

Dear St. John Parish Families,

In the next week you will receive your Stewardship of Generosity Financial Pledge Form. Please take time to prayerfully discern what **Your Part in Our Community** will be in the coming year! We thank you for your generosity to our St. John mission. For any questions, please contact Samantha Romero (<u>sromero@saint-johns.net</u>) or Cris Denning (<u>cdenning@saint-johns.net</u>) at 785-843-0109.

Samantha Romero, Stewardship Director

As God is generous, so we are called to be generous. In being generous, we generate life, we provide the conditions for the possibility of new life. In our parish community, generosity results in the ability to live and to manifest the gospel message of faith, love, and mercy. We do this in our parish ministries.

Fr. Jeff Ernst, Pastor

Parents, the cost to educate a student is \$5,200.

PTO Fund Raiser! Ends November 18

Students can earn fun prizes and incentives as they sell – check out the back of the sales envelope for prize details! Parents can win too. At 15 items, parents will receive a silver pass, which provides access to a discount savings card for a year worth of savings and discounts nationwide. Our goal is to raise over \$10,000 . WE NEED YOUR HELP! All the information you need to get started will be in the fundraising packet sent home with your student.

A great feature we have this year is the ability to order **ONLINE**. Directions are provided on your child's packet. This is great for students with family and friends out of town across the nation to help support our school. Now, everyone can help our students! ALL MONEY IS DUE WITH ORDERS. **ORDERS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 18.** Delivery of all products will be on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 FROM 3-6 PM.

Gillian Allen, PTO President

Seventh Grade Middle School Trip to Colorado

At the conclusion of the November 9 school Mass, our seventh graders gave a presentation about their middle school trip to Colorado. Their destination was the Mother Cabrini Shrine (Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini), located on Lookout Mountain outside of Denver. Their four day trip included: the Denver Zoo, Mass at the Denver Archdiocese Basilica, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Buffalo Bill grave and museum, and hiking. On Friday, they drove to Victoria, Kansas and had lunch with Fr. John Schmeidler, toured the Cathedral of the Plains Basilica, celebrated Mass, and returned to Lawrence Friday night.







Calendar: November 2016

14	15	16	17	18	19
		3:30 Crochet Club (4th-		Spirit Day/50s	20
		8th)	4A American Class	3:30 Crochet Club	
			11:00 6th gr. Theatre	(4th-8th)	
			Class production		
21	22	23	24	25	26 27
	7th & 8th to LINK	No School	No School	No School	Advent
		Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving	begins
28	29	30.	December 1		3 trash bags
		3:30 Crochet Club (4th-		7-511 (OOKIO SOLOC	grocery 4 cards Sold
			2nd Green/Virtue awards	3:30 Crochet Club (4th-8th)	after Mass



Nov. 17: 11:00 Middle School Theatre production Nov. 18: Spirit Day/50s Day Nov. 23,24,25: No School/Thanksgiving Dec. 6: 2:50 St. Nicholas parties Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception Mass Dec. 9: 2:00 Band & Orchestra Concert Dec. 15: 5th grade SJ City Dec. 16: 2:00 Alleluia Singers Concert Dec 21: 1:30 & 7:00 Christmas Program Dec. 22-Jan 2: No School Christmas Jan. 3: School resumes Jan. 6: End of First Semester Jan. 16: No School, Dr. MLK Jan. 19: Honor Roll presentation Jan. 20 Kdg Cowboy Day Jan. 22-28: 8th grade to Washington, D.C. Jan. 29-Feb 3: Catholic Schools Week Jan. 30: Grandparents' Day Jan. 29-Feb. 3: Catholic Schools Week Feb. 2: Science Fair and Open House Feb. 3: PTO Bingo Night Feb. 10: Middle School Party Feb. 14: 2:50 Valentine's Day parties Feb. 15-17: No School/Parent Conferences Feb. 27: Burning of palm branches for Ash Wednesday March 1: Ash Wednesday Mass March 6: Spring Marathon Club begins March 10: 2:00 & 7:00 4th and 5th Music Concert March 16: Confirmation May 6: 6:30 First Communion May 22: 6:30 Eighth Grade Graduation May 23: 12:00 Last day of School

THANK YOU

Grady Jordon's and Kole Urban's family for donations to the first grade classroom.

SPIRIT DAY, NOVEMBER 18, FIFTIES DAY

Spirit Day is Friday, Nov. 18. In lieu of uniforms, students are invited to wear styles from the 1950s. Imaginations will be needed! Participation is optional.



SIXTH GRADE THEATRE CLASS PRODUCTION

The sixth grade theatre class will present, "Down on the Farm with Mother Goose" By Kasey Fewins on Thursday, November 17 at 11:00.

Mother Goose returns to her farm after leaving her children (Little Boy Blue and Little Miss Muffet) in charge for two days. What could possibly go wrong in two short days? All are welcome to attend.

GO GREEN AND SAVE DOLLARS FOR ST. JOHN

Please call or email the school office if you no longer need or want a paper copy of the weekly newsletter. Effective January 3, paper copies will be available by request only.

ADVENT WREATH SALES



St. John Middle School STUCO (Student Council) is selling Advent wreaths and candles. The sets which include a wreath, four candles,

and daily Advent prayers are \$15. Replacement candles (pack of 4) are \$6. Proceeds will help fund the seventh grade trip to Denver and the eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. To purchase a wreath or set of candles, email Mrs. Linda Alexander in the school office alexander@saint-johns.net. These items may be billed to your account. Advent begins November 27.

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