



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1199 option 1

## Weekly Update 12~ December 5, 2019

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. DEC 05 7:00 PM K-4 Advent Program (church)**
- FR. DEC 06 8:00 AM School Mass (church)**  
Report Cards Sent Home with Students  
2:40 PM Middle School JPPII Society (youth room)  
6:00 PM Ignite for 6th-8th grades
- SA. DEC 07 8:00 AM Mass followed by the Women's Advent Morning of Reflection (Doran Hall)**
- MO. DEC 09 Out-of Uniform Pass Day**
- TU. DEC 10 2:40 PM Middle School Bible Series (youth room)**
- WE. DEC 11 2:40 PM Middle School Open Youth Room (youth room)**
- TH. DEC 12 NPH Day for \$1- students may wear Spirit Wear or Orange (for NPH Honduras)**
- FR. DEC 13 8:00 AM School Mass followed by the Middle School Honor Assembly for Trimester 1**  
9:15 AM Preschool Christmas Program (cafeteria)  
9:45 AM Pre-K Christmas Program (Doran Hall)  
7:00 PM Middle School Friday Night Live (gym/youth room)
- SA. DEC 14 10:30 AM St. Charles Advent Penance Service (church)**
- TH. DEC 19 7:00 PM Middle School Christmas Band & Choir Concert (Doran Hall)**
- MO. DEC 23 School Not in Session ~ Christmas Break**
- TH. JAN 02 School Resumes**

Dear St. Charles Parents,

The day of the Advent Service is always exciting for our students and staff. I'd like to thank the leaders of this service: Peter Vanderwaal, Anne Flynn, Jen Villella, and Judy Kusz for the hard work, collaboration, and preparation that they put into this service. I look forward to being with you tonight to start the season of Advent right. Doors open at 5:45 PM; the story begins at 7:00 PM.

As a reminder, report cards will be going home this Friday. Please review them with your child, compliment them on their successes and challenge them where they can improve. Report card "meetings" with our children let them know we care about their spiritual, academic, and social/emotional development. If you don't currently have this tradition in your household, please consider starting it. It is a moment of connection that your children will remember and hopefully carry on when they have their own families.

Next week, we will have our preschool and prekindergarten programs on Friday, December 13, and our Middle School Christmas Band and Choir Concert the week after that. These 3 weeks will go by in a flash. We look forward to plenty of family time, joy, and thanksgiving as Advent leads us to Christmas.

Please check [here](#) about applying for Aim Higher Scholarships for next year. If you are a family who could use financial support please make sure you apply. There are more scholarships available this year.

God bless you!  
Danny Kieffer  
St. Charles Principal

## Advent Season Opportunities and Details

- **K - 4th Advent Program ~ TONIGHT, December 5**— Everyone is invited to join us for the Real Story of Christmas, as depicted by the students in grades K-4 at 7:00 PM in the church. K-4 families, check [Advent Service](#) for specific details for when and where your student needs to be tonight.
- School Masses ~ Join us for the 8:00 AM School Mass on the Fridays in Advent: December 6, December 13, and December 20.
- Parish Advent Penance Service ~ Saturday, December 14 — Everyone is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent. On Saturday, December 14, at 10:30 AM there will be several confessors present for the Parish Penance Service.
- Middle School Band & Choir Concert ~ Thursday, December 19— Everyone is invited to the St. Charles Band & Choir Concert at 7:00 PM in Doran Hall. Come enjoy the Christmas spirit.

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## Make Your List and Check It Twice...

With hundreds of retailers to choose from, **SCRIP gift cards** make the perfect gift for everyone! Even better, your purchase benefits St. Charles with instant cash back on all orders!

- Orders can be turned in to the office or placed online no later than Monday, December 16th. New this year - payment can be made by check or online by debit OR credit.
- **Order online December 5th or 6th and the 2.6% online credit card fee** is waived AND St. Charles receives bonuses of up to 20% on gift cards ordered!!
- Pick-up and delivery available Thursday, December 19.

For more information on how to register or to download a printable order form, please visit

<https://www.stchbschool.org/for-parents/scrip-program/>

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## Home and School News

- Please check the sign up genius link for volunteer opportunities for lunch/recess duty during the Staff Christmas Lunch [here](#).

