



# St. Ann School Wednesday Memo

SAINT ANN SCHOOL  
— putting faith in education —

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**Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive no later than 11:10 AM (10:55 AM if possible).**  
**Total for 23 Lunches for January: \$67.85.**

<b>Monday, Jan. 15</b>	<b>No School/No Lunch</b>
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 16</b>	<b>Nacho Grande</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Danninger</b>
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 17</b>	<b>Roasted Turkey &amp; Gravy</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Schafer</b>
<b>Thursday, Jan. 18</b>	<b>Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Shumate-Olson</b>
<b>Friday, Jan. 19</b>	<b>Mac &amp; Cheese</b>
<b>Supervision</b>	<b>DiBenedetto</b>

**Salad Bar included with hot lunch.**  
**Salad Bar costs \$1.75 for cold lunch students.**

**Don't forget to order SCRIP!**  
Remember Scrip for your everyday shopping needs.



## Catholic Schools Week January 28-February 2, 2018

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is fast approaching, and school staff has been working hard to come up with fun events for the kids for each day. More details will follow, but so far the plan is as follows:

- Monday: Pajama Day
- Tuesday: Twin/Triplet Day
- Wednesday: Break the Dress Code Day
- Thursday: Mismatch Day
- Friday: Sport Day

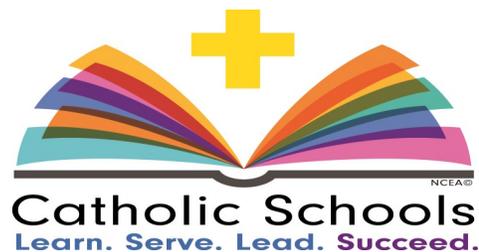
Other events scheduled include the Talent Show Thursday afternoon, All School Mass Friday morning, field trips Friday afternoon, and the Spaghetti Dinner Friday evening. Keep an eye out for more information in future newsletters, and be sure to join St. Ann's for the CSW kickoff Mass on Sunday, January 28, at 10:30 a.m.

### Upcoming Important Dates

January 15	No School
January 19	Full Day of School, St. Ann's Only No Afternoon Bus Service

### Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

The local chapter of the Knights of Columbus will be holding their free throw contest for boys and girls ages 9-14 on Sunday, January 21, from 8:30 a.m. until noon, in the St. Ann School Gym. Registration for all participants takes place the day of the event.



### A Simple Prayer

Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen today that you and I can't handle together.



**Featuring Bob Joyes and Kay Kinney**  
**Healy Hall, Sunday, January 14 @ 6:30 p.m.**

This month, we are so pleased to have Bob and Kay share their faith stories with us. The theme of Bob's talk is "Back into the fire again." Kay will speak on the gift of inviting God to be truly present in her life. Please join us!

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# Principal's Corner

## Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Now that things have (hopefully) settled down in terms of the past month's technology nightmare, I finally have time to extend a very happy new year to all of you. My hope is that with 2018 coming in like a lion, the remainder of the year will prove to be more lamb-like.

To put it mildly, the last month has been incredibly stressful for me. Not only did we have all of the usual Advent activities going on, but the shutting down of our network was crippling for my staff. Meeting the expectations of the district also meant that I had to be here on days when I could have used some time to myself to unwind after the holidays. As in all things, when the future seems uncertain or when life feels stressful, I look for God's message and direction, and I ask myself, "What is God wanting me to glean from this turn of events?" God's answer was revealed to me this past Sunday. This year I have been asked to be a confirmation sponsor, and at our meeting this past Sunday, we reflected upon the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive at confirmation. For those who need a review, they are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear (awe) of the Lord. After much discussion, I realized this was God speaking to me and reminding me of those graces to which I have been granted through him. Although I have a long way in perfecting all of them, I find that my most challenging struggles involve counsel and knowledge. If the huge amount of roles I take daily have taught me anything, it's fortitude and piety; however, knowing God's will and following it or, in simple terms, loving my neighbor as God wills me is always a challenge, particularly when I feel that I have been wronged in some way. Thank God I spend my days with your children where I get to witness the love of neighbor in action. Several times each day, our kids get into squabbles often involving the "rules" that were broken during an activity. Typically, each child feels completely wronged and unwilling to compromise; however, within a matter of minutes and with God's grace, the scene changes. Whereas we adults are prone to hold grudges, our kids are quick to forgive and start over. They understand God's message in the simplest of actions: saying sorry, forgiving one another, and making things right again. They leave my office ready to get back to their games and play. What role models they are for all of us, and I often think of them when it becomes my turn to interact with adults and practice the same.

So my new year challenge to all of you is to think about the graces you find most challenging to meet and to practice them. Talk to your kids about them, and decide which ones you, as a family, can work on together. Develop real steps for improvement. I am sharing this idea with my staff as well so that we can work on this together as a community. My hope is that as we focus our efforts, we will be constant reminders to each other of the graces that God has granted us.

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