



# ST. PAUL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** We are in need of volunteers to help with the Christmas party the morning of Thursday the 21st. Please let us know if you can help from approximately 9:00-11:00 a.m. Thank you to Missy DeLong for chairing this event!

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Our annual Christmas program is just a week and a half away! Family and friends are invited to join us at St. Paul Church at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20 to enjoy this beautiful St. Paul tradition.

**PEW RAFFLE:** Want to sit up front for the Christmas program, but not have to get to the church an hour early? St. Paul will be raffling off the opportunity to sit in the **SECOND PEW** at church. Why the second you ask? The front pews were sold in March at the school's annual auction. Raffle tickets will be sent home with students next week - one chance for a \$1 or six for \$5. Tickets and money **MUST** be returned by Tuesday the 19th so we can draw the winners before the end of school that day. There will be two names drawn. Since the church is split by the main aisle, there will be a winner for the right and left side. Six adults can fit comfortably in each pew.

**NATIVITY WALK:** Mark your calendar and join us for the 2nd Annual St. Paul School Nativity Walk, in memory of Msgr. Watson, which will be held after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday the 17th. We look forward to sharing in the hope and joy that these nativities represent. Please join us for cookies and refreshments!

**COOKIE DONATIONS:** We will be in need of cookie donations for the morning of the Nativity Walk. Please let Kelli know if you can bring a dozen or two in. Cookies can be homemade or store bought.

**STEWARDSHIP MASS:** Please let us know if you plan on attending the Christmas Eve school Stewardship Mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul Church so Mass parts can be handed out. Thank you!

**SERVERS:** St. Paul Church is in need of altar servers for the 8:00 a.m. Christmas morning Mass on the 25th. Please let Kelli know if your child would be able to serve Christmas Day. Any student that serves that morning will get **TWO** comfy days when we return from break!

**TEACHER COLLECTION:** Anyone wishing to participate in the Christmas collection for our school staff may do so by placing your contribution in a marked envelope and sending it to the school office. Our teachers and staff work tirelessly for our students throughout the school year, and this collection is one way to say "thank you" for their dedication. We are grateful to those that donate and show their appreciation both now and throughout the school year.

**SQUARES:** There are still squares available for a chance to win a whole hog, including processing! **Squares are \$20 each and only 200 will be sold.** Don't have room for a whole hog in your freezer? Split the ticket with family or friends! Thank you to Carolyn & Mark Austin of Austin Farms for donating the pig & processing.

**UPDATE FROM MRS. MCDERMOTT'S ROOM:** The 3rd and 4th grade students continue to astound me with their progress! As we enter this Advent season, preparing for Christmas, our schedule is packed full of activities. Students are busy practicing and creating props for the Christmas program. In religion, we continue to work on plays about the Saints, which you can view on the Saint Paul School Facebook page under the Reels section. Students are enjoying our introduction to physics in our science unit, where they experiment with gravity and motion. In social studies, we are beginning our unit on the States, with each student researching and creating reports. During this busy time of year, we appreciate all the extras that make it special, but continue to learn that the true meaning of Christmas is about the birth of God's Son – Jesus, and how He came to give us love, hope, and joy. I wish all of you a joyful Advent season and a very Merry Christmas!

**UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:**

- † Friday, December 8..... School Mass - grades 3/4 leading
- † Wednesday, December 13..... Vision & Hearing Rescreening
- † Friday, December 15..... School Mass - grades 1/2 leading
- † Sunday, December 17..... Nativity Walk after 8:00 Mass
- † Monday, December 18..... Jr. High Band & Chorus Concert at OGS
- † Wednesday, December 20..... St. Paul Christmas Program - 6:00 p.m.
- † Thursday, December 21..... No OGS A.M. or P.M. Bus
- † Thursday, December 21..... Christmas Party & 11:30 Dismissal
- † Sunday, December 24..... Stewardship Mass - 4:00 p.m.

**School Resumes Tuesday, January 9!**