PM

25 - PALS, 1:50PM

28 - Winterfest, 7PM-Midnight

From the Principal

I hope you are taking the time to enjoy the Christmas season, no matter how busy life is during this time! Please stop and smell the poinsettia! Speaking of which, thank you for making time to root for our girls basketball teams on Monday, and for coming to the Advent Programs on Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Richardson, and Mr. Sheldon for preparing our students to share their talents in a great way, through work and/or instrumental music, and for all of the special guests who joined us in the church or Parish Hall. Thank you sixth graders for leading us in our Liturgy on Wednesday and for joining the seventh graders in caroling at Lakeview Manor and Green Acres on Thursday. I appreciate our Principal for the Day, Mrs. Melissa Kendell, who spent the day shadowing me on Thursday, and our Knights of Columbus for providing students nine or older with the opportunity to compete in the Free Throw Contest.

Please remember that we will have only three days of school next week as Christmas vacation begins after school on Wednesday. Our 6th/7th grade girls basketball team will play at Gladwin on Monday, and our entire school (JrK - 7th grade) will enjoy Christmas Around the World on Tuesday. This event will feature 25-minute rotations throughout the day to do various activities from different countries around the world. Our 5th graders will be our altar servers, readers, and gift bearers at our School Liturgy on Wednesday.

I would like to thank all of our special guests who joined us for the Advent Programs on Tuesday, especially for providing the students with your presence for their performances. I also appreciate the cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc. that you donated and the spirited bidding for the Christmas trees in the Silent Auction. Your generosity (what a great example for our students) helped us raise \$720 for our school families so they may enjoy a merrier Christmas! This money, along with food from Loaves and Fishes Liturgy and donations from area businesses, school and school families, Women's Circles, St. Ann Choir, etc., will help several of our families through the holidays. St. Ann School, in partnership with the Knights of Columbus and several area businesses, will be establishing our own Food Pantry to help school and/or parish families each month to help meet their needs (food, paper products, etc.). Please let us know if your family or a St. Ann family you know would like to benefit from this program (call the school office at 775-1301). You may also help these families by continuing to donate through Loaves and Fishes (first Wednesday of the month) or by any other way you would like. Thank you for helping us take care of our own families! A big thank you goes to the Reuther family and Dutchman Farms for their donation of the Christmas trees.

Deacon Jim Siler lead all classes in Eucharistic Adoration in church on Wednesday. The 6th and 7th grade classes experienced a special spiritual presence during their adoration. Deacon Jim and Mr. Emington helped explain this spiritual presence so the students would better understand what they had experienced.

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November Dignity and Respect Award

The word that comes to mind in describing this month's Dignity and Respect Award winner is perseverance. Perseverance can be described as continued steady effort or persistence. This student always gives his best effort in all that he does. When faced with a difficult problem or situation, this student digs in and faces the challenge without complaint.

He has excellent character and is a wonderful example of all that our church and school stands for. He is kind and helpful to others. He is caring and respectful. He applies himself and is a good role model to younger students. He has an upbeat attitude and always treats others with respect. He always tries his best and his faith shines through for all to see on a daily basis.

I am honored to nominate Jim Canfield as November's Dignity and Respect Award recipient and want him to know that his daily effort, his upbeat attitude, and his perseverance are appreciated.

~ Ms. Urse
5th Grade Teacher



Congratulations to Jim Canfield, November Dignity and Respect Award recipient for Perseverance



November Award Winners: Attitude

Back row: Jesse Martin, Stephanie Slater

Middle row: Bailey McLaurin, Brooke Kleinsorge, Bryce Bengelink

Front row: Kara Makela, Reagan McKeever, Liam Wreford, Julia Jezak

CASA Volleyball

The 2nd/3rd and 4th/5th/6th grade girls volleyball applications are available outside the school office. Applications are due to CASA on December 31st.

Advent Program Desserts

We have several plates/platters left after the Advent program. Please stop by the kitchen to claim them.

Food

For families in need, there is a charitable group called Feeding America who works in conjunction with the Cadillac Area Community Foundation, Cadillac Rotary, and local businesses to bring food to those in need.

Perishable food is distributed each 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month behind Goodwill starting at 2:00PM. Participants need to register their name and address, and bring their own baskets (e.g. laundry) or bags. The first 200 people will be given 50 lbs. of food.

Caring For Children Who Have Experienced Trauma

Beginning Tuesday, January 24th, 2012, from 6-8PM, the WMISD will be holding a workshop to help: Educate parents about the impact of trauma on the development and behavior of children; provide parents with the knowledge and skills needed to respond appropriately to the behavior and emotional challenges of traumatized children; help traumatized children develop healthy attachments; help traumatized children recognize and develop their strengths; help traumatized children develop the coping strategies needed to grow into healthy and functional adults; and take care of themselves and seek support of others. Please call to register any parents and children who will be attending. A structured program for children up to the age of 12 will also be offered. Contact Ria Cunningham, 876-3041, Cunningham@wmisd.org; or Angela Simmons, 876-2285, asimmons@wmisd.org. Meeting dates: January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, and March 6. Please plan on committing to attend every meeting.

