

ST. ROBERT SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER – Friday, November 19, 2021

THANKSGIVING PRAYER – Father in Heaven, Creator of all, and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – There will not be a newsletter next week due to Thanksgiving Break. This newsletter will cover the next two weeks. Watch for the next newsletter on Friday, December 3rd.

THANKSGIVING MASS – Please join us for this special Mass on Tuesday, November 23rd at 8:30 am. We hope you can attend and join us in giving thanks. We ask that parents sit at the very back of the church so that there is space for students and staff to social distance in the pews.

THANKSGIVING BREAK is Wednesday, November 24 to Sunday, November 28, 2021.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – We will be returning to in-person library the first week of December, and Mrs. Krupp is in need of some volunteers to help with the classes. Library days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Volunteers are required to complete the online Virtus training (if not already completed), and will be required to wear a mask while in the building. **Please contact Mrs. Krupp directly at srslibrary@strobertschool.com to volunteer or if you have questions.**

FUN FAIR CASUAL DAY – We will have a Fun Fair Casual Day on Tuesday, 11/30. The cost is \$1.00, and proceeds will be used for the next Fun Fair.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Wednesday, 11/24-Sunday, 11/28	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
Monday, November 29 th	25 Days of Giving begins
Tuesday, November 30 th	Fun Fair Casual Day (\$1.00)
Thursday, December 2 nd	6-9pm, Candlewalk
Friday, December 3 rd	2:30pm, Poinsettia Pickup (Mary's Rm) 6-9pm, Candlewalk
Saturday, December 4 th	9am-4pm, CCW Bazaar (Activity Center) Poinsettia Pickup after 5pm Mass
Sunday, December 5 th	Poinsettia Pickup after 8:30am, 10:30am & 6pm Masses

PICTURE RETAKES – Closed eyes? Glare? No smile? Absent? Picture retakes will take place on Tuesday, December 7th. You must return the original pictures to have retakes. Additional information will be sent home after Thanksgiving Break.

***All of us at St. Robert School pray that you and your families
enjoy a safe, happy and blessed Thanksgiving.***

REGISTRATION for Powers Catholic High School for our 8th graders will take place, by appointment only, on Wednesday, December 8th in the Media Center. Flyers, with appointment information, will be sent home next week.

POINSETTIA ORDERS – Just a reminder that the poinsettias will be available for pick up in the lobby by Mary's Room at 2:30pm on Friday, December 3rd, and after Masses on Saturday, 12/4 and Sunday, 12/5. Please contact Mrs. Daniel at kdaniel@strobertschool.com if you have any questions.

'TIS THE SEASON...Advent: a season of waiting and anticipation begins on November 28th. Starting Monday, November 29th, we will begin each day with our traditional Advent wreath and Jesse Tree prayer service. Children from each class will be invited to participate either as readers or by placing a Jesse Tree symbol on our tree. This ritual reminds us of all the prophets and other Old Testament holy people who lead the way for Christ's coming.

MITTEN TREE – This year, our Advent Service project will be collecting children's winter gloves and hats for Catholic Charities. With winter upon us, these donations are very important in helping local families. We ask that each child bring in an item to put on our "Mitten Tree" which will be located at the Southern Entrance of the school by Mary's Room. Donations will be accepted December 6th-17th. If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Ed. Office at (810) 659-8556. Thank you for your generosity!

25 DAYS OF GIVING – In the spirit of Christmas giving, SRS has adopted Whaley Children's Center. Whaley Children's Center works to provide a safe environment for children of abusive, neglected and at-risk homes. They provide love, attention and support to children that may never see it and rely heavily on community support. The 25 Days of Giving will begin on Monday, 11/29 and end on Thursday, 12/16. We'll highlight one of the top 25 items each day during announcements, but families can send in any combination of items at any time. Drop boxes will be located throughout the school and in the hallway near Mary's Room. Please consider donating to Whaley's as part of your Christmas giving traditions. No donation is too small for these kids!

Whaley Children's Center Top 25 Item List

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| 1. Liquid Body Wash | 7. MP3 Player | 13. Clorox Wipes | 19. Art & Craft Supplies |
| 2. Laundry Soap/Pods | 8. Snacks | 14. Batteries | 20. Adult Coloring Books |
| 3. Cleaning Supplies | 9. Paper Products | 15. ChapStick | 21. Shampoo |
| 4. Bath Towels | 10. DVDS (G,PG,PG13) | 16. Board/Card Games | 22. Conditioner |
| 5. Pillows | 11. Plastic Totes | 17. Twin Sheets | 23. Hair Care Products |
| 6. Headphones | 12. Washcloths | 18. Lotion | 24. \$5 Gift Cards (Restaurants/Retail) |
| | | | 25. Journal Book |

COME PREPARE FOR ADVENT – As we draw our Year of the Bible to a close and prepare ourselves in Advent for the Coming of Jesus, this is a great opportunity to hear from one of the most well respected Bible scholars of our time. Catholic Speaker and Author, Dr. John Bergsma, will be at St. Robert Church on Thursday, 12/9. The evening begins with talks on Encountering Jesus in the Old Testament and Encountering Jesus in the New Testament at 6pm and 7:30pm in the church. Hospitality and fellowship will follow in Angel Hall. Dr. Bergsma will have a resource table of books, CDs and DVDs. There is no cost for this event, but free will offerings will be graciously accepted. Informational flyers went home with students this week.

VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, 11/20	SRS Blue vs. Holy Family Gold, 9am at Powers SRS Blue vs. St. John Fenton Green & SRS White, 10:30am at Powers SRs White vs. Holy Family Blue and SRS Blue, 10:30am at Powers
Tuesday, 11/23	SRS Blue vs. St. John Fenton Gold, 5pm at St. John Fenton SRS White vs. Holy Family Gold, 5pm at Holy Family SRS White vs. Holy Family White, 6pm at Holy Family
Wednesday, 12/1	SRS Blue vs. Holy Rosary, 5pm at SRS SRS White vs. Holy Family Blue, 6pm at SRS

CCW BAZAAR – The St. Robert Council of Catholic Women will host a Christmas Craft Bazaar on Saturday, December 4th from 9am-4pm in our Activity Center. Please contact Sandy George at (810) 659-6610 if you are interested in helping.

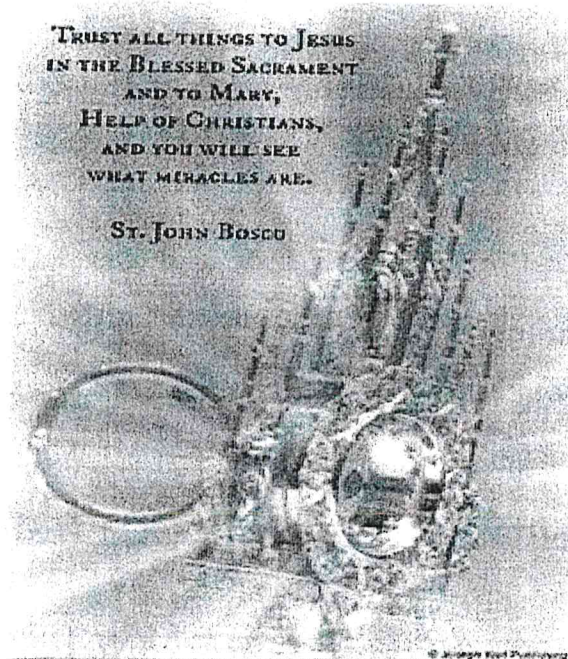
CANDLEWALK – Flushing is proud of one of its most heartwarming traditions – the annual Flushing Candlewalk! Thousands of softly glowing candles will light your way along the streets of Flushing. You'll find chestnuts roasting on an open fire in the middle of Main Street, warming stations throughout the area and Santa Claus arriving in a grand parade to light the ceremonial tree. The Flushing Candlewalk will take place on Thursday, December 2nd and Friday, December 3rd from 6-9pm each night.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, 11/19	4-7pm Fish Fry (Good Shepherd)
Monday, 11/22	K of C Free Throw Contest (during gym) 9-10am, 2+1
Tuesday, 11/23	8:30am, Mass 6pm, 8 th grade Parent Meeting (Powers)
Wednesday, 11/24	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)
Thursday, 11/25	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)
Friday, 11/26	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break) 4-7pm Fish Fry (Good Shepherd)
Monday, 11/29	School Resumes Jesse Tree begins 9-10am, 2+1
Tuesday, 11/30	Fun Fair Casual Day (\$1.00) 2:45pm, Staff Meeting (Media Center)
Wednesday, 12/1	8:36-9:21am, 8 th Confessions
Thursday, 12/2	8:30am, Mass 6-9pm, Candlewalk
Friday, 12/3	2:30pm, Poinsettia Pickup (Mary's Rm) 4-7pm Fish Fry (Good Shepherd) 6-9pm, Candlewalk

Come Spend Time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

*Every Thursday @ 2pm throughout Advent
beginning this Thursday, November 18th, in St. Robert Bellarmine Church*



Work, taking care of the kids, running errands, starting Christmas preparations.....things are crazy right now! With everything going on in our day to day lives, it is difficult to find time to just rest and spend time with Jesus.

Before picking up your St. Robert's student at the end of the school day, come into the church and have a few moments with Jesus before you continue with your busy day.

There will be a **brief** (5 minute) reflection on the upcoming Advent season and then some time of silence for you to spend with the Lord.

I look forward to seeing you this Thursday! And checkout the other side of this announcement for another great event for you as you prepare for Advent!

Tim Cassady, Adult Faith Formation.