



FRIDAY NOTES — DECEMBER 19, 2025



Congratulations to This Week's SSP STARS — Christmas Edition! We are thrilled to celebrate some amazing individuals who went above and beyond this week:

- **Stephen Gaydos** — Our St. Vincent de Paul concierge, always ready to lend a helping hand.
- **Gloria Seper** — A true lifesaver these past two days before Christmas break! With a lightly staffed office, Ms. Seper went to *infinity and beyond* to keep things running smoothly.
- **Seth Rataj & Ian Ochoa-Perez** — Always dependable in collecting unclaimed equipment, coats, and jackets after recess.
- **New Altar Servers** — Special shout-out to our 4th graders: **Ashley Anglo-Pluma, Theresa Zen, and Maria Kim**. These young ladies love to serve and would volunteer multiple times a day if they could!
- **PTO Officers** — Especially **Stephanie Nigh**, who works behind the scenes coordinating room parents and class party details. Your dedication is deeply appreciated!
- **Mrs. Shelley Cade** — Long-term Kindergarten substitute during Mrs. Lorenz's absence. With steady support from **Mrs. Keenan**, Mrs. Cade made a tremendous impact. **Good news:** Mrs. Lorenz will return to her teaching duties the first week of February!

Notes from Gloria Openlander:

MOScholars Program This program provides financial support for qualifying non-public students under Missouri Statute 166.700.

[Click here for complete details: Missouri's K-12 Scholarship Program.](#) **Important:**

- Applicants must have an IEP written by their local public school district. Private assessments/IEPs will **not** be accepted.
- For St. Louis City residents: Contact [St. Louis Public Schools](#) at (314) 345-5655 or email **Sanceria Thomas** at sanceria.thomas@slps.org | (314) 633-5370.
- For St. Louis County residents: Contact **Special School District** at 12110 Clayton Road, Town and Country, MO 63131 | (314) 989-8100.

NWEA Scores Update Scores have been updated and reflected in each child's personal **IXL Skill Plans**. Students are encouraged to practice using these plans during Christmas break.

WEEK IN REVIEW 1/4—1/9, 2026

CLICK
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CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1/4 Sunset Youth Mass 4:30pm
Children's Liturgy of the Word 10am & 4:30pm

Christmas Break begins today at 12 pm; Classes Resume on MONDAY 1/5

Lunch: French Toast **Alternative:** Bagel with Cream Cheese or **Salad:** Spinach

TUESDAY 1/6

Grades 2 & 5 Mass Servers: Elliotte Boudeman & Lyric Carrera
Lunch: Carnival Corn Dog **Alternative:** BLT Wrap or **Salad:** BLT

WEDNESDAY 1/7 PTO Meeting 7pm

Lunch: Mini Chicken Tacos **Alternative:** Chicken Caesar Wrap or **Salad:** Chicken Caesar

THURSDAY 1/8 All School Mass Servers: Sammy Bernstetter, Alex & Lucas Overmann
Lunch: Orange Chicken **Alternative:** Taco Wrap or **Salad:** Taco

FRIDAY 1/9 Palmer Music-Band Epiphany Program 2 pm

Lunch: Papa Sausage Pizza **Alternative:** Papa John Cheese Pizza and **Salad:** Chef

Sunday 1/11 Epiphany Pageant presented by **Grade 1** and the SSP Choral Club



CHESS CLUB will return to SSP in JANUARY 2026.

Stay Tuned for more details in the upcoming year.



January

St. Stephen Protomartyr

FOOD IN FOCUS



Daily alternative

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Did you know?

January 23 is National Pie Day which was established in 1986 to commemorate Crisco's 75th anniversary.

French Toast Slice
Crispy Bacon
Yogurt
Frosty Peaches

Carnival Corn Dog
Smiley Face Potatoes
Crisp Grapes
Flavored Jell-O

Mini Chicken Tacos
Fiesta Rice
Sweet Corn
Frosty Strawberries



5

6

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Emoji Waffle
Golden Hash Brown
Sweet Strawberries
Mini Blueberry Muffin

Pizza Quesadilla
Tossed Salad
Crisp Grapes
Cinnamon Goldfish

Chicken Fried Rice
Fresh Broccoli with Dip
Orange Wedges
Vanilla Wafers



14

15

16

MLK
DAY

19

Toasted Beef Ravioli
Fresh Broccoli with Dip
Breadstick
Mini Rice Krispies Treat

Hot Ham & Cheese Sliders
Ruffles Chips
Fresh Veggies with Dip
Pineapple Tidbits

21

22

23

Waffle
Crispy Hash Brown
Strawberry Yogurt
Pineapple Chunks

Popcorn Chicken
Yogurt with Blueberries
Smiley Fries
Fresh Veggies with Dip

Chicken Alfredo Pasta
Garlic Breadstick
Garden Salad
Diced Peaches

27

28

29

30

PAPA JOHNS PIZZA SAUSAGE
Fresh Veggies with Dip
Apple Slices
Oven Baked Cookie

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Tuesday -BLT Salad

BLT Wrap

Wednesday- Chicken Caesar

Chicken Caesar Wrap

Thursday -Taco Salad

Taco Wrap

Friday - Chef Salad

Cheese Pizza

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Contact our dietitian at lisa@foodserv.org for special dietary and allergy concerns.

For more information about FSC or employment opportunities, please go to www.foodserviceconsultants.org

The [St. Stephen Protomartyr Gala](#) is just around the corner! Join us on Saturday February 14, 2026, for our [Queen of Hearts Masquerade](#), a night that brings our parish and school community together in support of Catholic education.

You can [purchase Gala tickets here](#) or browse our [SSP Gala FAQ](#) for everything you need to know.

We can't pull off a big event like this without the help of many amazing volunteers! Join us for the next Gala meeting this Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 PM in the SSP Parish Hall. Learn how you can get involved by reaching out to Gala Co-Chairs, [Kim Armstrong](#) or [Sara Dannan](#).

Make Christmas a little more magical, surprise your Valentine with tickets to the SSP Gala and celebrate together on February 14!

Queen of Hearts



ST. STEPHEN
PROTOMARTYR
GALA

2/14/26

3949 Wilmington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63116

COST IS
\$100 PER
TICKET

DOORS
OPEN AT
6:00PM

DINNER &
DRINKS
INCLUDED



**Pick out your ballgowns and suits and join SSP for a masquerade of the ages...*

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY
OF
ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

SSP

SPORTS TRIVIA

ENTRY
\$50

DOORS OPEN
06:00 PM

JAN
31ST

2025
CHAMPS



**LUDY'S FOUL
BALL LOUNGE**



**REGISTER
HERE**

SCAN ME



**SELL OUT
EXPECTED**

3949 WILMINGTON AVE, SOUTH CITY, 63116

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ST. STEPHEN'S
Entry includes a delicious world class dinner, drinks and snacks
An evening of Sports Trivia
Games of Chance including CHUCK-A-LUCK