I Spy Awards

Chris Anderson, 1st (x3)
 Bryce Bengelink, 3rd
 Ashley Bohn, 6th
 Emily Burt, 2nd (x2)
 Nicholas Burt, K
 Sydney Bushor, K
 Kaleb Clous, 6th
 Kameryn Clous, 2nd
 Camden Clugston, 1st (x2)
 Logan Collins, 2nd
 J.P. Creed, 6th
 Jordin Ellens, 6th
 Heather Eller, 3rd
 Colin Hess, 3rd
 Ashley Hudson, 6th (x2)

Gabrielle Kapuscinski, 6th
 Oscar Kendell, 1st
 Trevor Knapp, 6th
 Jacob Kochanny, 6th
 Jacob LaMonde, 1st
 Jacques LaMonde, 3rd
 Jon LaMonde, 4th (x2)
 Justin LaMonde, 4th
 Garrett Losinski, 4th
 Frannie Kiomento, 1st
 Macey McKeever, 1st
 Maggie Neiss, 4th
 Owen Nicholson, 2nd
 Quinn Notarian, 4th
 Noah Peltier, 6th (x2)

Emma Reuther, 2nd
 Stephanie Slater, 6th
 Lindsey Tonello, 2nd
 Cole Ulrey, 6th
 Jonathon Vo, 4th (x2)
 Mrs. Ward
 JrK Class
 Kindergarten Class
 First Grade Class
 Third Grade Class
 Fourth Grade Class
 Fifth Grade Class
 Sixth Grade Class

Playground Superstars

Reagan McKeever, JrK
 Luke Feister, K
 Allison Parrish, K
 Kenna Booher, 1st
 Jacob LaMonde, 1st
 Jakob Bartman, 2nd
 Sean Feister, 2nd
 Keegan Buckmaster, 3rd
 Molly McKeever, 3rd
 Brooke Kochanny, 4th
 Jon LaMonde, 4th
 Lizzie Kennard, 5th
 Keiffer Krusniak, 5th
 Eli Galka, 6th
 Jacob Kochanny, 6th
 Matthew Badovinac, 7th
 Brendan Shanahan, 7th

Box Top Contest

The Box Top for Education contest runs through the end of February. Here's the first tally of Box Tops by grade.



Preschool: 409	2nd: 351	5th: 177
Kindergarten: 158	3rd: 477	6th: 64
1st: 491	4th: 322	7th: 39



Zumba

Thank you to Mrs. Purrenhage who lead a Zumba class for the After School Care students. The kids could not go outside to play because of the inclement weather so Mrs. Purrenhage lead them through an energetic session of Zumba.



Dance Dance Revolution

Thanks to all your generous support at our Oktoberfest, we were able to purchase Dance, Dance, Revolution for our P.E. program. The students had a great time trying out the new equipment!



Computers/Technology

ST.ANN SCHOOL

December 2011

Merry Christmas!

I am pleased to report that this year has been going beautifully! Your children are learning the skills they need for the future!

I'll briefly write what each grade has been up to the last few months and fill you in on some skills they are learning. If interested, the children can also work on these skills at home if they have access to the internet or Microsoft Office.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been doing great! They are all logging in on their own! Learning how to use the mouse, navigating, and learning the keyboard. They have been typing in Dance Mat Typing, learning to read with phonics in Starfall, and just now starting to work in educational activities on PBS kids.

First Grade

First grade has come a long way! They are typing well in Dance Mat Typing. A lot of the students use the home row finger position and are typing without looking! They are logging in and navigating well. Working on their math skills in RenLearn, called math facts in a flash, has also been part of their routine.

Second and Third Grade

They love to type in Dance

Mat Typing! They are typing without looking and loving it!

Microsoft Word has also been a big part of the last few months. They have learned many basics including: Borders, backgrounds, clip art, font styles, size, and color, alignment, and spell checking. The students have created a couple of stories as well, working on their spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

We are just beginning our Microsoft PowerPoint Unit in which they will be creating a slideshow. Second grade's topic is The Ten Commandments and Third Grade's is Charlotte's Web. Oh, what fun!

Fourth-Seventh Grades

What skills! Their typing without looking skills are coming along great. It's a hard transition for those used to looking but I assured them it will make them faster! The students choose between Dance Mat Typing and a Typing Wizard program here at the school.

Microsoft Word is the Office program we have been working on recently. Learning many of the basics including: Borders, backgrounds, font styles, size and color, text boxes, numbering, bullets, highlighting, headings, headers, footers, page numbers,

alignment, spell checking, tables, word art, clip art, smart art, and charts.

