



# Celebrating Community

AT ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Parent Prayer and Student Credit Union Are on Friday

### Thank You for Supporting All Saints during #Giving Tuesday Campaign

#GIVINGTUESDAY™



Thanks to the generosity of our All Saints community, we raised \$18,058.45 during the first six days of December, which included our #Giving Tuesday campaign.

We appreciate everything you share in time, talent, and treasure to benefit our 530 students!

### Secret Santa Shop Runs Through Friday

Our Secret Santa Shop is open! Students have an opportunity to play Santa and shop for friends and family this week through Friday. Please see the class schedule at the end of this newsletter for details.

Shopping hours:

- Monday - 7:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday - 7:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed during Mass)
- Wednesday - 7:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday - 7:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Friday - 7:50 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The shop opened this morning with our Junior High students helping our preschoolers choose gifts for their family members and friends.



*Growing Leaders in Mind, Body, and Spirit*

# In The Know

## Monday, December 9-Friday, December 13

Secret Santa Shop (see schedule at end of newsletter), Art Room

## Tuesday, December 10

Mass-NJHS Induction, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Concert for K-2, 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, December 11

Spirit Day

## Friday, December 13

Parents in Prayer

8:00 to 8:30 a.m., Chapel

Student Credit Union

11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lunch/Recess Times

## Monday, December 16-Friday, December 20

Week of Joy Special Dress Themes  
(See Schedule in Newsletter)

## Monday, December 16

Junior High Exams

8:15 to 10:30 a.m.--1/2-day optional

## Tuesday, December 17

Nativity Night, 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, December 19

Junior High Exams

8:15 to 10:30 a.m.--1/2-day optional

## Friday, December 20

Early Childhood Christmas Concert

9:30 a.m. Gym

Christmas Break Begins at 2:45 p.m.

Dismissal

## Visit Eucharistic Adoration

Resurrection Parish invites people to attend Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday afternoons.

This is an excellent opportunity for family members and friends who are waiting in the back loop line to spend additional prayer time with Jesus.

Advent is a great time to seek increased peace in the presence of Christ.

# Celebrate the Week of Joy

All Saints' annual Advent celebration of the Week of Joy just before Christmas break is coming next week! This year's event runs from December 16th to 20th.

Here are the themes for each day, as chosen by Student Council:

- Monday, December 16: "Deck the Halls" Get decked out in your favorite Christmas shirt or ugly sweater with gym bottoms!
- Tuesday, December 17: "Baby, it's cold outside!" Wear your school uniform with Christmas socks, scarves and ties!
- Wednesday, December 18: "Merry Christmas from the Family" Wear your favorite holiday flannel and headwear (santa hats, headbands, etc.) with jeans or gym bottoms!
- Thursday, December 19: "Pink Out" Celebrate the 3rd week of Advent and the week of JOY with any pink shirt and gym bottoms!
- Friday, December 20: "Silent Night" Prepare for a perfect break in your comfiest PJ's! Slippers and spaghetti straps are NOT permitted.

## Hot Lunch Orders Due Tonight

The January hot lunch menu deadline for orders is 11:50 p.m. tonight.

Please place your order at <https://allsaintscatholicsschool.h1.hotlunchonline.net/frontend.php>. No late orders can be accepted.

## Buy Scrip for Christmas Gifting

Great Lakes Scrip has a list of special \$5 and \$10 gift cards that are ideal for Christmas gift-giving. See the list at the end of this newsletter.

Find these great rebates and more by visiting: <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>

## RSVP Today for Nativity Night



All Saints' Advent Nativity Night returns on Tuesday, December 17. Mark your calendar for this solemn, but joyful, commemoration of the journey Joseph and Mary made to Bethlehem before Jesus Christ was born.

This community-building event is a wonderful way for our families to come together and celebrate the true reason for the season. RSVP at this link for planning purposes:  
[www.allsaintscs.com/nativity](http://www.allsaintscs.com/nativity).

# **Auction Super Week Starts January 13**

Auction Super Week runs January 13-17. Use time during Christmas break to plan your donations of gift cards and merchandise according to the following grade themes:

- Preschool/PreK-Micromini Original Scooter
- Kindergarten-American Girl and Xbox
- First grade-Ride ons
- Second grade-Legos and Nerf
- Third grade-Gift cards to various stores, restaurants, etc
- Fourth grade-Delta gift cards
- Fifth grade-Home automation- Google/Alexa/Ring/Nest
- Sixth grade-Golf (we will collect donations for a new complete set of golf clubs)
- Seventh grade-Chicago fun
- Eighth grade-Virtual Reality

If you wish to donate, you can do so in two ways: Donate a monetary amount (this can be done via cash, check, or a gift card). Monetary donations can be put in the bins that each teacher will have in their classroom. Donate the product for your grade's theme. Product donations can be sent to the office.

