

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.

Vision

St. Ann School is committed to the development of the whole child in Catholic Faith, academic excellence, strong athletics, and Christian service.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am,
and 5:30pm

November Events

- 27 - CAPS Late Start (no AM bussing)
- 28 - Faith Formation Baptism Retreat, 6pm
- 28 - Parent Advisory Council mtg., 6:30pm

December Events

- 2 - Mrs. Jezak's Birthday
- 3 - First day of Advent
- 6 - Granola With Grandparents, 7:15am
- 7 - Christmas Store (JrK-6th grades)
- 7 - Spirits Boys Basketball vs. Renaissance, 5:30pm

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November Altar Servers

- Nov. 25: 4:30 - Emma Cooper
Grace Krannitz
- Nov. 26: 8:30 - Ben Stack
Keegan Stack
- Nov. 26: 10:30 - Ellie Johnson
Mackenna Johnson
Bernardo Rojas
Roberto Rojas
- Nov. 26: 5:30 - Owen Nicholson
Keegan Stebleton

St. Ann's Angel Gift Shop

Open after all weekend Masses

Open every Wednesday, 10:00am-4:00pm

From the Principal

We are looking forward to Advent season, which starts on Sunday, December 3. I have asked all of our classroom teachers to share three ideas with me of their plans for Advent in their classrooms. I am challenging them to help their students, through these activities, to better understand and celebrate the Advent season. I would ask all of our parents/families to challenge themselves to do the same as we all ask ourselves the question: What does the Advent/Christmas season really mean to us? I would hope the answer, for all of us, will not simply be the commercial view of buying presents, attending Christmas parties, etc. I pray, instead, that for all of us our discussions will include the religious view of Jesus' birth and what that should mean to all of us! You will find a very useful Advent Family Calendar attached to next week's newsletter with some great family Advent activity ideas.

Please review the December Events that will be taking place when we return on Monday, November 27. This 3 3/4 week period is one of the busiest of the entire school year, but also one of the most important and meaningful! I do not want anyone to miss a basketball game, a School Liturgy, Granola with Grandparents, St. Ann School Advent Program, etc. so please keep your calendar updated. We will use BrightArrow or emails for reminders or changes that may occur.

I am thankful for the opportunity, during the next four days, to spend time with my family, who continue to be my inspiration for leading the life I live and the faith that I live by! I am also thankful for my school family which is comprised of the students, their families, our staff, and our parishioners! I pray that you will all enjoy a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Reminder that the monthly calendar and lunch menu can be found on our school website, www.stanncadillac.org along with the weekly newsletters. We are continuing our effort to use our website for our means of communication, rather than through paper copies.

Our students are already looking forward to the 2017 Christmas Store, which is provided by Ann's Angels Gift Shop Elves! Our JrK-6th grade students will have the opportunity to shop on Thursday, December 7. JrK-6th grade students will each receive an envelope next week with instructions for The Christmas Store. Preschool students, with the supervision of their parents, are welcome to shop on Friday, December 8 (9:00am-1:00pm). This is a great opportunity for our students to shop for presents for their siblings, parents, grandparents, friends, etc. at a very reasonable price. It also enables our students to follow the motto: It is better to give than to receive!

Speaking of giving rather than receiving, please let Brenda, Terry, or me know if you are in need of any help (food, presents, etc.) so that you and your family may enjoy a Merry Christmas. Christmas food baskets will be given out on Friday, December 16.



The JrK-6th Advent Program on December 13th, will begin at 6:30 in the Church with a reception of cookies and refreshments to follow in the Gym. We ask that each JrK-6th grade family brings one doz. cookies, brownies, etc. to share. You can drop off your cookies during the school day or bring them the night of the Advent Program. The reception following the Advent Program will give parents/grandparents, special guests, etc. the opportunity to place a bid on the Classroom Themed Christmas Trees at this time as well (see page 2 for more information).

Playground Superstars

Drake Oliver, JrK	Travis Dickerson, 3rd
Oliver Peterson, JrK	Ava Jensen, 3rd
Adriana Allen, K	Ellie Johnson, 4th
Logan Wangler, K	Keaston Johnson, 4th
Savie Abee, 1st	Noa Bengelink, 5th
Aydin Ali, 1st	Anden Cole, 5th
Taj Frye, 2nd	Luke Feister, 6th
Benjamin Grant, 2nd	Haylee Groen, 6th

I Spy

Ava Jensen, 3rd
Grace Munch, 4th

After School Care

Our After School Care Program (ASC) is a licensed program and requires state-compliant staffing. Please call by 2:30pm the day prior to reserving your student's spot in ASC. The same notice is also required if you plan on cancelling your child's stay in ASC to avoid being charged for that time.

Families cannot be more than three weeks past due on their ASC account in order to use the program.

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8 – Mr. Kellogg's Birthday
8 – Feast of Immaculate Conception/Holy Day of Obligation/Mass at 9:00am
8 – Loaves & Fishes
8 - Eucharistic Adoration, (gr. 3rd-6th) 10:15 am
8 – Christmas Store (Preschoolers with Parents)
11 – Spirits Boys Basketball vs St. Mary, 5:30pm
13 – Advent Program, 6:30pm
15 – K of C Free Throw Contest, during PE
15 - Parents Night Out, 6:30-8:30pm
18 – CAPS Late Start
18 – Spirits Boys Basketball vs Trinity @ GT Norman Elementary School, 5:30pm
20 - Reconciliation Service (gr. 3-6), 10:00am
21 – Christmas Break begins at dismissal

School resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 3

Parent Lunch Duty

Please check in the school office promptly at 11:05.

Mon. 11/27 - Krannitz/Peterson, C.
Tue. 11/28 - Benzenberg x 2
Wed. 11/29 - Larr/LeGrow
Thur. 11/30 - Larr/LeGrow
Fri. 12/1 - Korson/Schoo

Free and Reduced Lunch

If your family is experiencing financial difficulties at this time, you may be eligible for your student/s to receive free or a reduced price lunch. State of Michigan Free and Reduced Lunch applications are available outside the school office. All information is confidential and the student/s receiving these services are not aware that they are participating in the program.



Parent's Night Out

All St. Ann School JrK-6th grade students are invited to Parent's Night Out on Friday, December 15, 6:30-8:30pm. Parent's Night Out now takes place in the Parish Hall, for this reason we are only allowing water (students can bring their own water bottle or we will offer water for 50¢). Students are welcome to wear their pajamas and bring their favorite pillow and blanket. December's featured film will be *Cars 3*.

Please remember that only St. Ann School students are eligible to attend Parent's Night Out.

Themed Christmas Trees



Our annual Themed Christmas Tree Silent Auction will take place following the Advent Program, on Wednesday, December 13.

The money raised through the sale of the classroom Christmas trees will be used to help school families enjoy a Merry Christmas (gifts, food baskets, gift cards, etc.). The classroom teachers will be asking their parents to donate decorations to fit their theme (Sweet Treats, Super Heroes, Nativity, etc.).

Christmas Tree Themes

Following are this year's theme according to each class:

M/W/F Preschool - Purple
T/Th Preschool - Santa
JrK - Sweet Treats
Kindergarten - Super Heroes
1st grade - Northern MI Rustic
2nd grade - Angels
3rd grade - Peacock
4th grade - Toyland
5th grade - Ranches & Farms
6th grade - Nativity

Please turn your ornament into the teachers by Monday, December 4.

Thank you for all you do in service to those who are less fortunate!