We have just started working in Microsoft PowerPoint assessing our skills. They will soon create their own navigational slideshow. Grade and subject of PowerPoint is as follows:

Fourth-Vertebrates

Fifth-Weather Disasters

Sixth-Apostles

Seventh-Eastern Mediterranean

These grades also get some time to do educational activities of their choice whether online or not.

Websites:

Dance Mat Typing

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>

Starfall

<http://www.starfall.com/>

PBS Kids

<http://pbskids.org/>

Feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Mrs. Lijewski
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Vocabulary

- *Microsoft Word-Word processing program.*
- *Microsoft PowerPoint-Presentation program.*
- *Starfall-Online learn to read with phonics program.*
- *Dance Mat Typing-Online typing program.*
- *PBS Kids-Online Educational Activities.*



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Prayers for Clergy and Religious Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan

Please pray for a Priest or Religious Each Day

Let us show our love and appreciation for our clergy and religious by praying each day. The calendar on the back lists a different priest and/or group of individuals for each day of the month.

Prayer suggestions: • Mass • Fasting • Eucharistic Exposition • Rosary • Holy Hour • Other Devotions

*Eternal Father,
We lift up to you these
And all the clergy and religious
Of the world.*

*Sanctify them.
Heal them; guide them.
Mold them into the
Likeness and holiness
Of Your Son, Jesus,
The Eternal High Priest.*

*May their lives be pleasing to you.
In Jesus' name we pray.*

Diocese of Gaylord December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pope Benedict XVI	2 Rev. Rolando Silva	3 Bishop Bernard Hebda
4 Rev. Richard Sitar	5 Religious Brothers/Sisters	6 Rev. Harry Speckman, OFM	7 Rev. Kenneth Stachnik	8 Rev. Dennis Stilwell	9 Rev. James Suchocki	10 Rev. Edwin Thome
11 Rev. Bernard Tyler	12 Rev. Thomas Vos, OFM	13 Rev. Duane Wachowiak	14 Rev. Miro Wiese, OFM	15 All Deacons	16 Rev. Matthew Wigton	17 Rev. Chad Zielinski
18 Rev. Robert Zuchowski	19 Deceased Priests	20 Rev. John Bashe	21 Rev. James Bearss	22 Rev. Stanislaw Bereda	23 Rev. Robert Bissot	24 All Seminarians
25 Rev. Joseph Blasko	26 Rev. Lawrence Boks	27 Rev. James Brucksch	28 Rev. Andrew Buvala, OFM	29 Rev. Patrick Cawley	30 Rev. Anthony Citro	31 Rev. Karl Claver

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (Name), act in him, speak in and thru him. Think Your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart.

Give him Your own dispositions and feelings.

Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life.

Replace him with Yourself. Incline him to constant adorations and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in You and keep him in this intimate union always O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, Pray and intercede for (Name).

Let Us Pray For:

The Holy Father

Fill him with your grace, Lord.

Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops

Give them your gifts, Lord.

Diocesan priests

Never leave them, Lord.

Priests in seminary work

Give them your wisdom, Lord,

Priests in hospital work

Give them constancy, Lord.

Priests who are ill

Heal them, Lord.

Priests in danger

Deliver them, Lord.

Priests who are weak

Strengthen them, Lord.

Priests who are poor

Relieve them, Lord.

Priests who are zealous

Help them, Lord.

Priests who want to love you

Enkindle their hearts, Lord.

Priests who are sad

Console them, Lord.

Priests who are worried

Give them peace, Lord.

Priests who are old

Sustain them, Lord.

Priests who are young

Impel them for your glory.

Priests who are alone

Accompany them, Lord.

Missionary priests

Protect them, Lord.

Priests who are preachers

Enlighten them, Lord.

Priests who direct souls

Instruct them, Lord.

Parish priests

Give them prudence, Lord.

Religious priests

Make them perfect, Lord.

Priests/religious who have died

Bring them glory, Lord.

On all the Church, militant and suffering

Lord, have mercy.

For all Priests

Give them Your wisdom, Lord. Give them virtue.

Give them patience and charity.

Give them obedience and kindness.

Give them a burning zeal for souls.

Give them an intense love for the Eucharist.

Give them loyalty to the Holy See and to their Bishops.

Give them respect for their dignity.

Give them a great love for Mary.

Give them a rectitude and justice.

Give them a gift of counsel.

Give them strength in their labors.

Give them peace in their sufferings.

Give them humility and generosity.

Let them be the light of souls.

Let them be the salt of the earth.

Let them practice sacrifice and self-denial.

Let them enkindle hearts with the love of Mary.

Let them be other Christs.

Let them be holy in body and soul.

May they be men of prayer. May faith shine forth in them.

May they be concerned only for the salvation of souls.

May they be faithful to their priestly vocation.

May their hands know only how to bless.

May they burn with love for You and for Mary.

May all their steps be for the glory of God.

May the Holy Spirit possess them, and give them his Gifts and fruits in abundance.

Let Us Pray

O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are the soul and the life of the Church. Hear the prayers we offer for priests. We ask this through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, their protector and guide. Amen.