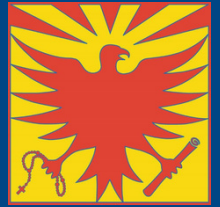




# ST. JOHN PARISH SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 6th, 2021



## Mass This Week

We will be switching our Mass this week to **Wednesday, December 8th at 9:30 AM** to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

## StuCo Fall Food Drive

This year, our challenge will be a whole school challenge! We are asking that students bring in non-perishable food items to donate to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. Please bring items into your homeroom. StuCo has come up with some really good goals for our entire St. John school.

- If the entire school donates 2000 items will have a non dress code day.
- If the entire school donates 2500 items will also have a hot chocolate and candy canes for everyone.
- And, if we reach 3000 items as a school, we will have a Spirit Week with fun daily themes.

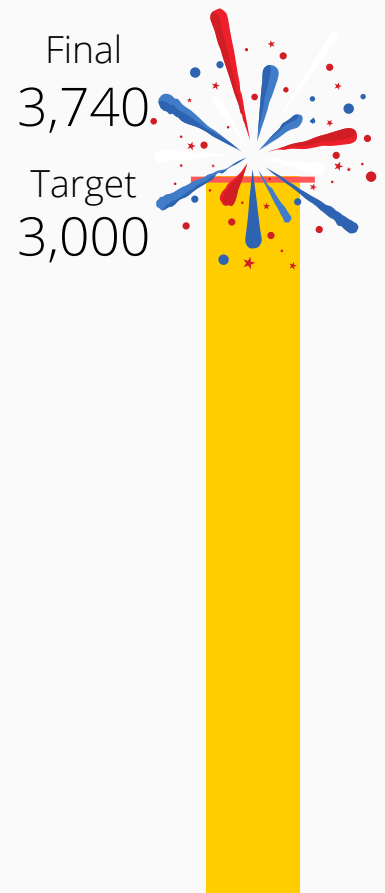
Our Final count was **3,740 items!!!!** What an amazing job everyone did. So proud of how everyone worked together to collect so many items to help others. What a great way to put your faith into action.

**The entire student body has reached all 3 goals.**

- **This week** will have a Non dress code on **Friday**.
- **Next Friday**, we will have hot chocolate and candy canes and,
- Our Spirit Week will be after we return from the break!

## December Spirit Day

Our December Spirit Day will be held on **December 21st**. Our theme for the day will be Anything Christmas. Students may choose to wear their favorite winter-themed outfit, an ugly Christmas sweater, their favorite Christmas PJ's or anything with a Christmas theme.



## Teacher Gift Fund



Consider donating to the Teacher Gift Fund benefiting all school staff members! Your "gift" is anonymous but the teachers will receive a list of all the families who donated. The more families who participate, the bigger the "pot" is to divide among all the teacher and staff members!

### **THE DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 13th**

If WRITING A CHECK, include "teacher gift fund" on the memo line.

To BILL YOUR ACCOUNT, email JO ANN WILLIAMS at [bmanager@sjevangelist.com](mailto:bmanager@sjevangelist.com).

The donation will appear in your January 2022 statement. In the past we have had donation from \$500-\$5, anything is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, please contact Gillian Allen 785-760-3957 or [pto@sjeagles.com](mailto:pto@sjeagles.com)

## CYO Basketball Schedule

We have four games at home on Saturday, come by and watch some Eagles basketball! Admission is \$5 per family or \$2 for adult, \$1 for kids.

### **Saturday, December 11th (Time, Team, Opponent, Location)**

- 8:00 a.m.: 6th Boys vs. Nativity at Home
- 9:10 a.m.: 4th Boys vs. St. Paul at Home
- 10:20 a.m.: 6th Girls vs. Holy Cross at Home
- 11:30 a.m.: 7th Boys vs. Sacred Heart at Home
- 11:30 a.m.: 4th Girls vs. Christ the King at Ascension
- 6:30 p.m.: 8th Girls vs. Christ the King at Holy Rosary

## WAYS TO HELP THE SCHOOL

The school office has gift cards for Checkers, HyVee, and Merc if you would like to purchase. The school receives a percentage for each card purchased. Please call the school office at 785-843-9511 to purchase.

Do you shop at Dillons or HyVee? Both grocery stores have a rewards program that can help benefit our school. If you have one of their Shoppers cards, go to the Customer Service department to learn more about signing up for their school rewards program.

We are also continuing to sell trash bags if you are interested in purchasing through the office.

## BOOKENDS HELP NEEDED

Our Bookends (Before/ After School Care) program is up and running. We are still looking for a few more staff members to fill out the group. If you know of anyone that would like to apply, please have them email Chris Reffett at [creffett@sjeagles.com](mailto:creffett@sjeagles.com)

## K-3rd Grade Christmas Program

This year's Christmas Program will be held on **December 15th**. There will be a Matinee performance at 2PM and a Performance for Parents at 7PM. Both performances will be held in the gym. We are wanting to limit the number of people in our audience so we are asking that Parents/ Step Parents and any non-school age children attend the 7 PM performance. We are wanting to invite grandparents and any additional family members that would like to watch the play to attend our Matinee performance at 2PM. Both performances will be live streamed for anyone that is unable to join us. If needed, Ms. Domann will provide supervision for any school age children in her classroom during the 7PM performance. We are looking forward to having our performance back in person this year!

