Saint Francis News

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I am glad to hear you all had a great break. It was nice to see the students come into school on Monday with a big smile on their face. Do not forget about the Family Advent Retreat in the Community Center tonight starting at 5:30. It sounds like it will be a lot of fun. This weekend is also the Children's Mass on Sunday. The Children's Choir will not be singing at this Mass.

When dropping off or picking up your students, please do not park or block the handicap parking areas unless you fit the criterion for parking in those areas. Also, please do not leave your students in the drop off area if there is no adult present. They are not supervised and cannot get into the school. Really important that you take them to the office and sign them in.

New This Week

Starting December 1st, we will be collecting for the Christmas Food and Toy Drive. Please see the attached flyer for information.

A call for volunteers: Middle School Parents, I need your help. On January 23rd from 5:30 – 8:00 pm, I would like to sponsor a Sno Ball (dance) here at St. Francis and invite other private schools to attend. I need help planning and supervising this event.

PSF

The Bend Christmas Parade is on December 6th. All are welcome to participate tomorrow morning. Please be at our float by 9:45 for judging. We are at Lot #49 which is south of Milwaukee Street and Harmon.

Volunteer Opportunities

We would like to restart the drama club after school starting next year. To do so, we would need a volunteer to head up this club. Please contact Mr. Lee if you are interested.

We are looking for parents to assist with lunch recess and cafeteria supervision. If you have time to assist with these duties, please email Mr. Lee.

Sports

Here is the link for the middle school and elementary school sports schedules for this year.

Upcoming School Calendar Events:

December 1st-18th – Christmas Food and Toy Drive
December 6th – Bend Christmas Parade
December 8th – School Mass Changed for Holy Day of Obligation
December 12th – Noon Dismissal/Band Concert 8:05 am
December 18th – Christmas Music Program @ 6pm
December 22nd – January 2nd Christmas Break
January 19th – No school Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 23rd – Middle School Sno Ball 5:30 – 8:00
January 23rd – No School Teacher Workday
January 26th – 30th: Catholic Schools Week
January 30th – Family Fun Night
January 30th – Noon Dismissal
February 1st – 13th Existing Student Registration
February 12th and 13th – No School Conferences
February 16th – No School Presidents Day
February 17th – Start of new student registration

Library

Parents of St Francis!

The library is looking for book donations! We have so many great books, but many are outdated and need a fresh look.

If you are cleaning out your kids' bookshelves and notice you have some books to donate, we are looking for lightly

used books, especially level books and series books. We prefer books for grades Kindergarten and up. Fiction and non-fiction are welcome.

When you give your books to us, we go through them, keep the ones we can, and donate books we cannot keep!

Thank you for supporting our young readers!

Other News

Save the Date! Chesterton Academy of Mater Dei Catholic High School invites you to our Annual Vision Dinner – "A Joyful Adventure" on Saturday, February 7th at the Bend Elks Lodge. Enjoy an evening of fellowship and inspiration!

Learn more at chestertonmaterdei.org.

All parents are invited to free coffee and baked goods every Thursday morning after student drop off time. This is being

hosted by the Parish and FOCUS missionaries, come socialize with other parents and enjoy some good coffee and homemade treats. It will be hosted in FD4 which is right by the gym and St. Clare's Chapel.

Marian Club & St. John Bosco Club

- December 8 (Marian Consecration)
- January 12, 26
- February 9, 23
- March 9
- April 13, 27
- May 11

Links for Marian Club and St. John Bosco Club

Family Rosary Night

- January 15th
- February 26th
- March 12th
- April 23rd

First Communion Date: May 2nd 5:00 pm (English) and May 3rd 12:30 (Spanish)

Confirmation Date: May 6th 6:00 pm

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:

Generosity: giving without counting the cost

When we truly love someone, we want to give them all kinds of good things without worrying about how much time or treasure it will cost. Jesus Christ gave His own life for all of us without counting the cost – the best example of generosity ever!

Saint of the Month:

Saint Mary Magdalene
(Time of Jesus, Israel)
Feast: July 22

Resurrection Reunion
by Sister Mary Grace Thul, O.P.

Saint Mary Magdalene was looked upon as a great sinner. Jesus healed her of seven devils (Luke 8:2) and many people think she is the sinful woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears (Luke 7:38). Yet she became one of Jesus' closest followers. In fact, she was one of only a few people besides the Blessed Mother and Saint John the Apostle who stayed with Jesus during his crucifixion and death.

Saint Mary Magdalene is often shown holding a jar of perfume because she anointed the body of Jesus at His burial (Mark 16:1) and so many people think it is she who anointed Him at Bethany (John 12:3). In return for the great

love she showed Him, Saint Mary Magdalene was one of the first people Jesus appeared to on East Sunday, and it was she who ran to tell the Apostles, "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:18).

Discussion:

If we give someone a little help instead of a lot, is that wrong? How does the virtue of faith help us to practice generosity?

Flyers

Volunteer Handbook

Volunteer Driver Form

Parent/Student Handbook

Medicine Authorization Form

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