- The Home and School Council will again be offering concessions at all home basketball games. The proceeds from the concession stand fund many things throughout the school year, such as the bus to Wolf Ridge, artist in residence, teacher appreciation week and many other activities. **Please consider volunteering an hour or two throughout the season to help make this successful for everyone.** You can sign up on the Sign-Up Genius link at [Concessions](#). The link is also found on the Get Involved section on the school website. Questions? Contact Beth at [2384pollard@gmail.com](mailto:2384pollard@gmail.com).
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## **Mitten and Sock Drive ~ Now through Friday, December 20**

Once again the St. Charles community will be collecting new mittens, gloves, and warm socks for Catholic Charities for those in need. *Charge to Serve* is joining forces with the Women's Council to make this happen. The collection will take place from now through December 20. Children and adult sizes are welcome, with the greatest need being warm adult socks. Items can be dropped off in homeroom. Thank you for participating!

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## **Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund ~ Now through Tuesday, December 17**

### **Brought to you by the Home and School Council**

It's the most wonderful time of year to show your appreciation to our amazing staff at St. Charles School! The **Home and School Council** asks **you** to please consider contributing to the St. Charles Staff - Christmas Appreciation Fund. This gift-giving opportunity is voluntary, and no amount is too great or too small!

All money contributed is distributed throughout the ENTIRE staff, so EVERY school staff member will receive a cash gift for Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please send your check (made payable to St. Charles School) in an envelope marked: "Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund." Please include your child(rens) name(s) as all who contribute will be listed on the card that accompanies the gift. Thank you for your generous support! We wish you all a very blessed Christmas season!

Please return contributions to the school office no later than Tuesday, December 17.

For more information: [Staff Appreciation](#)

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## **St. Charles Community Outreach**

Staff Services works to acknowledge life-changing events involving our staff, students (current and past), and their families. Such events may include critical illnesses and deaths. If you have information about current or former students who have lost a loved one, or are in need of prayerful support, please contact our Staff Service Committee liaison, Mrs. Teri Wysopal at 612.787.1107 or via email at [twysopal@stchbs.org](mailto:twysopal@stchbs.org)

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## **Parish Corner**

### **Middle School Youth Opportunities: Message from the Youth Director**

Friday Night Live December 13 7:00 PM (open to all 5-8th graders)

For the December 13th FNL, we will be doing Christmas things and talking about Advent. [stchb.org/fnl](http://stchb.org/fnl)

### **Extreme Faith Camp** June 22-26 (open to current 6-8th graders)

It's hard to be thinking about summer, but the sooner you sign up your child with a deposit for EFC it will secure them a spot this summer. We expect a full week again, and I would love to have 35 kids this year (we had 21 last summer) We never want money to be the issue for your child to come to something we offer, so please contact me if that is the reason you are feeling like you can't have your child attend.

Scholarships are always available. [stchb.org/efc2020](http://stchb.org/efc2020)

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## **Prayer Corner**

If you would like to add someone to our prayer corner, please email the information to Danny Kieffer at [dkieffer@stchbs.org](mailto:dkieffer@stchbs.org)

- ❖ For Kelly N., mother of Brynn and Aiden, as she battles cancer and for the success of her upcoming procedure.
- ❖ For staff member Glenn Kaslowe's 2 year old grand nephew Liam who had surgery and is now starting chemo for cancer, and in thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Liam's baby sister.
- ❖ For John M. grandfather of students Makenna, Asher, and Camden S, for healing from a serious blood infection and from open heart surgery.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Sue McSherry and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For healing for Holden's grandmother Beverly.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Jim Montury, father of staff member Angela, grandfather of alumni Nicole, Abby, and Natalie, and great grandfather of Leo & Flora. And for the comfort of his family.
- ❖ For Kelly K, staff member, for healing from cancer.
- ❖ For Susan B, for healing as she battles cancer - mother of former students.
- ❖ For healing for student Torin N's grandmother Jody.
- ❖ For healing for great, great aunt of Lilly and Leo M. and Noah, Luke, and Mike S. - who has stage 4 leukemia.
- ❖ For all St. Charles families, new and old, that they may be strengthened in their faith and sheltered in God's loving mercy.

## **Additional Links**

St. Charles Website ~ [www.stchbschool.org](http://www.stchbschool.org)

St. Charles Google Calendar ~ [St. Charles Calendar Link](#)

St. Charles Lunch Calendar ~ [St. Charles Lunch Calendar Link](#)

St. Charles Google Athletic Calendar ~ [St. Charles Athletic Calendar Link](#)

St Charles Volunteers ~ [SignUpGenius - St. Charles](#)

St Charles Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/stchbs>

[Totino-Grace Youth Wrestling 2019](#)

[Totino-Grace Youth Wrestling 2019 - Registration Form](#)

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mwappes@stchbs.org.★