

St. Stanislaus Catholic School Newsletter



Principal Note

Dear Parents,

This fall the Diocese of Kalamazoo launched a new project called The Goretti Project. This project is a new safe environment project with parent and technology components. Attached you will find a letter from the Diocese and information about the project. Instructions are also available to use the new app called Protect App. The code for St. Stan's is: 8v1mos *Note: it's two numbers (8 & 1) and four lower case letters (v, m, o, s).

This app has some wonderful resources revolving around Cyber safety and tools for parents to check out. Please download the free app using our St. Stan's code and use this wonderful resource as you need it to talk to your children about issues taking place in our world.

Our Advent Soup Can Drive for Project Hope continues through December 16th. Please see the attached flyer.

Blessings, Shannon Murphy

Operation Allegan County Jail



It's time to think of our brothers and sisters in Christ who will be incarcerated during Christmas. We are asking for new Christmas cards for the inmates so that they can send holiday greetings to their loved ones. We ask each family to send in one blank card with a postage stamp on the envelope. We will then distribute to the inmates. Please have your cards to the office by this Friday, December 10th. A big thank you to Deacon Russ, who will be delivering these cards for us. God Bless you for your efforts!

Christmas Color Day

We will be having a Christmas Color Day on Friday, December 10th. Students can wear a Christmas Shirt, etc. or anything Red or Green. Non-uniform pants can also be worn. No donation to our mission is needed.

Christmas Mail

Our students can send Christmas cards & letters to their friends, teachers and staff here at St. Stanislaus School by using special Christmas stamps and placing them in our special mailbox located by the main entrance. Stamps may be purchased in each classroom or the office. Cost is 25-cents for 5 stamps. The money collected will go to our mission.



Ugly Sweater Day



We will be having an Ugly Sweater day next Tuesday, December 14th. Students need to wear their ugly Christmas sweaters. (Remember, these can be home-made. Take any sweater/sweatshirt and have fun pinning fun items to it). They can also wear regular non-uniform pants. No donation to our missions is needed.

Christmas Parties

Our K-8th classroom Christmas Parties will be next Wednesday, December 15th. The parties will begin at 1:30 pm. Please check your classroom newsletters for more detailed information.

LOVE Day

Friday, December 17th will be a LOVE day. Students need to wear their LOVE theme shirt. They can wear regular non-uniform pants. Long sleeve shirts may be worn underneath the LOVE theme shirts; however, only school uniform sweatshirts can be worn. No donation to our mission is needed.



HHS Band & Choir Tour

Our Kindergarten thru 8th graders will be attending the HHS Band & Choir Christmas Tour, this Friday, December 10th at St. Mary's Visitation School in New Salem.

Picture Retakes

The retakes for school pictures will be Tuesday, January 18th. More information will come after we return from Christmas break.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Your children are invited to be a part of the 6:00 pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass at St. Stanislaus in a very special way. We need readers & actors for our Nativity skit, both with and without speaking parts, as well as liturgical volunteers for the Mass (Lector, ushers, servers). We will practice during school hours. If your children would like to participate, please let us know by Monday, December 13th, by filling out the Google Nativity Form.

Water Bottles

Please be sure that your child (ren) have their water bottles daily. While we have had very generous donations of bottled water from you parents, some students are depending on these daily.

TRIP News

There will be **no orders placed the last two weeks of December**. That leaves **1 order** left for the calendar year!

This is the final week of Dazzle Days. Bonus rebates on select brands during the entire event and every day, a 24-hour only bonus is available for a select vendor. The business is not announced ahead of time, so you need to check every day to find out how to earn some bonus rebates!

Bigby physical gift cards are no longer available to order. E-cards are still available.

Some of the product bonuses until 12/10: Columbia 12+5%, Red Robin 8+3%, Sephora 5+3%, Starbucks 4.5+2%; **until 12/17:** Bath & Body Works 12+5%, Crutchfield 5+3%, Home Depot 4+3%. **Upcoming bonus from 12/11 until 12/17:** Red Robin 8+5%, plus many e-card only bonuses that week. **NOTE:** there are way too many bonuses this time of the year to list them all. Go to shopwithscrip.com and click on "Sign In". Then, click on "Shop" to see everything that is available. Bonus items are flagged. You do not need an on-line account to look.

Limited time **\$5 and \$10 cards** are available now for the holiday season. Go to shopwithscrip.com, click on "Shop" and then click on the "\$10 and Under Gift Cards" filter to see what is available. No on-line account needed to look at the list of 74 different cards. Don't see them on the paper form? Just write them in!

TRIP TIPS: Groceries is another good place to save with the TRIP program. We offer gift cards for Leppink's, Walmart, Meijer, Target, GFS and Family Fare. A \$600 monthly budget for food, with a 3% rebate will earn you \$216 in a year. Leppink's offers a generous 5% rebate. Keep one of their gift cards on hand, even if you only pop in there for essentials and shop elsewhere for your larger trips. Spend \$50/month there? That's another \$30 in rebates for the year. Planning a holiday get together or birthday party? Plan ahead with some cards to GFS and their 4% rebate.

As always, if you have any questions, or would like to enroll in our TRIP program, contact Anita Lincoln at kevandta@aol.com or (616) 260-8588, or Allison Vogt (616) 299-7769. We are here to help!

Your TRIP coordinators, Anita and Allison

Advent/Christmas News

Advent Jesse Tree continues each Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 am. Please join us.

Through Friday, December 10th—Santa Shop.

Wednesday, December 15th—K—8th grades Classroom Christmas Parties.

Thursday, December 16th—K thru 8th grades Advent Program 6:30 PM.

December 20th through—31st—No School—Enjoy your Christmas & celebrating a New Year with your family.



A Family in Need

Darius and Jenna Kloska, St. Stanislaus parishioners and son /daughter-in-law of Lisa and John Kloska, (also Lori's nephew & niece), experienced a devastating house fire on November 11, 2021. They made it out of the house safely along with their dog, but did lose their cat to smoke inhalation.

The house and all the contents were declared a total loss. Among the contents lost were special wedding gifts to the couple and equipment for Jenna's photography business. Darius and Jenna had just celebrated their second year anniversary on November 9, 2021 and then they lost their home two days later.

Darius and Jenna have secured a temporary rental home however, they are in need of assistance to furnish their home. Please consider helping out Darius and Jenna. All donations will go directly to them to help them with the process of starting over and rebuilding what they have lost. No donation amount is too small and all donations are greatly appreciated!

Link for Darius & Jenna's Go Fund Me: <https://gofund.me/70ec4549>



Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Etc.

Please remember to send your child (ren) with the appropriate outdoor gear; winter coats, hats, mittens, snow pants & boots. When entering the school on winter mornings, boots need to be taken off on the mat before walking down the hall.

Santa Shop

Our Santa Shop is well under way. The kids have been busy carefully shopping and wrapping for their families and friends. We'll be closing up shop on Friday afternoon, so there's still time for your students to shop if they haven't already.

Busy shoppers also mean that our wrapping supplies are flying off the tables. In order to help us stock up for next year, please keep Santa Shop in mind while you do your Christmas shopping or after Christmas Sales shopping, over the next few weeks. Most needed items are wrapping paper and small to medium gift bags. Thank you for all of your support!

