



## Parent Newsletter

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### Important Dates

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Student Council  
Meeting  
3:05-4:00pm

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>  
Faith Sharing  
Mrs. Mar &  
Mrs. Pinasco  
Dominican Hall  
8:15 – 9:00am

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>  
Immaculate  
Conception  
Holy Day Mass  
9:15am

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Annie's Angels  
Bell ringing

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>  
School Mass  
9:15am

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Minimum day  
12:00pm dismissal  
for all grades

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Annie's Angels  
3:45 – 5:30pm

Dec. 18 – 22nd  
Christmas Spirit  
week

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>  
School Mass  
9:15am

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Early day  
2:00pm dismissal

### ADVENT MESSAGE:

Advent is the beginning of the church year. Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, is a season of preparation. Advent means "coming" or "arrival." During these busy weeks, we prepare to celebrate the Savior who came to us in Bethlehem. In the midst of all our activities, we take time to reflect and prepare. Let us celebrate Advent and keep Christ the focus of these often very busy days leading up to Christmas. Have a blessed Advent Season.

### ADVENT REFLECTION:

<https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/advent-2023-a-season-full-of-grace>

### HALLOW APP:

Please take advantage of the great Advent resources Hallow has to offer: Advent prayer challenges, family content, music, and more. To gain access to Hallow for Advent resources and Catholic resources year-round, students can use the Hallow launcher button on their Clever portal page, the Hallow link in their St. Anne's Bookmarks folder on their Chrome web browser, or families can access this information via the app on their mobile device. Use the "Continue with Google" option and use the student's school email address and password to login.

### SEASON OF GIVING:

**Families in K-4th grade** are invited to purchase gifts from the St. Anne's Christmas Angels Project and bring their donations to the classroom. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

**Families in 5th-8th grade** can help bless a family in need. Room parents will be reaching out to their classes with a wish list based on the family's request, for the students and class families to fulfill. Wrapping of the donations will be done during Christmas parties on Thursday, December 21st.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

Friday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be attending Mass on this day at 9:15am with the Parish. **Students need to be in Mass uniform.** Parents are welcome to join us.

### SOS HOUR OPPORTUNITY, CRAB FEED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Crab Feed Committee is seeking volunteers to help with set up and clean up for the 2024 crab feed. To see available shifts, and to sign up to volunteer, please visit the [online sign up sheet here](#). If you are interested in helping assemble raffle baskets, please contact Cari Diaz at [stannescrabfeed@gmail.com](mailto:stannescrabfeed@gmail.com) or 813-433-4242.

### CRAB DINNER TICKETS ON SALE:

Please join us for our annual crab feed fundraiser on Saturday, January 20, 2024 in the St. Anne's gym. **Tickets are on sale now and can be [purchased online here](#).** Your ticket includes all-you-can-eat marinated crab from Silvio's, pasta, salad, bread, and dessert. We will have raffle baskets, silent and live auctions, no-host bar, and a DJ and dancing. Please see the attached flyer for more information or feel free to email [stannescrabfeed@gmail.com](mailto:stannescrabfeed@gmail.com) with questions. This event is a major fundraiser for our school, so please help us spread the word, tickets will likely sell out.

### MINIMUM DAY:

Next Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> will be a minimum day with 12:00pm dismissal for all grades.

### DECEMBER LUNCH ORDERS:

**The ordering deadline for January hot lunch is Monday, December 18th at 11:59PM.** If you do not order prior to the deadline there is no way to place an order afterwards.

### PARADE OF LIGHTS THANK YOU:

Thank you to Whitney Ross for chairing this memorable event. Thank you, committee members, Parent Club, and all the families that worked to make this event a success.

### MESSAGE FROM MR. LOMELI:

Any students wishing to perform before the Christmas Pageant can email Mr. Lomeli at [alomeli@stanneslodi.org](mailto:alomeli@stanneslodi.org) by Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.

### THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON FEEDBACK:

Please fill out this [survey](#) by December 15 to help us improve this event for next year.

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Pageant  
7:00pm

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>  
Christmas Class  
parties

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Christmas Prayer  
Service  
9:15am

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Minimum day  
12:00pm dismissal  
For all grades

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
No Campus Care

Dec. 25 – Jan. 5  
Christmas  
Vacation

### **MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS:**

Please remember to turn in your Mass attendance cards when attending weekend Masses at St. Anne's Church. Please contact the office if you did not receive your Mass cards.

### **ART AND LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Art volunteers and Lunch volunteers are needed. Sign-up through sign-up genius, **no emails please.** [www.signupgenius.com/tabs/53171DD04A4C8E8C71-202324](http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/53171DD04A4C8E8C71-202324) Please look carefully as there are two tabs one for lunch and one for Art.

### **MINIMUM DAY, NO CAMPUS CARE:**

Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a minimum day, dismissal will be at 12:00pm for all grades. Campus Care will not be available this day. The school office will close at 12:15pm, please make arrangements to have your children picked up at 12:00pm.

### **YEARBOOK FOTOS:**

St. Anne's community with photos to share with the yearbook may use the Community Upload portal by using this address link. <https://community.lifetouch.com/invite?code=SACS YB-24> If asked, the invite code "SACSYB-24" should be entered.

