



## 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

## September Events

- 11 - Parish Breakfast after AM Masses and School Open House
- 13 - School Pictures Tu/Th Preschool, and JrK - 7th grade
- 14 - School pictures M/W/F Preschool
- 15 - Constitution Day Assembly, 1PM
- 16 - Parent's Night Out, 6:30-9:30PM
- 21 - Anti-Bullying Assembly, 1PM
- 27 - Advisory Mtg., 6:30PM
- 28 - PALS
- 30 - CHS Homecoming - 1 hour early dismissal**

## October Events

- 5 - Loaves & Fishes
- 8 - Oktoberfest, following 4PM Mass
- 17-21 - Book Fair
- 19 - Muffins with Moms, 7:30AM
- 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
12:30-4:30PM & 5:30-7:00PM  
Dismissal at 11:30AM,  
NO LUNCH,  
NO PM BUSSING**
- 25 - Advisory Mtg., 6:30PM
- 26 - PALS
- 26 - Sacramental Prep Mtg., 7-8PM
- 31 - Halloween Parade and Parties

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## From the Principal

Welcome to an awesome start to the 2011-2012 school year! We have enjoyed a great first week of school, through the combined efforts of staff, students, and parents! All of the effort that went into preparing the classrooms, gym (thank you to all staff members), playground (thank you to Cindy and Zak Johnson, as well as the Playground Committee) etc. is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank all of our families who were able to attend the Open House last Tuesday (a big thank you to Kerry Martin and Dale Voice for serving as our grillmasters!), which served as a great way to kick-off our school year. I believe that this wonderful start to our school year bodes well for the entire school year!

I would like to let you know about some important changes that took place last school year or will be in effect this school year. The first change took place last year and it regards the after school program. I instituted a 24-hour notice policy, which means you must notify us 24-hours in advance if your child is staying in the after school program. That means we need to know no later than 2:30PM the day before (by Friday if they are staying on Monday). This policy is necessary because the staffing needs to be compliant with the State of Michigan regulations. Another after school care policy that needed to be instated is our required 24-hour notice if you plan on cancelling your child/ren's stay in the after school care program to avoid being charged for that time.

We no longer will have a second bell in the morning, which I believe actually encouraged students to be tardy. The bell for all JrK - 7th grade students to be here at school and ready to go to their classes will ring at 7:35AM (drop off of students begins at 7:20AM). The school day will end at 2:25PM for students riding the bus and 2:30PM for car riders. I will highlight important items/changes in the Parent /Student Handbook in the upcoming school newsletters (as well as, send the updated handbook home for each school family).

I would encourage all of our parents to complete the ICHAT form (sent home today) and return it to school as soon as possible. This form, which allows us to do a background check on all our parents, is very important in keeping our records up to date and our students and staff safe, especially if parents wish to accompany a class on a field trip.

We have provided each family, at the Open House, with a tentative calendar for the entire school year. Families that weren't able to attend the Open House can find the schedule on our St. Ann School website at [www.stanncadillac.org](http://www.stanncadillac.org) or pick one up from the brochure rack outside the school office. Please check the calendar on the school newsletter weekly for any changes. I will highlight events each week that you should be aware of, both for the next week or in upcoming weeks or months. For instance, this Sunday, September 11th, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Parish Breakfast after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM masses and our school will be hosting an Open House for any interested parishioners.

School pictures will be on Tuesday, September 13th (for T/Th Preschool and JrK - 7th grade) and Wednesday, September 14th (for M/W/F Preschool).

Our staff and students will be enjoying a Constitution Day assembly on Thursday, September 15th, at 1PM, and the first Parent's Night Out will occur on Friday, September 16th, at 6:30PM. I would also like to inform you that during the months of November and March we will conduct a school-wide Scrip contest (before the holidays and Spring Break).

## State of Michigan 2011-2012 Income Eligibility Guidelines

### Application Instructions:

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

If interested, please contact the office for an application. Reminder, all information is confidential, not even your student will know that they are receiving a free or reduced lunch.

Scale for Free Meals or Free Milk		
Total Family Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$14,157	\$1,180
2	\$19,123	\$1,594
3	\$24,089	\$2,008
4	\$29,055	\$2,422
5	\$34,021	\$2,836
6	\$38,987	\$3,249
7	\$43,953	\$3,663
8	\$48,919	\$4,077

For each additional family member, add:

	\$4,966	\$414
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Scale for Reduced Price Meals	
Annual Income	Monthly Income
\$20,147	\$1,679
\$27,214	\$2,268
\$34,281	\$2,857
\$41,348	\$3,446
\$48,415	\$4,035
\$55,482	\$4,624
\$62,549	\$5,213
\$69,616	\$5,802

\$7,067	\$589
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### Hot Lunch Program

St. Ann School's hot lunch program is a pre-pay system. If your student/s plan on receiving hot lunch, they must have money in their account. Parents can send cash or a check to the school office. You may pay for all of your kids with one check. Please make sure the school office has your email address so that you can receive monthly menus and reminders of your account balance. Lunch menus will be also be posted on our website at [www.stanncadillac.org](http://www.stanncadillac.org)

### Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study would like to invite you to attend a reflection on the Gospel to be read for the following Sunday at mass. The group meets in the Baraga Room at 8:00AM during the school year, when school is in session. This is a great way to prepare yourself for Sunday mass, as well as share your faith with other parents. Drop your children off, reflect on the Gospel, and still make it to mass by 9 o'clock. See you there! Any questions, contact Mary Ellen Williams at 231.218.0201.

