

FAMILY BULLETIN

Calendar

December 12: Soccer at HOME vs. St. Joan of Arc, 9:00 AM, Cleary Field

December 14: Men's Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Cafeteria

December 15: Saints Gatorade Day

December 15: Soccer at St. Edward the Confessor, 4:00 PM

December 15: School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

December 16-18: Middle School Exams

December 18: End of Second Grading Period

December 18: Benilde Bash & Christmas Parties

December 18: School Mass, 8:15 AM, Church

December 20: SBS Family Mass & Bless the Baby Jesus, 11:00 AM, Church

December 20: Men's Club Chili Cook Off Trifecta, Noon, Cabbage Ball Courts

December 21: Begin Christmas Break

January 4: School Resumes

The Chili Cook Off Trifecta!

Get ready for the next distinctively St. Benilde fun family event: The Men's Club Chili Cook Off Trifecta! The Trifecta is this Sunday, December 20, 2015 in the St. Benilde School yard immediately following the 11:00 AM SBS Family Mass & Bless the Baby Jesus in the Church. So first, bring your family Christmas Creche with you to Mass. During the homily, Fr. Cooper will call all the children up front with their family creche. He will bless the creche, and then gear the homily and Mass to children.

Gates to the Trifecta open at noon after the mass is over with food tastings beginning at 12:30 PM. Here is how it works. Multiple Men's Clubs throughout the Archdiocese, including multiple St. Benilde teams and a team led by our own faculty, will spend the morning preparing their special chili and a separate Louisiana inspired dish called "Louisiana Lagniappe." Your \$10 admission gets you unlimited tastings (kids 10 & under are free!)

While you enjoy the food, you will be able to dance to the beats of New Orleans band, *Paris Avenue*. An old fire truck and inflatables will be around for kids. Concessions will be available for purchase if you don't like chili (or want a hot dog to go with your favorite chili). You can also watch the jalapeño eating contest and cornhole toss tournament, which complete the Trifecta. There is even going to be a 50/50 open entry cornhole





The Luck of the Irish Spring Gala

Plan to join us for the party of the year at the “Luck of the Irish” Spring Gala on Saturday, April 9, 2016 **in Metairie** at the Landmark Hotel (Copeland Tower). The Gala will begin at **7:30 PM**. Groups purchasing sponsorships at the Gold level or higher will also get exclusive access to the Sunset on the Lake Patron Party upstairs at the Landmark from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Order forms will be coming home after Thanksgiving, or you can order online now at www.stbenilde.com/irish-spring.



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Don't miss out on the fun! Get your tickets from the office ASAP or purchase them at the door!

De La Salle Math Tournament

On Saturday, December 5, St. Benilde School participated in the annual De La Salle Math Tournament. There were over 10 schools that participated in the tournament. Each school was allowed to have up to two teams of three students in each grade level in the tournament. Most schools had two teams in every grade level. St. Benilde School consistently was the top performing Catholic school.

There were three different competitions. The first was the Interschool Test, where all members of the school team work together to solve problems. Our 4th and 5th grade teams took 5th place, while our 6th and 7th grade teams took 7th place.

The second was the CIPHERING Competition, where teams of 3 members compete by individually working problems and adding up the points of each individual to establish a team score. Our Fourth Grade team of Morgan Gaudet, Gabby Robbins, and Tiffany Li placed 3rd!

The final competition was in the individual competition, where individuals worked 25 questions on their own. Seventh Grade student Nathan Theriot finished 3rd!

On a final note, our school placed third in the School Spirit Contest! Congratulations to our St. Benilde School math experts!

Bless the Baby Jesus

The Bless the Baby Jesus devotion will be held with Fr. Cooper on **Sunday, December 20th as part of the 11:00 a.m. Mass** for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. This is an excellent opportunity for families to grow in faith as the “domestic church.” ***All Children are invited to bring a figurine of the baby Jesus, particularly from their family Nativity Crèche to be blessed by Fr. Cooper during Mass.*** Fr. Cooper will invite the children to sit at the foot of the step of the sanctuary for the homily and then to come forward to have their figurines blessed. Please come and enjoy this beautiful Advent Mass and devotion. Donuts and milk will be

served after Mass.

Men's Club Meeting

Please plan on joining us for the next Men's Club Meeting on December 14, 2015 at 7:30 PM in the Cafeteria. Fr. Cooper will give his annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" address. Food and beverages in ample supply will be provided!