



Saints' Sentinel

Dear Parents,

Again this year we will be participating in a Box of Joy service project. A Box of Joy is a Christmas shoe box, donated and packed with toys, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items by participants from U.S. parishes, schools and groups. Box of Joy is an organization sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach. A presentation was given to students yesterday and information is coming home. Boxes are ready to be picked up at school.



On All Saint's Day, November 1st we will be celebrating Mass at NOON at St. Stanislaus with our parish community and would love to have parents to join us. Following the Mass, we will join the students of St. Stanislaus to challenge Father Derda, Father Adams and a panel of priests in the Saints Versus Priests. Students are to dress up like a saint and stump our panel of priests with 3 clues. For example, a student could dress up like a bishop and ask the panel of priests these 3 clues... I was a missionary. My feast day is June 5th. I am known as the "Apostles to the Germans". This saint is St. Boniface. Teachers will also be talking about this in their classrooms and helping to brainstorm some ideas.

Blessings, Shannon Murphy

Happy Birthday

Father Derda

We ask Our Lady of Fatima to pray for Father Derda to have a wonderful Birthday tomorrow
October 13th.

On October 13th, 1917 in the village of Fatima, Portugal. The Virgin Mary, called Our Lady of Fatima, appeared for the sixth time. Thousands witnessed the Miracle of the Sun so that hearts and souls would convert to Christ.

Dates of Interest

- October 13—Father Derda's Birthday
- October 18—8am Mass
- October 20—Grandparents' Day, 8am Mass
- October 25—8am Mass
- October 27—Trunk or Treat
- October 31—Half Day—11:15 Dismissal
- November 1—All Saint's Day, Priests Vs. Saints at St. Stanislaus
- November 5—SMV Parish Game Dinner
- November 8—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 11—EuCure for Crohn's Tournament
- November 21—Half Day—11:15 Dismissal
- November 22-24—No School—Thanksgiving

**Please remember we go outside daily,
dress your children accordingly.**

Grandparents' Day

We look forward to welcoming our Grandparents/Special Persons on Oct 20th. Please have them pick up their student from their classroom at 7:45 to begin the day with Mass at 8AM. Preschool students not in attendance are welcome and encouraged to join us at Mass, but may also meet in the gym at 9am. We will then have a time for refreshments and a short musical performance in the gym. Please RSVP with the form you received in your family Envelope no later than Wednesday the 18th.

Key Card & Coupon Book

Please continue to sell Key Card books to your family and friends. Each book is \$30. The school retains a full 50% of this fundraiser and everyone benefits from more savings than the cost of the book. It is effective NOW. You can use it until December of 2024. Please look it over, and share with others. We have more in the office. If you decide you do not wish to purchase, please return book and card in the bag you received.

Volunteer Opportunity

Mrs. Van, our playground and lunch room helper, will be out for a few weeks and we are looking for a helper from 11:25—12:25 to cover recess and the lunchroom. Our need at this time is Tuesdays and Thursdays through at least the end of the month, possibly the first week of November as well. If you can help out even one day. We would appreciate you—give us a call or send an email to the office. Thank you to our volunteers and teachers who have already found a spot to fill in

Halloween and Trunk or Treat

This year Halloween is a half day. Dismissal is at 11:15. Instead of classroom parties we will be having an all school Bingo and perhaps some other games and treats in the Gym for the last 45-60 minutes of the day. Not all teachers have room parents yet to help out with holiday parties, so please contact the office and your child's teacher if you are interested in helping and becoming a room parent. We can use some help running some games, activities, and snacks for our Halloween party.

It will be a Halloween Color Day. Black and Orange, Purple or Green! (No donation needed) We are asking NO COSTUMES. This eliminates the craziness of changing at school, wearing large distracting costumes during learning time, and keeps costumes clean and undamaged for Trick or Treating later that night.

We do want to see those costumes though at the Trunk or Treat on October 27 from 5-8. Please see attached flyer and contact Nicole Hassevoort (616)262-9681 or nhassevoort@att.net if you have any questions.

Save the Date

Parent Teacher Conferences will be 4-6:30 on November 8.

Time request forms coming home on the 19th.

Mission Statement for St. Mary's Visitation School

At St. Mary's Visitation Catholic School, we are disciples; striving for personal and academic excellence, making Mary our model, as we voyage the path of Jesus.