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## A note from Mrs. Bingham

Dear Parents,
We will soon be entering the third week of Advent. We anticipate Christmas and so we ask Christ to grant us His grace that we might be prepared for welcoming His Birth. Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, marks a traditional turning point in this period of preparation, and we see it visually in the Advent wreath. Not only do we light more candles than we leave unlit for the first time in Advent - thus providing more light, the rose candle is a symbol of our coming joy. I pray that you embrace the joy that goes along with Christmas and the joy of Jesus' birth! The students will go to Reconciliation on Friday, December $16^{\text {th }}$ in preparation for the Christmas Season.

I want to say a huge thank you to all our families who donated toys for the annual Toy Mass. The recipients of our gifts, were thrilled with the gifts and were grateful for the generosity of our families. Let us continue to live that generosity throughout this Advent Season.

St. Mark, Pray for Us.
Mrs. Bingham


Wear your Spirit t-shirts on Friday, December $9^{\text {th. }} \quad$ This is a full dress down day with your St. Mark spirit t-shirt.


Did your order poinsettias? Pickup is Friday, December 9 ${ }^{\text {th }}$. You can pick up your poinsettias from $3 \mathrm{pm}-6 \mathrm{pm}$ in the Parish Center.

Our Christmas Program will be held on December 15 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. All grades PK-8 $8^{\text {th }}$ will be performing. K-8 Students should arrive by $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ and proceed to their homerooms. Preschool students should arrive by $6: 45 \mathrm{pm}$ and go straight to the gymnasium to meet their teachers. All parents and guests should go to the gymnasium and be seated. All students should dress up for the evening concert. Christmas apparel is acceptable, but please no distracting accessories.

## January Lunch

Please click on the link and place your order for lunch in January. https://forms.gle/zpT8KnWJiceyLMKQ9

Orders should be placed by Friday, December $16^{\text {th }}$.

Each day a name will be drawn to win a surprise box of prizes. The prizes get bigger and better each day. Each student will be given two chances. Additional chances are $.50 \phi$ each and will be good for the entire week. The raffle tickets roll over each day.

## Order your Christmas gift cards through St. Mark!



Don't forget that you can order your Together We're Better gift certificates through school at any time. Encourage your family and friends to participate! Check out the extensive list of gift cards that are available.

Orders will be delivered directly to your child or you can pick them up in the office. You can use Walmart cards at Sam's Club for both gas and purchases. Other popular gift cards are Target, Amazon, Dierbergs, Circle K, Mobile/Exxon, and various restaurants.


We are excited to offer curbside ordering and pickup for Together We Are Better gift certificates. Mrs. Wilcox will be at the doors during morning drop off from 7:20am-7:45am. We will have student runners who can get your order and delivery it to your car. Let us help make your Christmas shopping easier!

TWB curbside will be offered on:

- Thursday, December 15, 2022
- Friday, December 16, 2022
- Monday, December 19, 2022


We will celebrate Christmas with a school-wide party on December $21^{\text {st }}$ from $9 \mathrm{am}-10: 00 \mathrm{am}$. If needed, room parents have 10-15 minutes to visit the classroom after the party.

We need parent volunteers. You will need to arrive at $8: 45 \mathrm{am}$ so the party can begin at 9 am . You are welcome to join us for 8 am Mass prior to volunteering for the party.

All volunteers must have completed Protecting God's Children and the Prevent and Protect Program and documentation must be on file at St. Mark. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Althage at 314-743-8641.

Please email Mrs. Greubel at dgreubel@stmarkstl.com if you are able to assist with the Christmas Party. Please respond by Friday, December 16, 2022.

Mrs. Glass will contact preschool parents about details on their party.

## Soup Kitchen

Parish Council would like to encourage our middle school students and families to help other St. Mark parishioners/volunteers at the Saints Peter and Paul Soup Kitchen. It is located at 816 Allen Street in the Soulard neighborhood.

Assistance is needed in serving meals and drinks to the homeless people. Upcoming dates are December 18 and January 15. The time is 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m
Please contact Pat Biggerstaff if you can help. patb6568@gmail.com

## ON A THURSDAY!



December 9, 2022 ~ Poinsettia Pickup
December 10, 2022 ~ Advent/Christmas Family Night
December 15, 2022 ~ Christmas Program - 10am \& 7pm
December 21, 2022 ~ 11am Dismissal/ No Aftercare
December 22, 2022-January 3, 2023 ~ Christmas Break
January 4, 2023 ~ Classes Resume


## Panera FUNDRAISING

# Help support us! <br> ST MARK CATHOLIG CHURGH arion <br> December 8,2022 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm GDT 99 Grasso Plaza <br>  

Use code FUND4U at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.*

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.**

Learn more at fundraising.panerabread.com

- 12 Days of Christanas Rabble


## December 6-27st

Each day a name will be drawn to win a surprise box of prizes. The prizes get bigger and better each day.

