

St. Andrew Parish School

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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 5, 2016

Good Morning St. Andrew Families,

Wow! What can one say about the St. Nick's Breakfast/Bizarre that hasn't already been said but "Unbelievably Awesome!" If one does not know the preparation, the effort, the planning, and caring for this event to complete, one has to experience it. The combination of Parish and School families coming together and creating something wonderful for our community is a tribute to God's Love we all share for each other. Thank you all for your hard work, dedication, and servitude for our St. Andrew's Parish Learning Community.

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.

Upcoming Events / Friendly Reminders

1. **Mass:** This upcoming Student Mass of the Week will be held on Thursday, 12/8, at 8:45a in honor of the "Immaculate Conception". Please try to have your student dress in their Green Polo with Khaki Pants for boys and girls, or skirts for girls. Thanks for your help.
2. 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.
3. This Monday night, 12/5, at 7p, we will host our School Committee Meeting. If you have a question, comment, or concern to be addressed, please forward them to me and I will gladly forward to the committee. Thank you.
4. St. Andrew's Children's Choir will be starting to practice for their Christmas Choir Scheduled on 3:30p on Christmas Eve. Please see the attached flyer from Ms. Bleser.

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 Monday, 12/19 at 6p in the Teacher's Room at the School. Are all welcome.

3. St. Andrew's Winter / Holiday Spirit Wear:

Earlier this month we sent out updated St. Andrew's Winter/Holiday Spirit Wear catalog sheets with prices, and our URL. Our School Store was open until 11/30. Using the URL, it was easy to order and have everything shipped directly to your house. For those who missed this deadline, I was able to have the store extended to this Friday, 12/9. Remember for every item ordered, monies are directly given back to the school. Happy Holidays!

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:

Please visit the Aram Library Website at: aramkids@aramlibrary.org

From the Desk of ArchBishop ListECKi

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Ministry,

*In a statement published on December 1, 2016, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invited all the dioceses and parishes to dedicate the upcoming Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th) as a day of prayer and solidarity with families of immigrants. You may find the statement at <http://www.usccb.org/news/2016/16-168.cfm>. Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi will be the celebrant of the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and a Day of Prayer and Solidarity with Family of Immigrants** on Monday December 12, 2016 at Saint Adalbert's Parish (1923 W. Becher St. Milwaukee, WI) at 6:00pm. Priests are invited to concelebrate; please, bring an alb and a white stole.*

If you are planning to celebrate this feast with your parish community, I would recommend including the intention of praying for justice for immigrants. These are some resources in English and Spanish you may use:

Prayers for immigrants:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/upload/Broc-Sp.pdf>

<http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/upload/Broch-Eng-15-31-04-2.pdf>

Prayer of the faithful and other resources from the Archdiocese of Chicago:

http://catholicsandimmigrants.org/wp-content/uploads/PrayersIntentionsComplete_en.pdf

[http://www.archchicago.org/immigration/pdf/Immigration/Prayers%20of%20the%20Faithful%2010%20Prayer%20\(Spanish\).pdf](http://www.archchicago.org/immigration/pdf/Immigration/Prayers%20of%20the%20Faithful%2010%20Prayer%20(Spanish).pdf)

Prayer of the Faithful in Spanish:

<https://www.cathdal.org/PrayersFaithfulIMMIGRATIONREFORMSspan.pdf>

Parish Activities – USCCB

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/migrants-refugees-and-travelers/parish-activities-immigration.cfm>

<http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/index.shtml>

Homily Resources

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHGV0EDwfqo>

<http://www.archchicago.org/Immigration/pdf/Immigration/CIR/Temas%20para%20Homilias.pdf>

<http://www.archchicago.org/Immigration/pdf/Immigration/CIR/Homily%20Helps%20-%20Immigration%20Reform.pdf>

<http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-policy/mass-on-the-border.cfm>

Have a blessed Advent!

Fr. Javier Bustos

Vicar for Hispanic Ministry

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

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine, and acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."

Principally Speaking

Listening to Father Bill's Message recently regarding St. Andrew; our Patron Saint (and the Patron Saint of my Grandfather's home as a boy). Father Bill spoke of St. Andrew being the "Fisher of Men". Interpretation is multiplied as how many receive a message.

I believe that to be a "Fisher of Men" is lead by example. If we want to show mercy, give mercy. If we want have love in our lives, give love. If we want our kids to mirror mercy and love, we must show them how to do so, let them know it's OK to do so, and set them free to give mercy and love to others.

Decean Phil gave a very touching Mass on Sunday that discussed the very same thing. In this time of Advent, let us all be "Fisher of Men". Let us put aside petty differences, lead by example, and love in God's name for this is the true meaning of Christmas.

In God's Love,

Randy