## **Super Cash Raffle Tickets Coming Soon**

After the Christmas break, your oldest student will receive this year's Super Cash Raffle tickets. Tickets are sold at \$5.00 each for a chance to win the following cash prizes: one \$3,000 winner; one \$2,000 winner, and one \$1,000 winner.

If you are interested in getting your tickets before the holiday, please contact Nancy Kullman in the main office at [nkullman@allsaintscs.com](mailto:nkullman@allsaintscs.com).

## **Girl Scouts To Collect Lego Donations**

ASCS Girl Scouts from 1st and 3rd grades need your help in supporting an upcoming "Legos on the Loose" collection drive.

In January, these students will be participating in an area-wide scouting event to earn their Take Action Engineering Badge. The scouts are asking for donations of unwanted or unloved Legos that you might wish to donate. Maybe you have Legos that are no longer played with or that will have been replaced after the holiday season. Any size donation would be appreciated!

Please send donations in plastic baggies the week of January 6th-17th. Help support the ASCS Community. Please see the flyer attached at the end of the newsletter. Thank you!

## **December Virtue in Practice: Generosity**

What is generosity? It means giving without counting the cost.

## **Candy Gram Sales Run Through Friday**

Student Council will be selling Candy Grams this week during lunch/recess times. Student grams cost \$0.50, and parent grams are \$1. Parents can download the blank Candy Gram at the end of this newsletter and turn it in with payment.

Students will receive the Christmas messages along with a candy cane next week.

## **Cub Scouts Collect for Toys for Tots**



Cub Scout Pack 760 has set up a Toys for Tots drop-off site at All Saints Catholic School. There are boxes conveniently located in the school's front and back lobbies if anyone would like to donate any new unwrapped toys.

The scouts will be collecting toys through Friday, December 13. Thank you in advance for helping to make Christmas a little happier for local children!

# Classroom Happenings



Fr. Mark Livingston of St. John Neumann celebrated Mass with our 7th graders in the chapel on Thursday. It was a blessed occasion to come together as a class community to celebrate the Eucharist together. In his homily, Fr. Mark challenged students to seek out a firm foundation in Christ, and said that Jesus is giving us every possible chance for His love and mercy!



All Saints students received a very special visitor on Friday! St. Nicholas stopped by in honor of his feast day, December 6. The children received gold candy coins in the shoes they left outside their classroom doors. St. Nicholas even posed for photos with students as he walked throughout the school. Students learned that St. Nicholas was a bishop who was very generous. The children were encouraged to share this spirit of generosity with others. Later in the day, St. Nicholas returned to help our Junior High students collect spare change from parents in the front- and back-loop lines to benefit the All Saints Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry in their relocation efforts. Based on early results, our generous parents and family members donated about \$500. We will report final a final total once all coins are counted.

NOW AVAILABLE

# \$5 & \$10 GIFT CARDS

OCTOBER 15 – DECEMBER 23

A handful of your favorite brands are offering \$5 and \$10 gift cards. They're perfect as holiday gifts for kids, teachers, mail carriers, and more people who deserve a special treat. These gift cards will be available through December 23, only while supplies last—shop now.



### \$5 gift cards

- Barnes & Noble
- Blimpie
- Cold Stone\*
- Panera
- Starbucks
- Taco Bell

### \$10 gift cards

- Amazon
- Applebee's
- CVS
- Darden
- The Home Depot
- IHOP
- Meijer
- Outback
- Red Lobster
- Regal\*
- Safeway
- Target\*
- Walmart

Go to [ShopWithScrip.com/shop5and10](https://ShopWithScrip.com/shop5and10) to shop limited-time \$5 and \$10 gift cards

#### Get started:

1. Enroll on [MyScripWallet.com](https://MyScripWallet.com) or [ShopWithScrip.com](https://ShopWithScrip.com) with our organization's enrollment code: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Seamlessly check out and receive eGift cards and reloads faster by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card.



Gift cards available while supplies last. Brands and denominations subject to change.

\*Cold Stone, Regal, and Target gift cards available year-round.

