

FRIDAY NOTES — DECEMBER 5, 2025



Congratulations to this week's SSP STARS—Holiday Edition!

First up, **Oscar Chierek**, recently honored by *Do The Right Thing of Greater St. Louis* and nominated by Officer Schaberg for consistently “doing the right thing.” Oscar is a shining example of kindness—always looking out for younger students and encouraging others to make positive choices. Next, a heartfelt thank-you to **our SSP Village** for spreading the spirit of giving all year long! From making late-start transitions smooth to stepping in when childcare gets tricky—before school, after school, and anytime in between—you remind us what community is all about. Life can be challenging, but it's a gift to have people to lean on! Finally, cheers to **our teachers and staff**, whose daily love and care for your children make this season brighter. A special shout-out to **“The Glorias”** for guiding us through the Winter Testing Window (NCEA). Your dedication is paying off—we're seeing progress on that proverbial spreadsheet! May this season of joy and gratitude remind us that together, we make SSP a place where every child shines.

Cub Scout Pack 104 is selling live Christmas greens to raise money for the Pack. We have a few items left for sale and could use some help finding buyers. Please direct your questions to Steve Bernstetter at his email address: s.bernstetter@gmail.com or phone at (314)605-1169.

Here's the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DA4AD2BA2FCC43-60242119-extra#/>

New Preschool Program News (Pre K-2)

Thank you to those families who attended the information night last evening. It was announced that the Pre K-2 Lead teacher will be SSP Alum, **Mrs. Abby Shipley**. We will be interviewing her support team in the near future. The Pre K-2 program also revealed their identity: **The Caterpillars**. These junior kindergarten students will join the Busy Bees and Dragonflies in our Early Childhood Learning Center in August 2026.



WEEK IN PREVIEW 12/7—12/12, 2025

SUNDAY 12/7 Sunset Youth Mass 4:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word 10am & 4:30pm

Advent By Candlelight 7pm Fr. Keaney Center



MONDAY 12/8 PTO Golden Hoosier Dine Around

Choral Club practice @ 2:30 pm

All School Mass Servers: Lucas Overmann & Auggie Nigro

Lunch: Fluffy Pancakes **Alternative:** Bagel with Cream Cheese or Salad: Spinach

TUESDAY 12/9

Grades 2 & 8 Mass Servers: Jack Minor & Reagan Joly

Lunch: Chicken Rings **Alternative:** BLT Wrap or Salad: BLT

WEDNESDAY 12/10 Board of Education Meeting 7pm

Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese sliders **Alternative:** Chicken Caesar Wrap or Salad: Chicken Caesar

THURSDAY 12/11 Choral Club practice @ 2:30 pm

Chess Club 3-4 pm in the Art Room

All School Mass Servers: Lucas Overmann & Auggie Nigro

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

FRIDAY 12/12 Ugly Festive (Christmas) Sweater Day

Palmer Music-Band

Fr. Aaron Nord's Select Sacrament Sessions 3—4 pm

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



CHORAL CLUB

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Advent Lessons and Carols

2 PM at SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH MOTHERHOUSE
6400 Minnesota 64111

THURSDAY 12/11

We will sing at Our Lady of Life and Rose Hill.



FRIDAY 12/12

We will sing for parishiners who are home bound and Nazareth Living Center.



Homework Club

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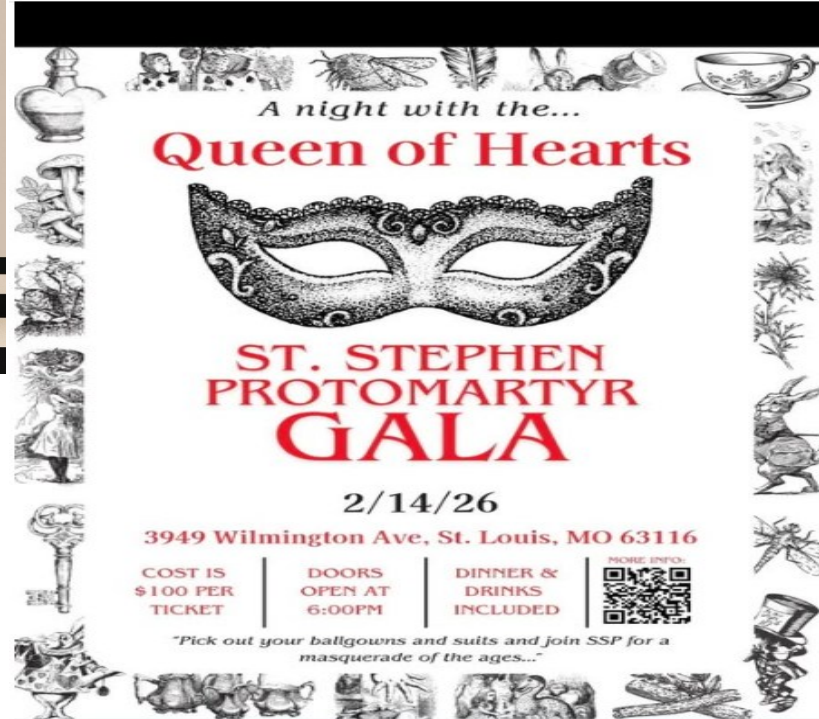
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SSP Chess Club News (Checkmate Your Limits!)
 After a painstaking process to get all the pieces on the proverbial board, the SSP Chess Club grew **exponentially**. We partnered with the **St. Louis Chess Club** for a maximum of 16 students during the first semester. Enthusiasm soared, and we continue to receive requests well beyond those original 16 spots. (If you're a chess player, you know 16 is significant!) The first semester served as a **"try before you buy"** opportunity while we explored sponsorship through a grant with the **ICW Foundation**. Unfortunately, that partnership has not materialized yet. Looking ahead to the 2nd semester, without sponsorship, the Chess Club will require a fee of approximately **\$10 per student per class**.

We plan to finalize our roster and secure limited spots by the end of this calendar year. **All spots are currently filled for the remainder of 2025**. If you have questions or need clarification, please reach out to **Mr. Sturgill**.



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 Danna](#).

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