### Box Tops For Education

Box Tops For Education has been an easy and lucrative fundraiser for our school for many years. Every time you purchase a Box Top product and send in the label, St. Ann School gets 10¢. We will be conducting a Box Top Contest this year by classroom. Clip and send in your Box Tops through mid-February and the class with the most will be the winner; prizes to be announced. A chart will be posted so you can track each classroom's progress.

### Swap Shop

Last year our students received a complimentary short-sleeve polo shirt. We strongly encourage you to share your gently-used children's shirts that they have outgrown. If you do not have anyone in mind to share with, bring your shirt to the office for our Spirit Swap Shop.



## Thoughtful Moments

### Religious education

During the new school year, treat faith formation and religious education with the same importance as your child's academic education. Be sure to supervise religion homework or assignments. Reading, writing, and religion are important life skills your children will always need.



### Heal together

The most effective way to convince our children of the value of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to seek it ourselves. If you haven't been to Confession in a while, your priest will be happy to remind you of how it is done. Welcoming a penitent sinner back to God's forgiveness is one of a priest's greatest joys.

### Volunteer early

Getting children involved in parish life makes it more likely that they will want to come to Mass regularly. Ask if young children can perform small jobs such as handing out bulletins or acting as greeters. Even minor roles can help children feel a part of the parish, too.



## Make your family top priority

Strong schools, sports teams, and hobbies all make important contributions in our children's lives. Experts agree, however, that the most important lessons come from loving parents who spend time with their children. The best way to make family time a priority is to schedule it and make it happen.

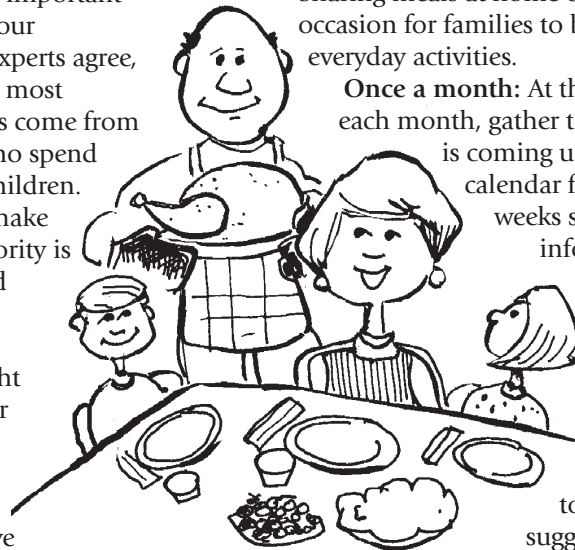
**Once a week:** Dedicate one night each week to your family. Make it something fun like playing board games, have a talent show so children can demonstrate progress in music or dance lessons, make popcorn and watch a movie from the library. Protect it on the calendar and let nothing interfere.

**Several times a week:** Bring your family together at mealtime whether for

microwaved or home-cooked dinners. Sharing meals at home creates an occasion for families to bond over everyday activities.

**Once a month:** At the beginning of each month, gather to review what is coming up on the calendar for the next few weeks so all are informed. Also discuss family issues and problems. Let each person be allowed to bring up topics or give suggestions for solutions.

**Once in a while:** Introduce a learning opportunity. Have a short lesson to teach a virtue or a life skill you want your children to learn. Or, bring home an outsider such as a priest or sister to visit and learn from.

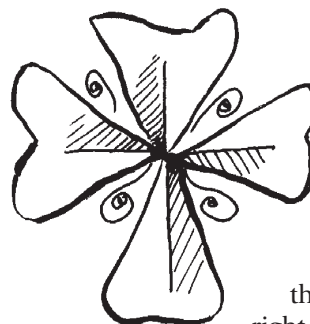


## Why Do Catholics Do That?

To help us live a holy life each day, the Catholic Church has identified four necessary virtues we all need to acquire, called Cardinal Virtues.

They are: *temperance* – the virtue that helps us to control our impulses and desires, *justice* – to help

## What are the Cardinal Virtues?



us respect the rights of others and give God his due, *fortitude* – which gives us the resolve to resist temptation and the courage to do right, and *prudence* – the virtue that helps us to make the right choices.

## Help children find time for prayer

One way to help children remember to pray throughout the day is to combine prayer with regular daily activities. For example:

**On your knees.** To remember to say morning prayers, put shoes under beds the night before. When youngsters bend down to retrieve them in the morning, children can stay on their knees and say a quick prayer offering the day to God.