### **SECOND SUNDAY SCHOOL MASS:**

On the second Sunday of each month, our parish holds a second collection for the school. These funds go directly to the education of your child. As a way of saying thank you to God for the gifts he has given us through these generous donors, we ask that you and your family join us at either the 8:30 or 10:30 liturgy. Beginning on January 14, 2024, students who attend one of these Masses on the second Sunday in their school uniforms and approach the priest after Mass will receive a free dress pass from them. We also ask for families to sign up to help at these Masses by being a greeter or gift bearer. Please use the [link](#) to sign up for this wonderful opportunity in January, February, March, April and May. We look forward to coming together as a community around the Eucharist table of the Lord.

Dates for the 2nd Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 Mass  
January 14th  
February 11th  
March 10th  
April 14th  
May 12th

### **ANNIES ANGELS CHANGE**

There will be **NO Annie's Angels shelter dinner** next week. Instead, we are **RINGING BELLS** to earn money for the Salvation Army. We will be at HOBBY LOBBY in Lodi from 4-6pm next TUESDAY, December 12. See attached flyer. Wear your Christmas gear and come dressed warm. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students welcome. PERMISSION SLIP REQUIRED for new volunteers).

### **PRAYER REQUEST:**

December World Prayer for youth. Heavenly Father, through the intercession of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we ask Your blessings upon our youth. We ask that the love of Jesus Christ inspire and comfort them. We ask that the counsel of the Holy Spirit be their joy and peace. May their love for the Lord continue to grow and mature throughout their lives, leading them to greater love and charity for all humankind. Give us the grace to be worthy role models for their spiritual development along the way.

### **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD STUDY MEETING:**

Our next Science Olympiad STUDY Meeting will be Friday, December 8th in Room 7, 3:05-4:00 pm. There is still space available for those who are interested.

### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:**

Join us on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas pageant. It is the expectation that all students be in attendance; however, if your child is unable to attend, please notify your child's teacher by December 13.

Students may wear fancy Christmas attire or their school uniform to the pageant. Prior to the start of the pageant, students should report to their designated pew in church to meet their teacher and they must be picked up by parents at the class pews after the pageant is over.

Doors to the church will open at 6:30 p.m. and we kindly ask that you do not save pews. **Reserving pews will not be allowed, so please make sure your entire party is with you before being seated.** If you have family that are not able to attend the evening performance, please encourage them to attend our final full-dress rehearsal on December 20 at 10:15 a.m. Doors will open immediately before.

### **CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DAYS:**

Student Council is planning Christmas spirit days for the week of Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please see attached flyer for information.

# ST. ANNE'S CHRISTMAS ANGELS PROJECT



In the spirit of giving this Christmas Season, we invite our Kindergarten through 4th Grade students & families to live out their faith & purpose by supporting our community by collecting the following items:

- Children's Books
- Educational Toys
- Puzzles
- Children's Socks
- Children's Gloves
- Children's Scarves

Items should be new and unwrapped.

**ACCEPTING DONATIONS**

November 27th -  
December 11th

Items will be distributed through the Lodi Adopt a Family Angel Tree Project.





ATTENTION 7-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

COMMUNITY SERVICE

SUPPORT THE

SALVATION ARMY

HELP "RING THE BELL"! @

KETTLE BELL DONATION

STATION

HOBBY LOBBY

Tuesday, DECEMBER 12, 2023

4PM-6PM

Come by anytime between 4:00 and 6:00pm

SPONSORED BY ANNIE'S ANGELS

PERMISSION SLIP REQUIRED

Please contact Mrs. Precissi, [rprecissi@stanneslodi.org](mailto:rprecissi@stanneslodi.org) with any questions.



# *Christmas Activities*



Week of 12/18/2023

Christmas Songs/Carols in the morning  
from 7:30 am to 8:00 am

## **Monday 12/18**

Christmas Accessory Day: Santa hats, reindeer, antlers, headbands, Christmas light necklaces **with school uniform.**

## **Tuesday 12/19**

Wear your most FESTIVE Christmas Sweater along with **RED & GREEN** colors with **school uniforms bottoms.**

## **Wednesday 12/20**

Candy canes after Mass

## **Thursday 12/21**

Christmas Pajama Day

(school appropriate, no slippers, no Ugg boots)

## **Friday 12/22**

Dress your **BEST** for our Christmas Prayer Service, last day before Christmas break: Dresses, slacks, vests, button-up shirts (please follow all "free dress" rules).





SAINT ANNE'S  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# ROCKIN' CRAB FEED

JANUARY  
20th

TICKETS  
\$70



## Event Schedule

5:00 No Host Bar  
Silent Auction Bidding  
Raffle Baskets  
6:30 Dinner is Served  
7:30 Live Auction  
8:00 DJ & Dancing  
10:00 Last Call



Marinated Crab,  
Salad, Pasta, Bread,  
**Brownies**

Provided by  
Silvio's Ravioli and Catering  
(Jason Kimball)



To make reservations please go to  
[www.stanneslodi.org/crabfeed](http://www.stanneslodi.org/crabfeed)