

# St. Ann School

January 19, 2012

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

### January Events

20 - End of marking period

24 - Advisory Mtg., 6:30PM

25 - PALS, 1:50PM

25 - Sacramental Prep. Mtg., 7:00PM

27 - Reports cards go home

28 - Winterfest, 7PM-Midnight

29 - Feb. 5 - Catholic Schools Week

29 - Coffee & donuts after AM masses

30 - B Spirits vs. St. Peter, 5:30PM

30 - A Spirits vs. St. Peter, 6:30PM

### February Events

1 - I Care About Others March

1 - Bob Evans Community Fun Night  
Noon - 9:00PM

1 - Preschool applications available  
for Fall 2012

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

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

5 - Parish Breakfast after AM masses

6 - A Spirits @ Trinity, 6:30PM

9 - B Spirits @ St. Peter, 5:30PM

9 - A Spirits @ St. Peter, 6:30PM

10 - Parent's Night Out, 6:30 - 9:30PM

13 - B Spirits vs. St. Mary, 5:30PM

13 - A Spirits vs. St. Mary, 6:30PM

15 - Donuts with Dads, 7:30PM

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## From the Principal

Last week ended in a very positive way as our 6th and 7th grade Spirits basketball team won their season-ending tournament on Saturday. They accomplished this through hard work, good teamwork, and by never giving up, as they defeated a team they had lost to three times during the regular season. Congratulations to Ashley Bohn, Kylie Christensen, Jordin Ellens, Kristy Erway, Gabrielle Kapuscinski, Molly Mackey, Lissi Ureta, and Coaches David Mackey and Sortero Ureta. We are also very proud of our 4th and 5th grade girls who displayed great sportsmanship, good attitudes, improved skills, and a never give up approach to every game. Two of our students also did very well in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest in Manistee. Jacob Kochanny placed first in his division and Zach Losinski placed second in his division. Our 4th - 7th grade boys are also completing their second week of practice as they prepare for their first games on January 30th. Go Boys! Please remember that our second marking period ends this Friday, and report cards/progress reports will be sent home on Friday, January 27th.

I would like to remind all of our parents about some very important events that are taking place soon. Our St. Ann School Food Pantry, with the help of our school families and parishioners, Knights of Columbus, and Gordon Foods will have food available each Friday from 2:00 - 2:30PM, which can be picked up at the back door of the gym. Our third annual Winterfest takes place on Saturday, January 28th, from 7:00PM - Midnight. We appreciate all the time and effort the Winterfest Committee has dedicated to make this a great event. Catholic Schools Week begins the next day, Sunday, January 29th, with coffee and donuts after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM masses in the Parish Hall. The week will include guest speakers at Morning Prayer, Wellness field trips to Caberfae and the YMCA, Spirit Days, presentation of classroom saints and flags, and a Community Fun Night at Bob Evans on Wednesday, February 1st, Noon - 9:00PM. A schedule for the entire week will be attached to next week's newsletter.

I recently sent a letter to all of our parents, as well as a form for them to fill out, who had not filled out the ICHAT background check that is necessary for parents who want to volunteer to chaperone on a field trip, volunteer in a classroom, etc. The Diocese of Gaylord and St. Ann School can not allow a parent/guardian to volunteer with children in any capacity at our school if they have not filled out and submitted this form, as well as, been cleared to serve in a volunteer role for our staff/students. Unfortunately, over 50 parent/guardians have not turned in their form as of today so they will not be allowed to volunteer with children if it is not received by Friday, January 27th. Please do not expect to volunteer for any remaining event after this date if you do not take care of the required form.

I am sending home a Parent Survey with students in grades 4-7 to help determine how many students will be returning for the 2012-2013 school year and to gauge the potential interest in adding 8th grade. This survey is not binding as I realize changes in plans may take place but this will help me as I begin to plan for next year. The survey results, which I will discuss with the Parent Advisory Council, will help us see how we are viewed at the Middle School and Jr. High levels.

The Hot Lunch menu for next Friday, January 27th, will be a sub sandwich served in the classrooms as we set up for Winterfest in the gym.

