



# St. Andrew Parish School

School  Church  Community

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*“St. Andrew Parish School is where faith and knowledge meet.  
We are called to Teach, Reflect, and Live the Gospel”.*

Parent Newsletter - December 19, 2016

Good Morning St. Andrew Families,

Again, Brrrr. I guess Winter temps and snowfall are here truly here to stay for a while. Please be safe, stay warm, and snuggle up the little ones as these cold temps affect their bodies differently than the big kids.

Many wonderful events happening this last week before the Winter Break. We will be celebrating our last Advent Prayer hosted by Mrs. Amici and our awesome 8th Grade Students on Thursday, 12/22 at 8:30 in the School Gymnasium followed by a Special Birthday Party.

Our Student Christmas program was held last Thursday, 12/15 at 6:30p. What can I say? To me, every new event here is like “Christmas Morning”. I smile with pride, joy, and feel the Spirit of God, and love fill my heart watching all of the kids. Thank you for sharing your children with St. Andrews. Thank you all St. Andrew Staff for helping our children love, learn, and express our Faith in God together. Thank you to our Parish Learning Community for supporting all of the wonderful events all year long. It can be very humbling at times to feel so much. Thank you all.

Our Sunday Student Mass was held yesterday, Sunday, 12/18 at 9:30a hosted by our 5th Grade Teacher Mrs. Kimberly Smith and our First Grade Teacher Mrs. Heather Smith. It is so wonderful watching the students be a part of Mass.

Because of the true Winter Season upon us, please pay attention to emails from the Main Office regarding possible delays or closures. We work congruently with the Delavan-Darien School District and the Dousmann Bus Company to inform all families as soon as possible. After further consideration to reach as many people as possible, I will be:

1. Forwarding Mass emails by gmail.
2. Calling all who use Option C with Option C.
3. Contacting WTMJ (Channel 4) - Milwaukee
4. Contacting WMTV (Channel 15) - Madison
5. Contacting WCLO Radio - A.M. Radio 1230

When it comes to mean temperatures and windchills during the school day, it is very common for schools to use a model for which to be considered safe and hazardous to our students regardless of the temperature. I will use the magic number of "20 degrees". Outside recess and activities during the winter will operate around this number. 20 degrees and calm winds, we will be ok. Anything lower than that, to error on the margin of student and staff safety, I will have kids stay inside. I will be attaching a link to the US. Dept. of Health and Human Services. Any questions, please direct them to the Main Office.

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As we may notice in the mornings due to weather conditions, we invite parents to drive up on playground and drop off their children at East School door. The North-East (8th Street entrance) Yellow chains will be coiled and please enter there...drive safely straight and passenger side drop off by East School door, then safely drive straight and exit South Parking lot (Grove Street) exit as we do in PM pick ups. This will help the little ones so they can be warmer longer and safer too. Any questions, please contact the Main Office. Thanks.

There will be NO FAMILY ENVELOPES sent home this week (12/19-22). We will naturally resume the weekly envelopes on Thursday, 1/5/17. Thanks.

There will be NO FAMILY LETTER disseminated during the Winter Break. I will have one prepared for the school week coming back: 1/3/17-1/6/17. Thanks.

**St. Andrews Ski Club:**

*cards are for sale  
at ticket and \$18  
days or a select few*

*Thursday.*

**St. Andrews Scrip Info:**

*at order*

*3.*

**Noon Recess Supervision Lottery Winners for the Week of 12/19-12/22:**

Mr. & Mrs. Luna

### St. Andrews Band Transportation:

As the beginning of the year is starting, so too is the all St. Andrew, Our Redeemer, and Delavan Christian Schools combined "ALL BAND" practices. These practices will start on Tuesday, January 3rd at 2p at Our Redeemer. We will need help transporting our students to Our Redeemer around 1:35p that day. If you have any questions, please email our Band Teacher: Mrs. Hawkins at:

\_\_\_\_\_ Or call our Main Office to communicate needs. Thanks.