## 2022-2023 Enrollment

Enrollment for the next school year will be opening up for returning families this **Friday, December 10th**. This is earlier than normal but will help us with planning for next school year. Families can split their enrollment fee in two payments this year if they enroll by January 10th.

The plan for next year will be to have two sections of Kindergarten.

## Monthly Billing

I know that some families have not been receiving their monthly statements from the school. We apologize for this and continue to work on this issue. Monthly statements will be coming from Jo Ann Williams at [bmanager@sjevangelist.com](mailto:bmanager@sjevangelist.com). You may want to check if her email was sent to your junk folder just in case. Please continue to reach out to the school office if you did not receive a monthly statement.

## CASEY'S REWARDS PROGRAM

Another way to help support the school is to sign up for the Casey's Rewards program. Once you create your account, you can designate St. John to receive points that you earn.

## AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

Don't forget that our school participates in the Amazon Smile program! For every purchase you make, Amazon will donate a percentage directly to the school at no extra cost to you! You can shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or activate Smile on your Amazon app. Let us know if you have any questions on how to do this!

## 8th Grade Girl Scout Troop

Our 8th Grade Girl Scout Troop is working on completing the 2nd piece to our Silver Award. We were able to get a sanitizer dispenser put at South Park and now we would love to get some picnic tables for the church and school to use for a gathering place or outdoor centers. We have spoken to Father John and he suggested this as something he wanted for the church. Our troop wanted to post something in the Newsletter, Church bulletin and maybe also the monthly Eagle Post to see if we could get donations. Below is what our troop came up with.....please let us know if this is something we can put in the newsletter and bulletin. Thanks for your consideration - Troop 1611 (Riley, Laura, Megan, Haylee and Joy)

### 8th Grade Silver Award

No place to gather after Mass,

No place to gather for outdoor class,

Support 8th Grade Troop 1611 in their efforts to complete their Silver Award by collecting donations for picnic tables!

Your generous donations toward this project would assist both the school and church. We appreciate your assistance. If interested in donating, please contact Kelly Prier or Kim Green.

## Confirmation Announcement

Dear Parents,


First, we would like to thank you all for taking the time to communicate with us regarding the Confirmation formation process. We took your concerns to heart and prayed with them thoroughly before we made any decision. That being said, we have come to a decision on how formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conducted this year. We will be providing the Doctrinal studies part of Sacrament in two formations: 1) parish teens that attend a school other than St John's will have sessions in the evening (day and time tbd); St John School teens will receive the studies during school hours. However, service opportunities will be outside of school hours. Each student will need to complete two different service opportunities in each of the two categories. There will be one focusing on a more physical labor aspect, and one focusing on a relational aspect. Service opportunities will be in large groups, uniting all the teens of St John's. In addition, we will be offering a retreat on January 22nd. There will be a Confirmation fee of \$40, and an additional fee for the retreat. We will let you know the cost of the retreat after the first of the year. We will soon inform you of the schedule for everything, but it is important that we let you know the plan as soon as possible. We will begin the formation process after the first of the year, so we can all enjoy the holidays without worrying about obligations! This is the registration link for the Sacrament of Confirmation: <https://form.jotform.com/212795155379063>

Please contact Allison Loecker at [sjyouth@sjevangelist.com](mailto:sjyouth@sjevangelist.com) if you have any questions or concerns! Thanks!

# Prayers & Thank You's

As always, please send us any prayers or messages or gratitude that you would like for me to include in the weekly newsletter.

## Calendar: December

6 St. Nick Day	7 Orchestra & Choir Concert starting at 5:15 PAC	8 Mass -2nd Green	9 Band Concert starting at 5:15 Gym	10 Non-dress code day	11 12 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>
13	14	15 K-3rd grade Christmas Program – 2PM Matinee and 7PM	16	17 2nd Goal of Fall Food Drive – Hot Chocolate and Candy Canes from StuCo	18 19 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>
20	21 Spirit Day - Wear Anything Christmas	22 23 24 <b>No School - Christmas Break</b>			25  26

# PARISH NEWS

*Advent 2021*

EVENTS, ACTS OF SERVICE  
CONFESSION TIMES, IN-HOME ACTIVITIES

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

For Advent events and service opportunities, visit: <https://sjevangelist.com/advent/>

## **Confession Times during Advent**

Dec 6 - 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. (one priest)

Dec 7 - 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (one priest)

Dec 8 - NO SCHEDULED CONFESSIONS

Dec 9 - 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (two priests)

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. (two priests)

Dec 10 - 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (one priest)

Dec 11 - 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. (two priests)

Dec 15 - 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (one priest)

Dec 18 - 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. (two priests)

Dec 22 - 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (one priest)



## *Mass Celebrations*

**Daily Masses:** Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m., Friday 12:10 p.m.  
Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

**Weekend Masses:** 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. Spanish,  
5:00 p.m.

**Reconciliation:** Wednesday - 11:00 a.m. - Noon;  
Saturday - 3-4 p.m.; By appt only

## **Bulletin**

Here is the latest bulletin: <http://sjevangelist.com/bulletin>



Our Giving Tuesday campaign is going on until December 13th! Please consider donating, sharing with family and friends, and sending in photos of your experiences at St. John!

<https://sjevangelist.com/givingtuesday/>