## I Spy Awards

Jakob Bartman, 2nd  
 Nick Blaszak, 3rd  
 Kenna Booher, 1st  
 Camden Clugston, 1st  
 Jordin Ellens, 6th  
 Heather Eller, 3rd  
 Ben Enyeart, JrK  
 Colin Hess, 3rd  
 Julia Jezak, 2nd (x2)  
 Mackenna Johnson, 1st  
 Spencer Kapuscinski, K

Olivia Kapuscinski, 3rd  
 Karsyn Kastl, 1st (x2)  
 James Kiomento, 2nd (x2)  
 Brooke Kleinsorge, 4th  
 Grace Krannitz, 1st  
 Jon LaMonde, 4th  
 Justin LaMonde, 4th (x2)  
 Kara Makela, 1st (x2)  
 Alix Matzke, 3rd  
 Macey McKeever, 1st (x2)  
 Taylor Owens, K

Bernardo Rojas, 1st  
 Jennifer Slater, 6th  
 Linsley Tonello, 2nd (x2)  
 Jonathon Vo, 4th  
 Lindsay Ward, 1st (x2)  
 Liam Wreford, K  
 JrK Class  
 Second Grade Class  
 Third Grade Class  
 Sixth Grade Class

## Playground Superstars

Grace Drabik, JrK  
 Spencer Kapuscinski, K  
 Ayden Roberts, K  
 Andrew Drabik, 1st  
 Macey McKeever, 1st  
 Kameryn Clous, 2nd  
 Katherine Parrish, 2nd  
 Heather Eller, 3rd  
 Oakley Mickelson, 3rd  
 Madi Johnson, 4th  
 Garrett Losinski, 4th  
 Brandon Eller, 5th  
 Sydney Paul, 5th  
 Ashley Bohn, 6th  
 Ian Munch, 6th  
 Kylie Christensen, 7th  
 Lissi Ureta, 7th

## Honors Bestowed

Bishop Bernard A. Hebda is pleased to share the news that Pope Benedict XVI closed the Diocese of Gaylord's 40<sup>th</sup> jubilee year on a high note by bestowing papal honors upon all five of the priests of the diocese who have at one time or another over those four decades served as Vicar General for the diocese: Rev. James A. Suchocki, Rev. Raymond C. Mulka, Rev. James L. Brucksch, Rev. Edwin A. Thome and Rev. Francis J. Murphy. All were named *Prelates of Honor of His Holiness* on December 23rd, 2011.

Earlier in the year, on March 30th, 2011, Rev. Daniel B. Gallagher, former Associate Pastor, had been appointed a *Chaplain of His Holiness* by the Holy Father in the course of his fourth year of service at the Holy See working in the English and Latin Sections of the Secretariat of State.

The recognition for each of the six priests carries with it the honorary title of "Monsignor." Papal honors have not been conferred on a priest of the diocese since 1987.

## 6th/7th Grade Spirits

Front row L-R: Jordin Ellens, Gabrielle Kapuscinski, Lissi Ureta  
 Back row L-R: Coach David Mackey, Kylie Christensen, Molly Mackey, Ashley Bohn, Kristy Erway, and Coach Sortero Ureta



## February Events, cont.

15 - Catechism Bee, 10:00AM  
 16 - B Spirits @ St. Mary, 5:30PM  
 16 - A Spirits vs. Trinity, 6:30PM  
 17 - **NO SCHOOL**  
 20 - **NO SCHOOL**, President's Day  
 22 - Ash Wednesday  
 22 - Loaves & Fishes  
 22 - Living Stations, 1:30PM  
 23 - A Spirits @ St. Peter, 6:30PM  
 24 - Living Stations, 6:30PM  
 27 - B Spirits vs. St. Mike, 5:30PM  
 27 - A Spirits @ St. Mary, 6:30PM  
 27-March 2 - Book Fair  
 28 - Advisory Mtg., 6:30PM  
 29 - PALS, 1:50PM  
 29 - Sacramental Prep. Mtg., 7:00PM

## 4th/5th Grade Spirits

Front row L-R: Bailey McLaurin, Maddie Johnson, Lizzie Kennard, Kenzie Foreman, Bekka Ureta  
 Back row L-R: Coach Mike McLaurin, Katie Bartman, Lexi Johnson, Sydney Paul, Brooke Kochanny, Coach Sortero Ureta. (Abbi Peltier & Arianna Wiedmann not pictured)



## Scrip

Do you eat food? If so, then support St. Ann School and use Scrip for your grocery shopping. These local retailers put money right back into our school, all you have to do is pick up your gift cards after mass, or in the school office. St. Ann receives 2-10% back from the sale of EACH card! Before you go shopping, pick up SCRIP and invest in our children's education.