Each student will be given two chances. Additional Chances are 50 cents each and will be good for the entire week.

The more you enter, the better your chances of winning!

Tickets available in the office

## "TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER"

## ***Extended List***

This list contains many of the retailers that we do not normally stock and marked with **. Special orders are placed on Monday at 10:00 a.m. and are delivered by Friday. Last day to order in time for Christmas delivery is Monday, December 19th, by 10:00 a.m.

Name $\qquad$ Grade/Homeroom

Address $\qquad$ Order Date Phone $\qquad$ Please make checks payable to 5t. Mark Catholic Church Questions: call Diane Little @ 757-1996 or Alice Wilcox @ 743-8603.

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| Grocers |  |  |  |  | Restaurants |  |  |  |  |
| Dierbergs | 5\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  | IHOP** | 8\% | \$10/\$25 |  |  |
| Kenrick | 10\% | \$10 |  |  | Krispy Kreme Doughnuts** | 8\% | \$10 |  |  |
| Save-A-Lot** | 5\% | \$10 |  |  | Landry's Seafood** | 9\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  |
| Gasoline |  |  |  |  | Little Caesar's Pizza** | 8\% | \$20 |  |  |
| BP Gas | 1.5\% | \$50 |  |  | Long John Silver's** | 8\% | \$10 |  |  |
| Circle K | 1.5\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  | Longhorn Steakhouse** | 8\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  |
| Mobil/Exxon | 1\% | \$50 |  |  | McAlister's Deli** | 6\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Phillips 66 | 1.5\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  | Maggiano's Little Italy** | 11\% | \$25/\$50 |  |  |
| Restaurants |  |  |  |  | Morton's Steakhouse** | 9\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  |
| Applebee's | 8\% | \$25 |  |  | Noodles \& Co.** | 8\% | \$10 |  |  |
| Arby's | 8\% | \$10 |  |  | O'Charley's | 13\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Auntie Anne's** | 6\% | \$25 |  |  | Olive Garden** | 8\% | \$10/\$25 |  |  |
| Bob Evans | 10\% | \$10 |  |  | Outback Steakhouse** | 10\% | \$10/\$25/\$50 |  |  |
| Bonefish Grill** | 10\% | \$10/\$25 |  |  | P. F. Chang's China Bistro** | 6\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Buffalo Wild Wings | 8\% | \$10/\$25 |  |  | Panda Express** | 8\% | \$25 |  |  |
| California Pizza Kitchen** | 8\% | \$25 |  |  | Papa John's Pizza | 8\% | \$10 |  |  |
| Cheesecake Factory** | 5\% | \$25 |  |  | Papa Murphy's Pizza** | 8\% | \$10 |  |  |
| Chili's | 11\% | \$25 |  |  | Pizza Hut | 8\% | \$10 |  |  |
| Chipotle Mexican Grill** | 10\% | \$10/\$25 |  |  | Qdoba** | 7\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Chuck E. Cheese's** | 8\% | \$10 |  |  | Red Lobster** | 8\% | \$10/\$25 |  |  |
| Cinnabon** | 6\% | \$25 |  |  | Red Robin | 8\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Cold Stone Creamery** | 11\% | \$5/\$10 |  |  | Sonic** | 8\% | \$10/\$25 |  |  |
| Cracker Barrel | 8\% | \$10/\$25 |  |  | St. Louis Bread Co.** | 8\% | \$5/\$10/\$25 |  |  |
| Dave \& Buster's** | 13\% | \$25 |  |  | Starbucks** | 4.5\% | \$5/\$10/\$25 |  |  |
| Denny's | 7\% | \$10 |  |  | Steak 'n Shake | 8\% | \$10 |  |  |
| Domino's | 8\% | \$10/\$25 |  |  | Subway | 4.5\% | \$10 |  |  |
| Dunkin' Donuts** | 3\% | \$10/\$25 |  |  | Taco Bell** | 5\% | \$5/\$10/\$25 |  |  |
| Einstein Bros. Bagels** | 10\% | \$10 |  |  | Texas Roadhouse | 8\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  |
| Fazoli's** | 9\% | \$25 |  |  | TGIFriday's | 9\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Freddy's** | 8\% | \$25 |  |  | Movie Theatres |  |  |  |  |
| Golden Corra\|** | 9\% | \$25 |  |  | AMC Theatre** | 10\% | \$10/\$12 |  |  |
| Hardee's** | 5\% | \$10 |  |  | AMC Theatre** | 8\% | \$25/\$50 |  |  |
| Honey Baked Ham** | 12\% | \$25 |  |  | Marcus Theatres | 8\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Subtotal 1 |  |  |  |  | Subtotal 2 |  |  |  |  |