### Leadership / Volunteer Opportunities

1. We appreciate all of those who volunteer, chaperone, coach, and do amazing things for our students. If one is interested, one must have completed the "SafeGuarding" training from the Archdiocese. If you are interested, please contact Shelly Koch at 262-728-5922 for more info. Thanks.
2. If you know someone who is **certified to teach or substitute teach** with a current Wisconsin DPI License, and who may be interested in substitute teaching here at St. Andrew, please forward their name and contact information. Thank you.
3. As many parents volunteer year to year and slowly graduate from the school as their students do, we are looking for Parent Volunteers to help with St. Andrew's "Knowledge Quest". This opportunity is to showcase our students knowledge and ability to think, discuss, research, and be on a team are important lifelong skills created in a fun atmosphere. St. Andrews does this Knowledge Quest along with our local District Catholic Schools such as St. Charles and St. Mary's in Burlington, and St. Thomas Aquinas in Waterford.

If you are interested, please contact Sheila Venteicher at 262-245-9178 or email: \_\_\_\_\_ Thanks and let's help St. Andrews show off their intellectual side as well. Thanks.

### Upcoming Events / Friendly Reminders

1. If we are in doubt of what is transpiring in your student's) classroom? I highly encourage you to visit their **Classroom Teacher's Google Home-Page or Option C** for items such as: Homework, Special Events, Quizzes, Tests, any all pertinent information to that Teacher and/or Subject Area. Any questions, please contact that Teacher directly. If you need further assistance after those attempts (at least 2), then contact me to help out as much as I can. Thanks.
2. The ArchBishop's Catholic Schools Dinner is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom Milwaukee at 6:30p. If you are interested, please RSVP to the Arch Office at 414-769-3451 or email: [mendenhallj@archmil.org](mailto:mendenhallj@archmil.org).

### Parent-School Committee News

1. **St. Andrew Annual Fund:**  
Hollie Leffel and the Annual Fund have created a "Pizza Party Challenge" for All classrooms who participate in the Annual Fund Challenge. It's not the amount but the number of participants who help their class reach a goal of "100%!" Give a lot, a little it doesn't matter but please play! Let's show our Parish community that we are committed to our school financial goals too. Please see the attached link at the end of your email. Thank you Hollie and thank you all.
2. **Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting for PSA will be tonight Monday, 1/23 at 6p in the Teacher's Room at the School. Are all welcome.
3. **Spirit Wear:** Greg from MMPR said Holiday Spirit Wear shipped out on Thursday, 12/15. I will call those whose orders came to the Main Office.

### **From The Coaches Locker Room**

#### **1. Basketball Sports Schedules:**

For those who want to find out the latest and greatest times for practices and games, please contact your student's Coach or visit the St. Andrew Website at: [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#). Thanks Coach Q, Athletics Committee Members, Basketball Coaches, parents, and students for you hard work!! Go Spartans!

#### **2. Holiday Ideas:**

If one is running out ideas for potential stocking stuffers or a gift for grandparents, think about purchasing some "Spartan Bucks" from the Main Office. The Spartan Bucks are good for admission, concessions, and most importantly 100% of the monies goes back into the Student's Athletic Programming here at School. Thanks for your support.

### **Professional Learning Community Links/Happenings**

1. As announced in Masses and our recent Parish Bulletin, Mr. Al Seeman will be preparing activities for Advent events on Sundays. Please see our website and the attachment in this week's Family Letter.
2. Free Tickets to a Marquette Basketball Game.