Glens donates - 2%  
 Meijer donates - 4%  
 WalMart donates - 2%  
 Willow donates - 10%  
 Please take the time to thank these retailers for their support.

# Casino Night 2012

WINTERFEST

Saturday, January 28th  
7:00PM - Midnight  
St. Ann Gym & Parish Hall

Vegas-style Gaming starts at 7:30 PM  
Includes:

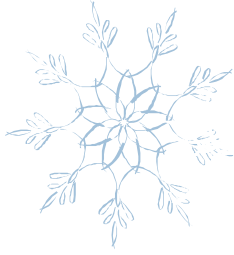
- ♥ Black Jack
- ♥ Beat the Dealer
- ♥ Dirty Queen
- ♥ Money Wheel
- ♥ Big Raffle Drawing at 12:00 AM

Texas Hold 'Em tournament registration is at 7:30 PM  
With a \$40 Buy-in and a 50/50 Split

*All proceeds from this event will be used  
for on-going Technology needs.*

Must be 21 years of age to work and/or participate.  
Don't forget to bring your ticket for entry to play/work.

# Winterfest



# Menu

## Fabulous Hors D'oeuvres

- Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts
- Black Bean Salsa and Chips
- Caprese Salad on a Stick
- Delightful Pinwheels generously donated by Cadillac Grill
- Fresh Vegetable Trays and Dill Dip
- Herbed Stuffed Profiteroles generously donated by Cadillac Grill
- Hot Artichoke and Spinach Dip
- Hummus and Pita Chips
- Lime Chicken Wings
- Meatballs
- Olive Trays
- Seasonal Fruit Trays
- Shrimp Cocktail
- Stuffed Mushroom Caps
- Tabouli
- Vegan Bruschetta
- Wrapped Asparagus

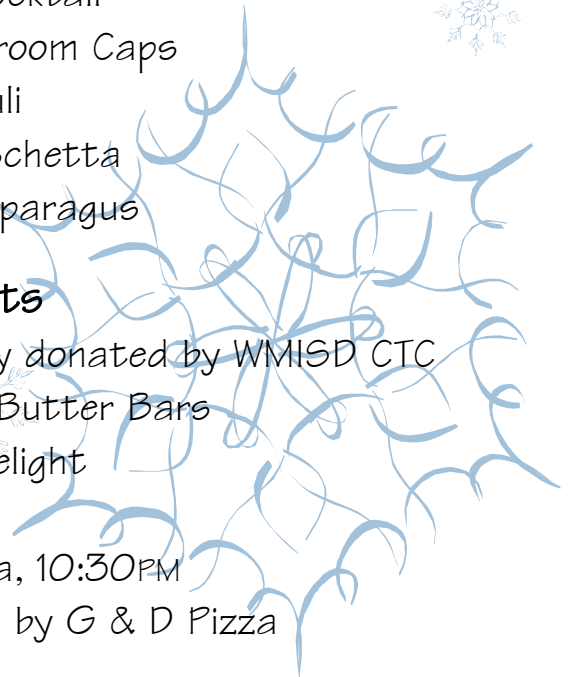
## Desserts

- Chocolate Dessert generously donated by WMISD CTC
- Delicious Peanut Butter Bars
- Lemon Delight

Specialty Pizza, 10:30PM  
Generously donated by G & D Pizza

## Coffee Bar

Featuring Starbucks Specialty Coffee  
Flavored Creamers and Syrups



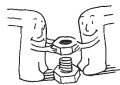
# Math+Science Connection

Beginning Edition

Building excitement and success for young children

January 2012

St. Ann School  
Fr. Murphy, Pastor Bob Kellogg, Principal



## TOOLS & TIDBITS

### Make a blueprint

Let your child map out her bedroom on a sheet of paper. She can draw the shape (square, rectangle) and mark the windows and doors. Then, have her add her bed, dresser, and other items. On another piece of paper, she might sketch out a way to redesign her room. As she draws and plans, she'll practice spatial relations skills.

### Experience nature

When it rains or snows, step outside together and let your youngster use her senses. She can *look* at the clouds, *smell* the air, *touch* the rain or snow, *listen* to the sounds, and even *taste* the drops or flakes. Go back inside and help her write a "senses poem." (Snow looks like \_\_\_\_\_. Snow feels like \_\_\_\_\_.)