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| Retailers |  |  |  |  | Retailers |  |  |  |  |
| ACE Hardware** | 4\% | \$25 |  |  | iTunes** | 5\% | \$15/\$25 |  |  |
| Aerie** | 10\% | \$25 |  |  | JCPenney | 5\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  |
| Aeropostale** | 10\% | \$25 |  |  | Jiffy Lube** | 8\% | \$30 |  |  |
| American Eagle** | 10\% | \$25 |  |  | Joann Fabric | 6\% | \$25 |  |  |
| American Girl** | 9\% | \$100 |  |  | Journeys** | 10\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Apple Store/Apple.com** | 5\% | \$15/\$25 |  |  | Kohl's | 4\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  |
| Banana Republic** | 14\% | \$25 |  |  | Land's End** | 15\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Barnes \& Noble** | 8\% | \$5/\$10/\$25/\$100 |  |  | Lowe's | 4\% | \$20/\$25/\$100 |  |  |
| Bass Pro Shop | 10\% | \$25 |  |  | Macy's** | 10\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Bath \& Body Works** | 12\% | \$10/\$25 |  |  | Marshalls | 7\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Bed, Bath \& Beyond | 7\% | \$25 |  |  | Menards** | 3\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  |
| Best Buy | 4\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  | Michaels | 4\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Big Lots** | 4\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  | Office Depot/Office Max** | 5\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Buckle** | 8\% | \$25 |  |  | Old Navy | 14\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Build-A-Bear** | 8\% | \$25 |  |  | PetSmart** | 5\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Burlington** | 8\% | \$25 |  |  | Pottery Barn/Williams-Sonoma** | 8\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Cabela's | 10\% | \$25 |  |  | Ross Dress for Less** | 8\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Carter's** | 10\% | \$25 |  |  | Sally Beauty** | 12\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Champs Sports** | 8\% | \$25 |  |  | Sephora** | 5\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Claire's Boutique** | 9\% | \$10 |  |  | Shoe Carnival** | 5\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Crate \& Barrel** | 8\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  | Shutterfly** | 9\% | \$25 |  |  |
| CVS** | 6\% | \$10/\$25/\$100 |  |  | Talbots** | 13\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Dick's Sporting Goods | 8\% | \$25 |  |  | Target** | 2.5\% | \$10/\$25/\$100 |  |  |
| Dillard's** | 9\% | \$25 |  |  | The Children's Place** | 12\% | \$25 |  |  |
| DSW(Designer Shoe Warehouse)** | 8\% | \$25 |  |  | The Container Store** | 9\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Express** | 10\% | \$25 |  |  | TJMaxx | 7\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Famous Footwear** | 8\% | \$25 |  |  | Topgolf** | 8\% | \$50 |  |  |
| Five Below** | 2.5\% | \$25 |  |  | ULTA** | 7\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Foot Locker** | 8\% | \$25 |  |  | Walmart/Sam's Club** | 2.5\% | 510/525/\$100/5250 |  |  |
| GameStop** | 5\% | \$25 |  |  | Other |  |  |  |  |
| GAP | 14\% | \$25 |  |  | Amazon.com** | 1.7\% | \$10/\$25/5100 |  |  |
| Great Clips | 8\% | \$25 |  |  | Disney** | 3\% | \$25/\$100 |  |  |
| Harry \& David** | 12\% | \$50 |  |  | Groupon.com** | 7\% | \$25 |  |  |
| Home Depot** | 4\% | \$10/525/\$100/5500 |  |  | Southwest Airlines** | 4\% | \$250 |  |  |
| HomeGoods | 7\% | \$25 |  |  | Visa Gift Card** | 1.25\% | \$25/\$50/\$100 |  |  |
| Subtotal 3 |  |  |  |  | Subtotal 4 |  |  |  |  |


| I will pick up at next week's Mass | Subtotal 1 |
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| Call when ready, I will pick up at the parish office | Subtotal 2 |
|  | Subtotal 3 |
| Please send home with my child ASAP <br> **Please note: Some of the $\$ 5$ and $\$ 10$ cards are only for a limited time for the holidays, while supplies last.** | Subtotal 4 |
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