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# Santa Secret Shop

TIMES	MONDAY - Dec. 9	TUESDAY - Dec. 10	WEDNESDAY - Dec. 11	THURSDAY - Dec. 12	FRIDAY - Dec. 13
8:15 - 8:45	Mrs. Muncy PS 111 (14)	Ms. Swiderek PK 113 (20)	Mrs. T. Gibb 5th 205 (20)		Ms. Swartz 3rd 101 (22)
9:00 - 9:30	Mrs. Sowders AM PK 114 (16)	Mr. Arnould 4th 203 (18)	Mrs. T. Gibb 5th 206 (18)	Mrs. Muncy PS 111 (13)	Mrs. Kolpacke K 103 (21)
9:45 - 10:15	Ms. Pacente 6th 209 (21)	<b>MASS</b>	Mrs. T. Gibb 5th 207 (18)	Mrs. Simmons K 112 (20)	
10:30 - 11:00	Mrs. Button 2nd 104 (18)	<b>MASS</b>	Mrs. Detweiler 2nd 105 (16)	Mrs. Clauss 3rd 108 (20)	<b>CLEAN-UP</b>
OPEN DURING LUNCH					<b>CLEAN-UP</b>
11:50 -12:20	Mrs. MacLellan 2nd 107 (18)			Mrs. K. Gibb 4th 204 (19)	<b>CLEAN-UP</b>
12:30 - 1:00	Mrs. Railling K 109 (19)	Mrs. Sowders PM PK 114 (7)			<b>CLEAN-UP</b>
1:15 - 1:45	Mrs. Werner 6th 208 (21)	Mrs. Alban 4th 202 (18)	Ms. Venditelli 1st 106 (22)	Mrs. Trower 1st 102 (20)	<b>CLEAN-UP</b>



To:

Room Number:

From:





**LEGO**<sup>®</sup>

**DONATE YOUR  
LOOSE LEGOS**

**ASCS Lego Collection Drive**

Sponsored by the First & Third Grade GIRL SCOUTS

**Please send any “unwanted” Legos  
in a zip lock bag, into school during  
the weeks of Jan 6th-17th!**

Legos will be repurposed & made into kits for use throughout the ASCS  
community & other organizations in need.

A box will be outside the office for donations

Questions? Contact Carie Bellamy at [cbellamy@allsaintscs.com](mailto:cbellamy@allsaintscs.com) or  
Kristin Felsburg at [felsburgkris@yahoo.com](mailto:felsburgkris@yahoo.com)

*Virtues  
in Practice*

*Faith ~ Hope ~ Charity*

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## **December's Virtue - *Generosity***

“If someone is selfish, stingy, or gives just the socially acceptable minimum, are they a true disciple of the God who gave His very life for us? **Generosity is God-like. It means throwing open the doors of one's heart and pouring out all our love on everyone.** It means looking out for everyone else instead of looking out for ourselves. It means giving not only because we have extra or leftovers, but giving when there is a true cost to us - and expecting nothing in return. It means giving not only where we have a duty to give, but giving to the undeserving: to those we don't like, or to those we do not know at all.”

*(Virtues in Practice)*

*Generosity and Sacred Scripture*

***Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.***

***2 Corinthians 9:6-8***

## Pre-K-2nd Grade

Prayer: *Act of Faith*



Vintage Austrian postcard,  
courtesy of St. Nicholas Center

What is *Generosity*? *Giving without counting the cost*

Saint: *Saint Nicholas (Feast Day: December 6)*

Saint Nicholas was a bishop who was always giving to the poor. He heard about a family with three daughters who had no money to get married. Each time one of the girls was ready to get married Saint Nicholas left gold - once, twice, three times! He never told them that he had given the money, but did it in secret.

*Saint Nicholas, help us notice those in need. Make us want to give of ourselves, even if no one notices our good deeds. Let us be satisfied with knowing that Jesus sees our generosity and is pleased. Amen.*

*Saint Nicholas, **pray for us!***

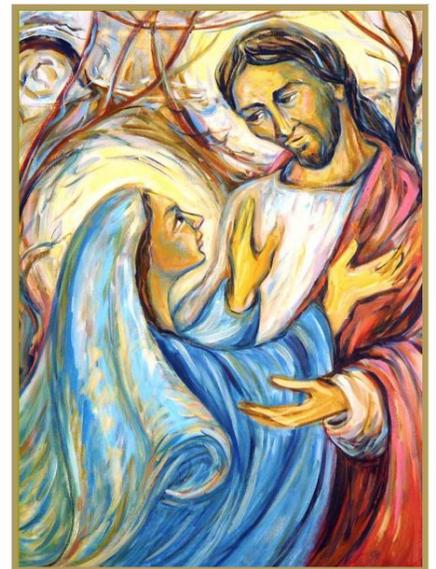
## 3rd Grade - 5th Grade

Prayer: *Act of Faith*

What is *Generosity*? *Giving without counting the cost*

Saint: *Saint Mary Magdalene (Feast Day: July 22)*

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 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 Easter Sunday, and it was she who ran to tell the Apostles, "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:18).