### Book picks

Through poetry and pictures, children will practice finding patterns in *Busy Bugs: A Book About Patterns* (Jayne Harvey). A great way to build math skills in little ones who like bugs!

Share a story of seasons and life cycles through the eyes of two Native American girls, one from long ago and one from today. *When the Shad-bush Blooms* (Carla Messinger) is a beautiful look at the environment and family traditions.

### Worth quoting

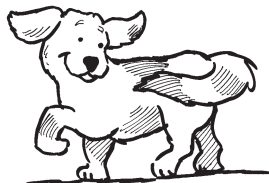
"Wisdom begins in wonder."

Socrates

## Just for fun

**Q:** What follows a dog wherever it goes?

**A:** Its tail.



## Sorting things out

When Jason plays with toy trucks, he likes to separate them into groups by color. His friend Carl puts big trucks in one row and small trucks in another. Both of these children are *sorting*—a fun way to play and a good way to build math skills.

You can give your child a chance to practice sorting at home with these ideas.

### Matching game

Put out a pile of nuts, bolts, and washers. Have him tape one of each onto separate index cards. Then, he can sort the hardware by piling each type on its matching card. Or put a different coin (penny, nickel, dime, quarter) in each cup of an empty egg carton. Give him a handful of change to sort into the correct sections.

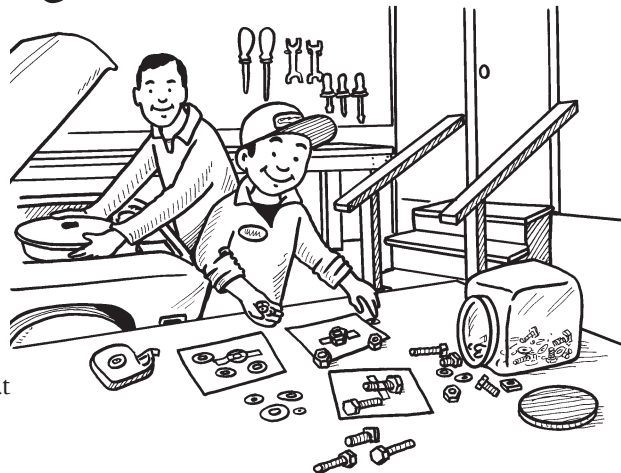
### Sorting plans

Help your youngster make a "sorting map" out of a large poster board or a white plastic tablecloth. He can draw six circles and use crayons or markers to make each

one a different color. Have him gather toy cars and "drive" each one onto the matching circle. Another idea is to let him decide how to sort something (things with metal vs. things without metal), and then you have to figure out his "sorting rule."

### Cleanup system

Build responsibility by combining sorting with cleanup time. Help your child label shelves or bins by drawing pictures or writing words (blocks, games) on mailing labels. Then, each day when he finishes playing, he can sort his toys into categories and put them where they belong. 🐛

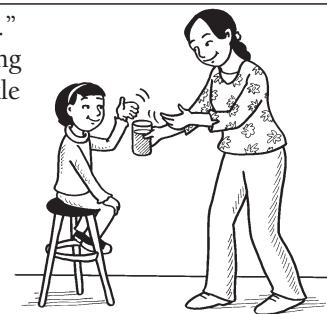


## Learn about "wafting"

Introduce your child to the technique of "wafting." It's a fun—and safe—way to smell substances during science experiments (and it's even a fun word for little ones to say).

To waft, she should hold an item about 8 inches from her face and wave her hand over it and toward her nose. She'll safely smell the material without directly inhaling it.

Let her practice with liquids like scented dish detergent, grape juice, or perfume. First, have her hold the item close to her nose and smell. Then, have her try wafting. What's the difference? (When she holds it close to her nose, the odor is much more intense. That's why it's safer to use wafting during science experiments.) 🐛

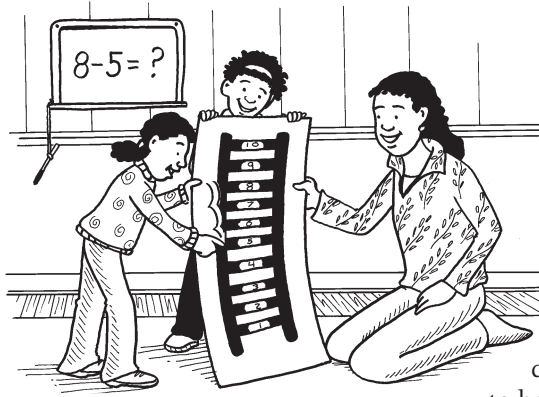


# Take-away lessons

Subtraction is fun with these hands-on activities. Try them with your child.

