

# "The Message" a weekly newsletter of St. Mark School

December 8, 2022

### 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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th.</sup> This is a full dress down day with your St. Mark spirit t-shirt.



**Did your order poinsettias?** Pickup is **Friday, December 9**th. You can pick up your poinsettias from 3pm-6pm in the Parish Center.



Our Christmas Program will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. All grades PK-8<sup>th</sup> will be performing. K-8 Students should arrive by 6:30 pm and proceed to their homerooms. Preschool students should arrive by 6:45pm 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. <a href="https://forms.gle/zpT8KnWJiceyLMKQ9">https://forms.gle/zpT8KnWJiceyLMKQ9</a>

Orders should be placed by Friday, December 16th.



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¢ 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<sup>st</sup> from 9am-10:00am. 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 8:45am so the party can begin at 9am. You are welcome to join us for 8am 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 <u>dgreubel@stmarkstl.com</u> 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.

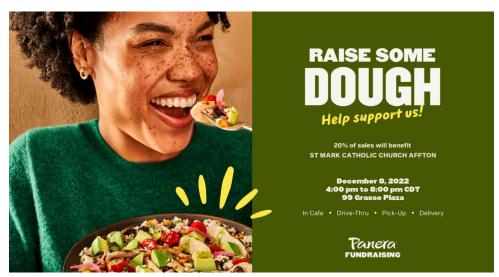
#### Soup Kitchen

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. <a href="mailto:patb6568@gmail.com">patb6568@gmail.com</a>



## **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

# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	NOTES
	2 No School	3 No School	4 Chicken Rings Butter Noodles Fruit	5 Pancakes Sausage Fruit	6 Cheese Sticks Vegetable Fruit	7	
8	9 Cheeseburger French Fries Fruit	10 Spaghetti with Meatballs Vegetable Garlic Bread Fruit	11 Chick-Fil-A Day 5 nuggets or 1 sandwich	12 Nachos Corn Fruit	13 Noon Dismissal No Lunch	14	
15	16 No School	17 Chicken Rings Macaroni & Cheese Fruit	18 Bosco Stick Salad Fruit	19 French Toast Sticks Sausage Fruit	20 Dominos Pizza (cheese or pepperoni) Carrot Fruit	21	
22	23 Toasted Ravioli Green beans Fruit	24 Corn Dog Corn Fruit	25 Chick-Fil-A Day 5 nuggets or 1 sandwich	26 Grilled Cheese French Fries Fruit	27 Pizza Salad Fruit	28	
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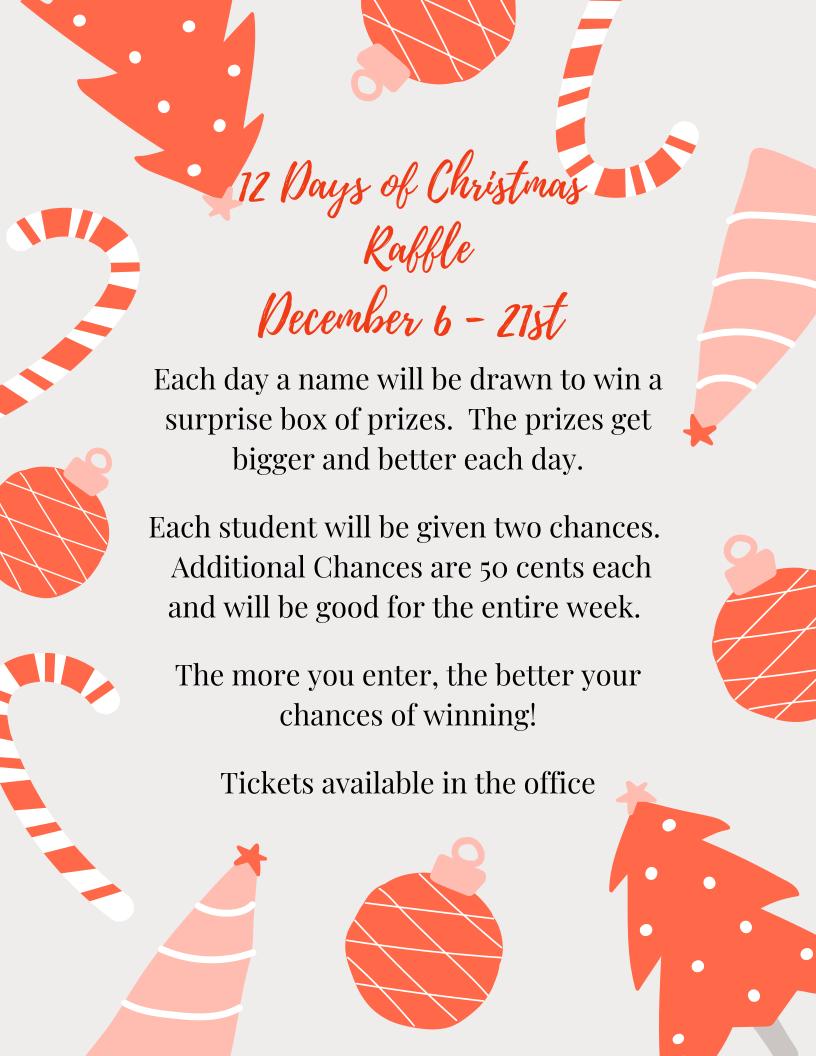
December 8, 2022 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm CDT 99 Grasso Plaza DONATED

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#### \*\*\*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	Grade/Homeroom
Address	Order Date
Phone	Check #
	Please make checks payable to St. Mark Catholic Church.
	Questions: call Diane Little @ 757-1996 or Alice Wilcox @ 743-8603.

	%	Denom.	Qty	Total		%	Denom.	Qty	Total
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 Corral**	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						Subtot	al 2		

Revised: 11/1/22 (More on back)

Total	Denom.	%	Denom.	Qty	Total
	\$25	5%	\$15/\$25		
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	\$25	8%	\$30		
	\$25	6%	\$25		
	\$100	10%	\$25		
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I will pick up at next week's Mass		_ Subtotal 1	
Call when ready, I will pick up at the parish office		Subtotal 2	
,		Subtotal 3	
Please send home with my child ASAP		Subtotal 4	
**Please note: Some of the \$5 and \$10 cards are only a limited time for the holidays, while supplies last.**		Total	
Receipt 1	Together We're Better Certificates		
Name:			
Received on:	Total:		
Received by:	Check #	:	
Certificates:			