



St. Paul Catholic School

Newsletter

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STEWARDSHIP MASS: Our first Stewardship Mass of the school year is THIS Sunday the 26th at 8:00a at St. Paul Church. Mass parts are being handed out at school. If your child has been assigned a part, but come Sunday morning, you can't make it, please contact your child's teacher or send a Remind message. Students in grades K-8 that attend are asked to sit on the left side of the church in the pews behind the organ to make up the choir - only two students per pew. PreK students are also encouraged to attend with their families, but we ask that they sit with their parents. Those that attend and participate in the Mass will get a **COMFY DAY** on Monday the 27th. Fr. Vern Arseneau will be saying Masses this weekend in Fr. Haake's absence so let's really make him feel welcome! We hope all our families make every effort to attend! Again this is one way that we can give back to the members of our parishes that give so much to our school throughout the year.

THE COVID: The coronavirus is rearing its ugly head once again in our area. Several local schools have had outbreaks and have gone to remote learning so we are asking parents to be extra vigilant. Not to make light of this virus, but at this point, anything can be a symptom. If your child does not feel well in any way, shape, or form, **DO NOT** send them to school!...even if it's "just the sniffles." Please keep all siblings home as well until COVID-19 can be ruled out. If your child displays any symptoms at school, they will be sent home. **In order to return to school, per the Illinois Department of Public Health, you would need a negative COVID test, a note from your doctor with an alternative diagnosis/release to return, or students would have to stay out for ten days.** Let us all continue to do our part to keep each other safe and healthy and stay in school. Thank you!

OPEN GYM: Boys in grades 5th-8th interested in participating in basketball this year are welcome for open gym at Odell Grade School on Sunday, September 26 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

PICTURE DAY: Lifetouch will be here on Tuesday, October 5 for Picture Day! Order forms went home this week. You can also order picture packages online at mylifetouch.com. St. Paul's Picture Day ID is EVTHHQ6SD. Please note, due to some internal restructuring at Lifetouch, there will be **NO RETAKES** this year!

COOKBOOKS: Please make sure to send in your recipes by October 1st for our upcoming cookbook fundraiser. Recipes can be emailed to chairperson Kim Frauli at knfrauli@hotmail.com or dropped off at school.

FALL RAFFLE: We're diving into a busy time of year at St. Paul! The Annual Fall Raffle & Steak Dinner is set for Saturday, November 13. Tickets will be in the hands of our mailing list members by Monday and will come home with students no later than Monday as well. The steak dinner will once again be **drive-thru only**, with pick-ups at St. Paul School. The drawing will follow the dinner and be streamed live on the school's Facebook page. Tickets are \$100 each and include two steak dinners and your chance at the \$10,000 grand prize! Watch the newsletters for additional updates.

AVANTI'S: Lunch forms also went home this week for our annual Avanti's lunch fundraiser. The pink forms are for student/family orders while the white forms are for business orders. Order forms are due back by October 6. Again, there will be NO hot lunch on Thursday, October 14 or Friday, October 15. If you know of any businesses in the Pontiac, Odell, or Dwight areas that may be interested in ordering and having lunch delivered on October 14, please pass along their information to Kelli.

HUMISTON WOODS: The annual trip to Humiston Woods in Pontiac for grades K-8 is just around the corner! Permission slips and more info will be coming home soon for the trip on Friday, October 15.

BOOK DRIVE: Do you have any new or gently used children books (all ages) that your children have outgrown? The Christ Society of Central Illinois is collecting them during the month of October for their National Day of Service. The theme is "Fostering Love of Reading Together." Books collected at St. Patrick, St. Paul, and St. Mary Churches will be distributed to the underserved in our cluster area. Containers will be available at each church. Thank you for your help.

UPDATE FROM MRS. LOVELL'S ROOM: So much work has been done in grades 5-8! We have begun our Animal's Purpose research paper in grades 7 and 8. To help in our research, we read Old Yeller and are reading Where the Red Fern Grows. Grades 7 and 8 are studying the US Constitution, planning on Oct. 5th to be our big test. In grades 5 and 6, we have been reading Hatchet by Gary Paulsen while creating a setting scene made out of homemade playdough, sticks, leaves, etc. The class will begin studying nouns in Language next week. Mrs. Lovell is particularly proud of the kids for helping the 3rd and 4th graders learn to serve at Mass.

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

- ✠ Sunday, September 26.....Stewardship Mass at St. Paul - 8a
- ✠ Friday, October 1.....No OGS Afternoon Bus
- ✠ Saturday, October 2..... Confirmation Retreat
- ✠ Tuesday, October 5.....Picture Day
- ✠ Wednesday, October 6.....Avanti's Forms Due
- ✠ Thursday, October 7..... No School - Teacher In-Service
- ✠ Friday, October 8.....No School - Teacher In-Service
- ✠ Monday, October 11.....No School - Columbus Day