**Find the missing number.** Put out 10 buttons, and have your youngster close her eyes while you hide some under a bowl. Ask her to open her eyes, count the number left (4), and figure out the missing number (6). Take turns doing this, and then play again with 15 or 20 buttons. *Tip:* Each time, have your youngster write the number sentence ( $10 - 6 = 4$ ).

**Draw a ladder.** Help her draw a ladder with 10 rungs and number each rung. Give her a subtraction problem ( $8 - 5$ ),



and let her use the ladder to count down. The number of rungs from 8 to 5 (3) is her answer. Have her practice with more problems, and then she can draw a 20-rung ladder and try two-digit problems.

**Act it out.** Make everyday situations into subtraction questions. When her sister wants to borrow barrettes, you can say,

“You have 14 barrettes. If Maggie borrows 2, how many will you have left?” Then, she can lay out her 14 barrettes, give 2 to her sister, and count how many she still has (12).

## MATH CORNER

### Taller or shorter?



Let your youngster practice measurement skills as she compares her height to objects around her.

First, have her lie down. Lay a piece of string or yarn alongside her from the top of her head to the bottom of her feet. Cut the string. Now let her use the string to measure objects in your home.

How many objects can she find that are taller than she is (coat closet, refrigerator) or shorter (coffee table, ottoman)?

Then, use string to measure other parts of her body, like the length of her arm or leg. What objects can she find that are shorter and longer? She could also compare the strings to each other. What's longer: her arm or leg? Her hand or foot?



*Idea:* Make a string measurement for each person in the family. Your youngster will enjoy comparing who's taller or shorter than the bookcase or kitchen cabinet.

## SCIENCE LAB

### No more brown apples

“Yuck! I can't eat these apples. They're all brown!”

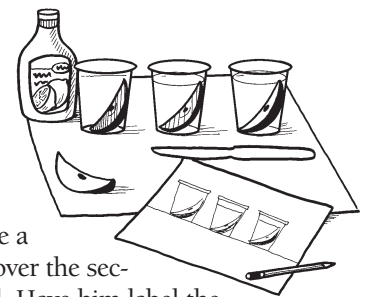
With this experiment, your youngster will learn a way to keep apple slices from turning brown.

*You'll need:* apple, knife, 3 clear plastic cups, water, lemon juice, marker, paper, crayons

*Here's how:* Slice the apple, and let your child place a piece in each cup. He should leave one slice alone, cover the second one with water, and put lemon juice on the third. Have him label the cups (“air,” “water,” “lemon juice”) and draw a picture of each one. He can observe the apples several times for a day, each time drawing pictures to show changes.

*What happens?* The apple that was exposed to the air only will quickly turn brown. The one covered in water will turn light brown. The one coated in lemon juice will stay white.

*Why?* Apple slices turn brown when they are exposed to oxygen from the air (they oxidize). Lemon juice protects them from oxygen and keeps them from turning brown. Being submerged in water slows down, but doesn't stop, the oxidation process.



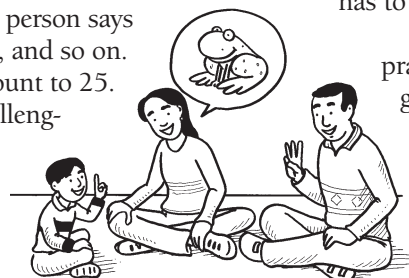
## Q & A Mental math

**Q:** My son's teacher mentioned that they're working on mental math this year. How can we help him practice at home?

**A:** To get your child used to doing math in his head, try a game that requires keeping track of numbers. Sit in a circle, and count—the first person says 1, the next person says 2, and so on. Keep playing until you count to 25. Make the game more challenging—and funny—with this twist: say “frog” for every even number (1, frog, 3, frog, 5, frog, and so on).

Or give your son a math problem ( $3 + 4$ ). When he answers, ask how he solved it. Explaining his reasoning will help him feel comfortable doing mental math. Also, you could let him check his answer on a calculator—he'll feel confident when he gets it right (or realize he has to try again if he doesn't).

You can use car time to practice, too. Take turns giving each other math questions to answer (“Which is more—11 or 9?”) or patterns to complete (2, 4, 6, \_\_\_).



## OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote their children's math and science skills.

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