

St. Ann School

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Wednesday Memo

Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive by 11:15 AM

**Total for 15 Lunches for Dec.:
\$43.50**



Monday, Dec. 2	Hot Ham & Cheese
Supervision	Ploch, Milbrath
Tuesday, Dec. 3	Cheese Pizza
Supervision	Kuhn, Danninger
Wednesday, Dec. 4	Mini Corn Dog
Supervision	Hellenbrand, Wolter
Thursday, Dec. 5	Burgers & Flies
Supervision	Wise, NEEDED
Friday, Dec. 6	Crispy Chicken Wraps
Supervision	Trautman, Ellison

Bilingual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast



On Thursday, December 12, St. Ann School students will participate in a bilingual, Spanish/English Mass to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Father Randy will be our celebrant and Mass will be held at 8:10 AM. Please join us to celebrate this wonderful feast day. (Please note: We will not have All-School Mass on Friday, December 13.)

Wine Raffle Drawing Winner



Congratulations Julie Cary!!
Julie won a \$50 Kwik Trip gift card. The Spaghetti Dinner Committee would like to thank

everyone that brought in wine for the Wine Raffle. At this time we have 45 bottles!!! That converts to \$450 at the Spaghetti Dinner!!! We are still in need of more wine for this raffle. Our goal is 80 bottles, so if you have not donated a bottle, you can still do so by bringing it to the school office. Thanks again, The Spaghetti Dinner Committee

**Needed: Volunteer Lunch Recess
Supervisor on Friday, December 5
and Monday, December 16. Please
call or email the school office if you
can help.**

Dear St. Ann's Staff and Families,

I want to send out a heartfelt thank you for helping me through one of the most difficult hardships I have faced. When I lost all of my things in a fire, I felt hopeless and scared. Your kindness and generosity have made this difficult time much easier, and I thank you for that. The helpfulness from your children, understanding of my absence, and your unyielding support makes me believe that everything will be just fine. I see the kindness in people I have just met and the light of Christ in each of you. Please know that I am forever grateful what you have done for me. May God bless each of you.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Ms. Demeter
6th grade homeroom



Principal's Corner

Giving and Generosity... Sacrifice and Love

As this Thanksgiving and Christmas season approaches, I look forward to spending some extra time reading some of my favorite holiday stories. Two famous short stories I look forward to reading again this year to get into the spirit are *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry and *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein. Both speak volumes about giving and generosity, about sacrifice and love.

In O. Henry's story, a young and poor husband and wife ponder what to buy each other for Christmas. Each sells a precious possession (the husband, his watch; the wife, her long and luxurious hair) to get money to purchase something special for the other. The irony is that he buys her combs to hold her hair back and she buys him a chain for his watch.

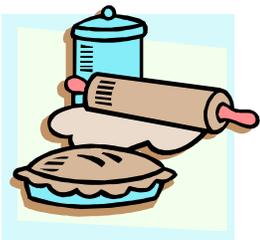
In *The Giving Tree*, an apple tree gives everything it can to a boy: fruit for eating, a branch for swinging, eventually its trunk for a boat. Years later, the boy, now an old man, returns. The tree wants to give still more, but it is nothing but a stump. The old man seeks only a place to sit and once more the tree can serve him.

Both stories show that in giving we are going to be surprised. What we expect will not always happen. In giving of ourselves, whether through a gift which symbolizes us or through ourselves personally, we are taking a risk and what return we get is unknown. In both stories, people sacrifice for one another and discover, as a result, more love than they knew they had.

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approach, we will be thinking more and more of what to give members of our family and friends. We will wander through the mall examining scores of gifts, trying to decide what would be appropriate for each person. Perhaps, even unwillingly, we will be caught up in the materialist rush of Christmas, pushed along by the crowds, sucked into the advertising and in the process lose the true sight of the meaning of giving.

As the holidays approach, may you keep sight of the true meaning of giving and of sharing thanks. May you do so because you want to share joy and happiness with others and show them how much you care and appreciate them.

~ Joan Leonard



Many thanks to all who attended and made contributions to the Pie Bake & Take this weekend. The children and their families made over 62 pies in 3 hours! And, the Parish was more than happy to purchase the donated pies: we sold out of apple pies and had just 10 pumpkin left for the morning parishioners the next day! We were able to easily cover our costs and even make a nice profit. So, your generous donations were most appreciated.

We are thankful for the time we got to spend with you at the event and hope your family enjoys their made from scratch pies!