



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 12 ~ December 3, 2020

Attendance & Sick Line: 612-787-1131

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. DEC 04** Report cards sent home
8:00 AM 3rd grade Mass (church)
9:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation: class 3-1 (church)
- SA. DEC 05** 10:00 AM Advent Penance Service (church)
- MO. DEC 07** **Spirit Wear Day**
- TU. DEC 08** Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
9:30 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation: grade 7 (church)
1:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation: class 8-2 (church)
1:45 PM Middle School Mass (church)
- WE. DEC 09** 8:00 AM 4th grade Mass (church)
8:00 AM- 2:00 PM tree work on 27th Ave between Roosevelt & Wilson
9:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation: grade 4 (church)
6:30 PM 5th-12th grade Advent Formation Night (church)
- TH. DEC 10** 8:00 AM 2nd grade Mass (church)
- FR. DEC 11** 8:00 AM 3rd grade Mass (church)
9:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation: class 3-2 (church)

Dear St. Charles Parents,

As we return for the Thanksgiving to Christmas holiday stretch of 3 weeks, we turn our attention to the season of Advent. This season and this stretch is really the best time of year in Catholic schools. I look forward to it each year, and even though it is going to be a year where we give some of our favorite parts up, we get to celebrate and remain focused on what is most important. Two thousand years ago on a silent night, a child was born who would change everything. We look forward to this celebration each year, candle by candle, as we move through Advent toward Christmas. We are sad that we won't be gathering for our K-4 Advent Service or our 5-8 Christmas band and choir concert. We will certainly miss these precious moments, but we are finding other ways to honor the season and celebrate the birth of Christ.

This Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Most years our K-8 students would attend Mass all together. This year our 5th-8th grade students will attend Mass in the afternoon, but our K-4 students will not be attending Mass on this day. At St. Charles, there is a 5:30 PM Mass on Monday, December 7, and on Tuesday, December 8, there is a 7:00 PM Mass.

Earlier this year I mentioned that I would like to provide resources that support parents with household mental health and peace of mind. Here is a link to sign up for the December 14 session titled, "Self Care and Parenting During Covid." I've heard very good things about these sessions, and I plan to attend this one on December 14:

drjulesnolan/healthy-parenting. We will continue to offer these monthly parent support sessions; please consider taking advantage!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers from home. We continue to be able to offer in-person learning because of the community cooperation and support that we have.

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
Principal of St. Charles School

ROAD BLOCKED: Please note that on Wednesday, December 9, tree work will begin at 8 AM on 27th Ave NE between Roosevelt and Wilson. This could possibly affect pick-up time.

The work is supposed to be complete by 2:00 PM; however, just be aware that stretch of 27th might still be closed at pick-up time. They have kindly requested that the tree-removal equipment not arrive until 8:00 AM to ensure that our morning drop-off may go ahead as usual.

Home and School Corner

TEACHER FEATURE/ STAFF SPOTLIGHT: This week we are honoring one of our Kindergarten teachers, **JANE MALONE-MILLER**. Check out spotlight-malone-miller to get to know Jane and some of her favorites, including the upcoming holiday. If your student interacts with Mrs. Malone- Miller, please send her a note of thanks! jmalonemiller@stchbs.org

Staff Appreciation Fund: Christmas is just around the corner; can you believe it? Please check out the link regarding Home & School's St. Charles Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund to recognize the tremendous efforts of this amazing team: [staff appreciation](http://staffappreciation). The funds collected will be dispersed among the entire St. Charles School staff. This year, you may even donate through TADS! Deadline to give is Tuesday, December 15. Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteers Needed: There are still some opportunities available. Please check out the website and sign up today! [St Charles Sign-up](http://StCharlesSign-up)

Online Spirit Wear Shop: <http://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s2945>. If you have any questions, contact Mary at urdahl.mary@gmail.com or Kari at karidomeyer@gmail.com. Get your order in now for Christmas gifts!

Wolf Ridge Calendars

Wolf Ridge calendars are available for purchase for \$17. Although our students are not able to go to Wolf Ridge this year, they are still selling calendars to help fund next year's trip! Contact a 5th grader or the

school office to purchase calendars.

Thanks to YOU!!

