



St. Paul Catholic School

Newsletter

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FALL RAFFLE: Saturday is the day!! As of this writing, we **still** have **61 tickets remaining**. Have any family or friends you think would buy another? Now is the time to ask! Please get all sold tickets into the office so we can have an up-to-date count. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! Please share our Facebook posts so we can get the word out and get the rest of the tickets sold! We hope to see many of you for supper on Saturday night!

WORKERS: We will be setting up for the supper Friday night at 5:00 at the Fire House. If you can help, please come on over. Many hands make light work! Again workers for the dinner are: Kendale Cassady, Holly Weikum, Missy & Jon DeLong, Amanda & Joe Cleary, Carolyn Austin, Andrea & Eric Scheuer, Hannah Abry, Kathy & Doug Patten, Courtney Tjelle, Kirstin Kumagai, Devin & Grace Sturms, Jessica & Tyler Mills, and Scott Lovell. A task list with report times was sent out via Remind yesterday. Thank you to our chairs Carrie & Mike Lovell!

SQUARES: St. Paul School has just started another opportunity to win big! Squares will be available to purchase Saturday night for a chance to win a whole hog, including processing! Squares are \$20 each and only 200 will be sold. Thank you to Carolyn & Mark Austin of Austin Farms for donating the pig & processing. Squares can also be purchased at school.

STEWARDSHIP MASS: We hope to see many of you this Sunday at 8:00 for our next Mass together at St. Paul Church. Please have students sit upstairs in the choir loft. We look forward to sharing in the joy of the liturgy with all our students and families! There will be a comfy day for all students that attend.

SPIRIT WEEK: The St. Paul Civics Club is sponsoring a drive for the Odell Food Pantry next week and will collect different categories of items each day. If a student brings in that day's item, they can also participate in the Civics Club spirit week theme for the day! Items can be sent in early or all at once if that makes it easier. Let's have some fun and support our local food pantry at the same time!

- Monday: Personal Hygiene Products for a Multiples Day
- Tuesday: Cleaning Supplies for a Sports Day
- Wednesday: Paper Goods (tp, paper towels, etc) for a Class Color Day
****Each class will wear a certain color.****
 - PreK & K: Red -5th/6th: Blue
 - 1st/2nd: Orange -7th/8th: Purple
 - 3rd/4th: Green
- Thursday: Boxed Items for a Throwback Day
- Friday: Purple & Gold Comfy Day

FEEDBACK: Time is running out to get your feedback to the Diocese regarding the proposed parish models. If you are writing a testimonial letter, please have it to us NO LATER than **Monday, November 20**. Those will be hand delivered to the Diocesan office in Peoria. Any feedback submitted online must be done by November 22 at www.growingdisciplescdop.org. The future of our church is vital to the future of St. Paul School. This is a group effort, and everyone needs to play a part!

BELL RINGING: With Thanksgiving and Christmas nearly upon us, let us give thanks for all we have and continue to help those that are not as fortunate. The parishes of St. Paul and St. Patrick will once again have their own weekend to ring the bell for the Salvation Army, and they are in need of volunteers the weekend of December 1st - December 3rd. Please contact coordinator Virginia Malone to fill one of the one hour time slots. She can be reached at 815-584-9670. This is also a great way for our Confirmation students to get an hour of service as well.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The annual St. Paul School Christmas program will be held on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul Church.

UPDATE FROM MRS. DORAN'S ROOM: In November we always learn about the lives of the saints and it has been very exciting so far! The first and second graders learned about the Eucharist when the Traveling Monstrance visited St. Paul Church last Thursday. We got to look at this beautiful monstrance up close and all the images were explained to us by Father Luke. Fr. Luke also gave a presentation about Blessed Carlo Acutis. It was so interesting to hear about Carlo who liked to play video games and do some of the same things we like to do. It's hard to believe that he is now headed toward sainthood! That means that even people as young as us, can live a holy life and become a saint. We are also learning about two saints every week during community prayer time. The third and fourth have done a wonderful job presenting little plays about their saint, and we encourage you to check it out on our Facebook page. We thank you all for your support of Catholic education in Odell and for support for our church. We are so grateful to see you all on Sunday morning.

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

- ✠ Friday, November 10.....School Mass - grades 5/6 leading
- ✠ Saturday, November 11..... Fall Raffle & Steak Dinner
- ✠ Sunday, November 12..... Stewardship Mass @ St. Paul Church
- ✠ Wednesday, November 15..... Education Commission Meeting @ 5:15
- ✠ Friday, November 17.....School Mass - grades 7/8 leading
- ✠ Monday, November 20.....Chuck's Cheese Delivery
- ✠ Wednesday, Nov. 22 - Friday, Nov. 24..... No School - Thanksgiving Break
- ✠ Wednesday, November 29..... Vision & Hearing Screenings