**Buckle up.** Each time you buckle up a seatbelt in the car, offer a prayer together



asking that you remain aware of God's presence in your life. Or, perhaps pray the Guardian Angel Prayer asking for protection during the journey.

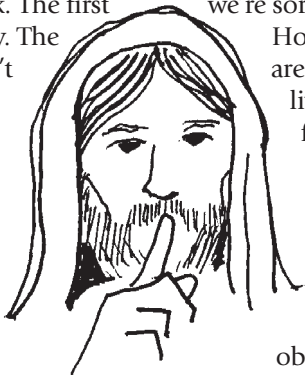
**Special intention jar.** Keep a jar in a central place in your home, such as a kitchen counter or near a main door. Throughout the day, each person can write prayer intentions on slips of paper and put them in the jar. Before going to bed at night, family members can pull a note from the jar and pray for that need with their regular nighttime prayers.

### Scripture LESSON

#### Matthew 16:21-27, How can I gain salvation?

Jesus tells of the man who sent two sons to the vineyard to work. The first said, "No," but went anyway. The second said, "Yes," but didn't go. Jesus asked which son did as the father asked. Obviously the first son did.

If we say, "Yes, God, I believe in you," that's not enough. If we presume that the Lord will take us into heaven just because we say that, we'll be disappointed. Words are not enough. True obedience is shown through actions. When we realize we are in a state of sin, we have two options. We



can say we're sorry, or we can show we're sorry.

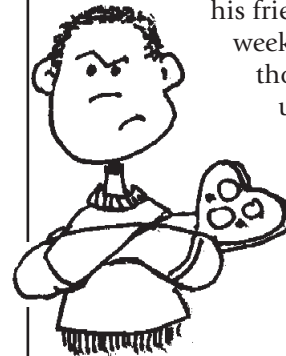
How can we show God we are sorry? We can go back to living as Jesus taught us by following the Commandments and the Beatitudes.

#### *What can a parent do?*

Use this Gospel to show children what obedience is all about, both obedience to God and obedience to parents. We can teach our children that doing what Jesus asked us to do is the most important way to live our lives.

### Parent TALK

Jamal isn't allowed to play video games during the week so when Friday comes, he quickly disappears to meet his friends online. Last weekend was different, though. He came upstairs after only a few minutes because his friends were playing a new game that my husband and I don't approve and won't buy. We won't even let him use his own money to buy it. It's very violent.



It was hard to see him sad but this wasn't the first time we have forbidden something allowed by other families. In this case, my husband and I feel strongly that violent video games hurt children and we won't accept them just because other parents say they are okay. Our standards are different.

Jamal doesn't like feeling left out. But, as Catholics, we have to do what we think is best even if it isn't always easy or popular. God is watching.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**Sept. 12 – Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church after the King of Poland, with Mary's protection, defeated an advancing Muslim army in Vienna in 1683.

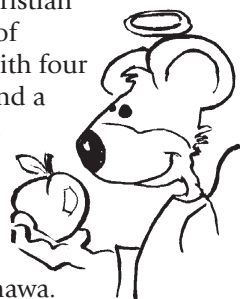
**Sept. 16 – St. Cyprian (258).** A theologian and orator, Cyprian was bishop of Carthage. He helped defend the Church against heretics and set guidelines for readmitting lapsed Christians. Cyprian was arrested for refusing to worship idols, was exiled and martyred.

**Sept. 28 – Saint Wenceslaus (929).** King of Bohemia, Wenceslaus worked

to end the persecution of the Christians in his country. He encouraged German missionaries, built churches, and cared for the needy. Political conflict led to his assassination by his brother. The "Good King" was immediately recognized as a martyr.

**Sept. 28 – St. Lawrence Ruiz (1630).** Lawrence was born in the Philippines to Christian parents. Accused of murder, he fled with four Catholic priests and a leper to Nagasaki, Japan, but came under violent persecution.

They were martyred on Okinawa.



#### Our Mission

To help parents raise faithful Catholic children  
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**Public  
Welcome!**

**FAMILY NIGHT**

# *O k t o b e r f e s t*

*Saturday, October 8th, 2011*

*St. Ann School Fundraiser*

*5:00 - 9:00 PM*

*Dinner 5:00 - 7:30 PM*

*Fabulous Bratwurst Bar*

*∞ Children's Games 5:00 - 8:00 PM*

*∞ Silent Auction 5:00 - 9:00 PM*

*∞ Cash Raffle Drawing - 9:00 PM*

*\$1000 Grand Prize*

*\$400 Second Prize*

*4 - \$100 Prizes*

*(\$5 Tickets available in the St. Ann Offices)*

*∞ Themed Basket Raffles*

*(Hunting, Date Night, Picnic, etc)*

*∞ Children's Movie - 8:00 PM*

*Join us for a fun family evening!*

*Proceeds go towards the expenses of the new Jr. Kindergarten classroom  
and the separation of the 6th and 7th grade classrooms.*

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