The November 4th Grade Thanksgiving Food Drive was a smashing success - because of **YOU!** Together in three short weeks, our school sent over 4,700 food and hygiene items to the Franciscan Brothers of Peace in St. Paul and the Missionaries of Charity in Minneapolis!! Our brothers and sisters in St. Paul and Minneapolis will be far less in need this winter because of your extreme generosity. May God kindly bless you for performing this beautiful Corporal Work of Mercy of feeding the hungry. A special THANK YOU to all parents and especially to those that took the time to drive the food to our charity sites. THANK YOU ALL!

Land's End Uniform Sale through December 4

40% off school uniform options through December 4 at <https://www.landsend.com/shop/school/S-ytp-xe8>
Savings are reflected at checkout when you enter Promotion Code: SMART Pin: 1126

Parenting talks available through CSCOE

The Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) is offering monthly virtual parenting talks by Dr Jules Norton. The topic for December 14 is Self Care and Parenting During Covid. Register here: drjulesnolan/parenting

Upcoming topics:

Jan - Technology and Parenting

Feb - Executive Functioning and Parenting

March - Helping your Struggling Learner

April - Mindful Parenting for Resilience

May - Discipline Strategies that Work

Calling 4th-8th Graders ~ Shine Your Talent!!

The Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) is hosting a talent show in March. Performing arts virtual auditions need to be submitted between November 30 and December 15. Visual arts submissions are due January 15-30. Click here for more information: <https://www.shineontalent.org/> If your student is interested in participating, please contact the office at stchbschool@gmail.com.

From the Parish Side

Advent Penance Service ~ Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

All are welcome. Prepare your heart for Christ at Christmas by taking the opportunity to go to confession this Saturday.

5th -12th Grade Youth Advent Formation Nights ~ Wednesdays, December 9 & 16

- During Advent, we will spend the time normally spent at Youth Group in a time of Advent formation from **6:30-8pm**. See the attached flyer for more info. We will follow all the guidelines

and continue to offer safe formation/living out the faith. We can have everyone together (seated by grade) for a talk, adoration, and then a short small group (by grade). Advent is a good time to slow down and get ready for the coming of Christ.

- We will be going through a 30 day prayer journal made by Katie (our youth ministry intern). If you aren't comfortable with your child attending in person, we can provide a prayer journal to do along with the group on their own. Please contact me to arrange getting that to you.
(awagenbach@stchb.org)
- Know of our prayers for you and your family. We are collecting prayer intentions. Katie and I will be spending time in front of the Blessed Sacrament each week praying for all of you and your intentions. [Click Here](#) to fill out the prayer request form, so we can know better what we can pray for you and your family.

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY – UPCOMING EVENT!

8th grade parents are invited to learn more about Saint Thomas Academy. This event will take place virtually and registration is required.

Meet a Parent Ambassador – Monday, December 7 @ 7:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Prayer Corner ~

If you would like to add someone to our prayer corner, please email the information to Danny Kieffer at dkieffer@stchbs.org

- ❖ For Leanna, grandma to students Braden, Brett, Hailey, Elena, Tom, Joe, Peter, Grace and Ava, as she battles cancer.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Kathleen, grandmother to student Cecilia, and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Carol Connolly, great grandmother to student Johnny and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For Pat, sister of teacher Mary Hopper, as she faces cancer.
- ❖ For a quick and complete recovery for student Aria's grandmother Darlene.
- ❖ For student Eleni's grandparents who live out-of-town and are both sick.
- ❖ For student Isla's cousin's unborn baby and for the family. Things seem to be going better, but let's keep this little one in our prayers for a safe delivery.
- ❖ For complete healing from surgery for Gunnar's great uncle, Jim Leach.
- ❖ For a full recovery from surgery for staff member Mark Jones' sister-in-law.
- ❖ For healing from cancer for Dana Huggar's mother.
- ❖ For healing and successful surgery for Henry R's grandmother as she continues to battle cancer.
- ❖ For healing for Josette, great aunt to students Haley, Braden, Brett, Elena, Ava, Grace, Peter, Tom, and Joe
- ❖ For healing for student JJ's great-uncle Don who was diagnosed with a very rare form of lymphoma.
- ❖ For the health of all our students, families, and staff.
- ❖ [Surrender Novena](#)

Additional Links

St. Charles Website ~ www.stchbschool.org

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

St. Charles Year-at-a-Glance ~ [St Charles Updated Box Calendar](#)

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

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

St. Charles Borromeo Church ~ <https://www.stchb.org/>

St. Charles Spirit Wear through Schoolbelles ~ [Online Spirit Wear Store](#)

**★*Weekly Update* article deadline: Wednesday 9:00 AM - Send submissions to
mwappes@stchbs.org.★**