

# St. Ann School

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# Wednesday Memo

Monday, March 1 Supervision	Mac-n-Cheese with Ham Slice Schildt, Wilk
Tuesday, March 2 Supervision	Pizza Burgers McClimon, Schildt
Wednesday, March 3 Supervision	Chicken Patty Stroebel, Kellom
Thursday, March 4	11:20 AM Release
Friday, March 5	No School, In-Service

Lunch supervision volunteers should arrive by 11:15 AM.

\*\*Weekly Lunch Menu will be listed on our website

Total for Lunches for March: \$40.50

## Reminder -No Buses on Friday

As a reminder, St. Ann School is in-session on Friday 2/28/10. The Stoughton Area School District has an in-service day and there is no school. Therefore there will be not busing available. Please carpool.

## Drama Club

Students in grades 4, 5 & 6 who are interested in Drama Club this year should return their permission and audition forms by Thursday.

## Conference Forms

Parent/Teacher Conference schedules are in your family envelope. Please be sure to check your schedule, be on time and limit your conference to the time allotted. Thank you!

## Mt. Olympus Family Fun Day

See the flyer in your family envelope for the Mt. Olympus Family Fun Day on Friday, March 6. Admission is \$6.39/person (\$1.00 of which will be donated to St. Ann's Parish for Journey of the Heart Program).



## Please Save Inkjet and Laser Computer Printer Cartridges and used Cell Phones

Please save your empty inkjet and laser cartridges and old cell phones for St. Ann School. Please check out this website for list of cartridges and cell phones to save:[http://www.rrewards.com/qualifying\\_items.aspx](http://www.rrewards.com/qualifying_items.aspx) or we will send home a list to you if you request. Ask the business where you work to save them for us also!

## Lenten Reflection

Lord,  
I'm not always eager to do your will.  
I'd often much rather do my own will.  
Please be with me on this Lenten journey  
and help me to remember  
that your own spirit can guide me  
in the right direction.  
I want to "fix" my weaknesses  
but the task seems overwhelming.  
But I know that with your help,  
anything can be done.  
With a grateful heart,  
I acknowledge your love  
and know that without you,  
I can do nothing

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# Principal's Corner

## The Mystery of the Grand Canyon

On several occasions, I have had the experience of hiking into the depths of the Grand Canyon. With a backpack on my back, a gallon of water and healthy snacks easily assessable, my friends and I sat on the canyon rim and experienced a personal awe as we looked speechless at the beauty of the desert and the beauty of the rocks that stretched for hundreds of miles. Before we began hiking the switchbacks into the canyon's depth, we stood together and prayed for our safety and for all that was going to be a part of our week long adventure.

We hiked for eight hours to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. On our trek we encountered many canyon dwellers, mountain sheep, mules and salamanders, who so graciously shared their home with us. We also met many people from all over the world, who like ourselves were embracing the mysteries of the Grand Canyon and experiencing God's face through the beauty of creation that surrounded us.

After eight hours of hiking, our reward was being able to pull off our boots, soak our feet and refresh our hot, tired and weary bodies in the Colorado River. We gazed up towards the rim and the sky to experience a sense of awe at what we had accomplished. God had guided us safely to the depths of the earth to be immersed in the transforming beauty of His creation. As we sat in and near the river's edge, we were joined by many other hikers, who introduced themselves and shared about their hiking experiences. The week I spent with my friends and new friends hiking, rafting, relaxing and enjoying the adventures of each day as I experienced God's presence in new and magnificent ways.

As I remember my Grand Canyon experience, I think of how Jesus in the readings of the First Sunday of Lent was led by the Holy Spirit into a similar desert to pray and to grow strong for the three years of his public ministry ahead. During his 40 days of prayer in the desert, Jesus was tempted by the devil. In the first instance, Jesus is tempted to work a miracle, to turn a stone into bread to ease his hunger. Jesus knows that his miraculous powers are meant to be used for only the honor and glory of God and not for his own comfort and convenience. In the second instance, the devil takes Jesus to the top of a high peak and shows him the earthly kingdoms of the world. The devil tempts Jesus to accept all the earthly kingdoms in exchange for worshipping the devil. Jesus knows he is to be the servant of all, not the king of all. Jesus knows that he is called to work for only a heavenly kingdom and not seek an earthly kingdom for himself. In the third instance, Jesus was tempted to throw himself from the parapet of the temple. He is tempted to test his Father's love for him but knows that God's love is unconditional and complete.

As you continue to be led by the Holy Spirit and journey for the next forty days into your personal deserts of prayer and reflection, may you draw hope and strength from the example of Jesus and trust in God's presence when you are tempted to be greedy or selfish and unloving towards others. May you be filled with new life as you pause and reflect upon how you are nourished by God's presence in your life each day.

*~ Joan Leonard*