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

*Saint Mary Magdalene, you supported Our Lord and His disciples with your wealth, never counting the cost, because you found the pearl of great price. Fearless and steadfast, you stood at the foot of His cross. Help us to be generous with our love, so that we too might be witnesses to the good news of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*Saint Mary Magdalene, **pray for us!***

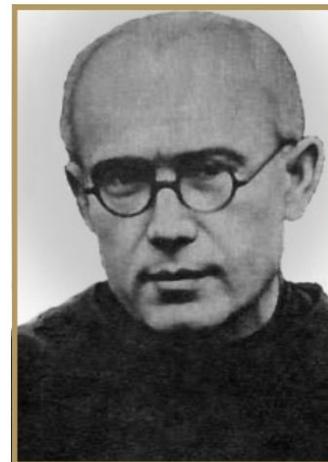
## 6th Grade-8th Grade

Prayer: *Act of Faith*

What is *Generosity*? *Giving without counting the cost*

Saint: *Saint Maximilian Kolbe (Feast Day: August 14)*

When World War II broke out, Maximilian was in Poland. He was captured by the Germans and sent to the concentration camp of Auschwitz. At Auschwitz, one of the horrible rules was that any time a prisoner escaped, ten others would be condemned to death by starvation. One day, after an escape, the guards were choosing ten prisoners to die. One man cried out when he was chosen, saying that he had a wife and children. Risking the cruelty of the guards, Saint Maximilian intervened and offered his own life instead. The guards asked why he should die in the other man's place. Saint Maximilian replied, "I am a Catholic priest."



Saint Maximilian Kolbe

*Saint Maximilian Kolbe, you gave your entire life for a total stranger. Help us to have the generosity to do what is right, no matter what the cost. Thank you for showing us the powerful help available through Our Lady. Help us to be as dedicated to her as you were, and brave enough to offer our lives to her Son. Amen.*

*Saint Maximilian Kolbe, **pray for us!***

## Monthly Home Project Suggestions -Generosity

For details on these and **other** suggestions, see the **Virtues in Practice Parent Guide** for the Year of Faith and the month of December. ([ASCS: Virtues in Practice](#))

All: Hang up a copy of the *Act of Faith* on the refrigerator. Pray the *Act of Faith* together as a family. (See the end of this newsletter for a large-print copy.)

All: If you don't already have a family tradition of giving to the poor during Advent, consider starting one, such as:

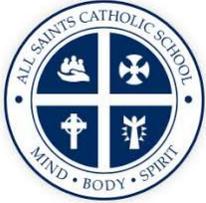
- ❖ Anonymously adopting a family and leaving gifts on their doorstep
- ❖ Sacrificing something you want for Christmas and using the money for the poor
- ❖ Gathering with members of your extended family to do service for the poor rather than exchanging gifts

**Generosity is giving without counting the cost.**

## December's *Generosity Service Project!*

On Friday, December 6 (St. Nicholas Day), students will collect change from cars in the front and back loops prior to dismissal. This change will be donated to All Saints Food Pantry during Advent. Please give generously.

Thank you and God bless you and yours this Advent Season!



2019-2020 Virtues Committee:

Amy Blanchette, Terese Gibb, Carol Pisarski, Jessica Railling, Amy Roose, Andrew Willing

For more information or for suggestions on monthly classroom activities/home projects please see: [Virtues in Practice](#) program website or contact a member of the 2019-2020 Virtues Committee. Also, for .pdf versions of ALL *Virtues in Practice* materials please see the [Catholic Identity](#) tab at [All Saints'](#) website.

### *What is a virtue?*

A good habit is called a virtue. A bad habit is called a vice. Habits grow by practice. God always gives us the grace to choose and do what is good. If we think about what is right and open our hearts to God, we will make good choices and grow in virtue. Virtues make us free, happy, and holy. (*Virtues in Practice*, 2013)

As we progress through the school year, please pray the *Act of Faith* with your family. We are all working together to show children that God is first and foremost in our lives. The graces from this prayer are needed to open hearts, to guide leaders, and to beg the healing that only Our Lord can provide.

# *Act of Faith*

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O my God, I firmly believe  
that You are one God in three divine Persons,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that Your divine Son became man  
and died for our sins and that He will come  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths  
which the Holy Catholic Church teaches  
because You have revealed them  
Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.  
Amen.