



St. Dorothy

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,



This Sunday we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent – a time of preparation for the coming of our Lord on Christmas. Advent always starts four Sundays before Christmas. This year, Christmas will be on a Sunday resulting in four full weeks of Advent. With all of the hustle and bustle that accompanies Christmas, spiritual preparation may easily get lost.

We have to make an effort to find quiet time to spend in prayer. We could reflect on the Blessed Mother as she awaits the birth of her child. How did she feel? How about Joseph? What was going on in his mind? All parents have concerns before their child is born and Mary and Joseph were no different.

Taking some time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas will guarantee that we will be ready spiritually to welcome Jesus.

Keira's Love from Above

We are now collecting small items to fill stockings for hospitalized babies in memory of Keira Oakes. All donations may be brought to school no later than December 8th.

Here are a few suggestions:

Kindergarten: 9-24 mos onesies

Grade 1: 9-24 outfit

Grade 2: small board books

Grade 3: 9-24 mos socks

Grade 4: 0-24 mos hats

Grade 5: Christmas stockings

Grade 6: disposable cameras

Grade 7: rattles/small toys

Grade 8: chapstick/lotion

Thank you so much for your generosity!

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

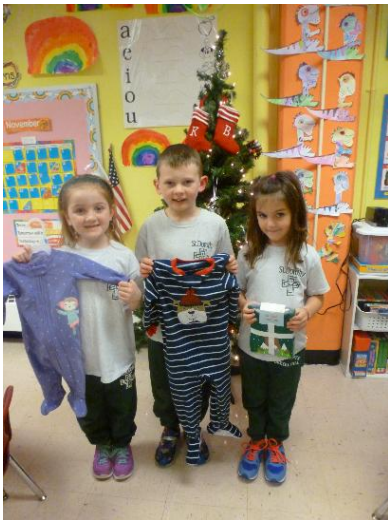


Fifth Graders Living the Acts of Mercy

The fifth graders in Mrs. McMonagle and Mrs. Darville's class, focusing on the Acts of Mercy, have prepared 2 full Thanksgiving meals for 2 families in

need. As we close out this year of Mercy, the 5th graders are responding to Pope Francis' call "How about you?" Each fifth grader contributed one food item and \$2 for a store gift card to make a complete meal. These meals will stay close to home in the St. Dorothy Community. Students also made Thanksgiving Cards to offer wishes and prayers for the family during this special holiday. These students are learning that even 5th graders can really make a difference when they work together as a community.

Kindergarten PJ Drive



Thank you to all who donated pajamas to the Kindergarten collection. Sixty pairs of pajamas were collected and they will be donated to a homeless shelter in Delaware County.

Christmas Nativity

On Thursday, December 15, all students in grades K-8 will present a prayerful representation of the birth of Christ. The students, under the direction of Mr. Bill Mayo, are working hard to remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Church.

Students in grades K-3 will meet in the annex and 4-8 will go directly to their classrooms. More information will follow.

Celebrate New Life

Congratulations to 5th grade teacher Sandra Darville on the birth of her baby girl. Ellie Theresa was born last night.

Prayer Corner

Please pray for Michael Bagley, a friend of 3rd grade teacher Megan McNamee, Madeline DiCandilo, the grandmother of Michael and Nicole Bello, Lizzie Kelly, the cousin of Sinead Lalor, and Karen Stevenson. Also please pray for the repose of the soul of Dan Clancy, the nephew of Mrs. Karen Buechele.

The following families will be remembered in our prayers next week:

- 12/5 DiRentis, DiRita, DiTrolio
- 12/6 Doan, Donahue, Donohue
- 12/7 Dorsey, Dowd, Dragan
- 12/8 Eagan, Elliott, Esposito

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FACULTY INSERVICE