### 3. Aram Library Happenings for December and January:

Please visit the Aram Library Website at: [aramkids@aramlibrary.org](mailto:aramkids@aramlibrary.org)

#### From the Desk of ArchBishop Listecki

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*In the movie “Ghostbusters,” the character played by Bill Murray is trying to convince the mayor of the importance of taking action. He says: “We are talking of an event of BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS.” Of course, this means a major catastrophic event. The movie is a comedy. However, this started me thinking of the major misspeaks of biblical proportions. Let me share a few with you and perhaps you could share your favorite biblical misspeaks with me.*

*A familiar one which I have heard a number of times is the announcement by the lector: **Paul’s letter to the Filipinos.** The Filipino people are a loving community. I have been privileged, since coming to Milwaukee, to celebrate Simbang Gabi (Dec. 23), a wonderful celebration of the anticipation of Christmas. The Philippines did not exist during the time of St. Paul. Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians, also a very loving community, who supported Paul’s missionary activities. My motto on my coat of arms is from 1 Philippians 21, “Life is Christ.”*

*I actually was present when a very distinguished-looking gentleman was a reader at Sunday Mass. He loudly proclaimed (Revelation 1:8), “**I am the Alfalfa and the Omega.**” Now, I know that the Church is often accused of being agrarian, but really, alfalfa? Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet and Omega the last. The meaning of the text is that Jesus was the beginning and the end.*

*One big misspeak which I think might increase attendance at Mass was the reading of Jeremiah 36:23: **Each time Jehudi finished reading three or four columns, he would cut off the piece with the scribe's knife and throw it into the flaming brassiere** – it should have read the flaming brazier. A brazier is a pan of hot coals. A flaming brassiere is, well, certainly a spectacle that was part of the 60s.*

*Another major misspeak was the statement announcing that **St. Paul was the Apostle to the Genitals**. Although it might be true that St. Paul did not discriminate, Paul was in fact the Apostle to the Gentiles. A gentile is a person who is not a Jew. The topic of genitals, on the other hand, belongs in an anatomy class.*

*This biblical misspeak came in a reading from the Prophet Isaiah 60:6: “Caravans of camels shall cover you dromedaries of Midian and Ephah.” I heard it proclaimed in Church as **“Caravans of camels shall cover you dormitories of Midian and Ephah.”** A dromedary is a one hump camel. This was probably a reader who loved his college years.*

*It would be wrong for me to merely take advantage of the biblical misspeaks of others without confessing my own misspeak of biblical proportions. I was only ordained two years when I was scheduled to celebrate Mass on Saturday morning at Mater Christi Parish. I had pre-read the readings the night before in order to offer a reflection on the Gospel. Friday night ended up being a late night, so getting up early, I admit that I was tired.*

*The Gospel was a familiar one: Luke 11: 27-28: “While he was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts that nursed you.” Instead I proclaimed, **Blessed is the womb that carried you and the beasts that nursed you**. It was one of those moments for a speaker that, as soon as it was said, you realized your misstate. At the time, I had hoped that everyone else either wasn't paying attention or didn't notice. I continued on, confident that I and the biblical error were simply ignored.*



*After Mass as I greeted the morning crowd, no one mentioned the egregious error, and I felt that the misstate went undetected. That is, until a gentleman came up grabbed my arm and said, “Just like you celibates – you don’t know a breast from a beast.” I laughed and he laughed.*

*There is one statement of a biblical proportion that we can never misspeak or misact, and that is LOVE ONE ANOTHER.*

*Transformed by the Spirit.*

***Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi***

*Archbishop of Milwaukee*

From the Desk of Dr. Kathleen Cepelka  
Superintendent - Milwaukee Archdiocese School

Principally Speaking

Father Bill in today's Mass (12/16) spoke to us about being "Just". Just isn't about being fair, but being the best person we can be to everyone in God's love. We do this in the best of times, and the most challenging of times.

St. Mother Theresa professes the same: "Are we Just? Will the Lord find love within our hearts?"

End of the year, we celebrate as a culture to reflect on recent times past. We even sing and make resolutions regarding our reflections and hopefully we consider being "Just" moving forward. But being "Just" isn't about having our hearts filled with God's love, but putting those thoughts into action. We want our children to be Just. Do we model this all year long? Or only during the Advent Season?

Please be "Just" for your kids. Model, put into action what God expects from us being Just. I implore our Parish Learning Community: Parishioners, Parents, Teachers, and myself to put these words to action; for it is and will be our legacy we leave for our children.

Please stay safe and warm these next couple of days...

In God's Love,

Randy