

We ate on a Journey

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder November 28, 2011

Lunch Duty Schedule

11:00—1:15 pm

This Week

Monday, 11/28

Alissa Dern
Kerry Barry
Cindy Molitor

Tuesday, 11/29

Tina Desing
Kim Chase-Hubbard
Maria Brady

Wednesday, 11/30

Lisa Nelson
Maria Brady
Heidi Wilson

Thursday, 12/1

Laura Reilly
Betsie Berrien
Graden Scheiwi

Friday, 12/2

Jenny Burns Mary Hennelly
Jacek Flejsierowicz
Marina Kvetkovskaya

Next Week

Monday, 12/5

Mary Otterson
Jeff Glinski
Bridie Mooney

Tuesday, 12/6:

Kim Chase-Hubbard
Wendy Lippe
Tatiana Soleski

Wednesday, 12/7:

Lori Neisner
Heather Barry
Barbara Diamond

Thursday, 12/8:

Lisa Balistreri
Martha Cushman
Stacey Naffah

Friday, 12/9:

Kris Langhoff Andrea Bowen
Maria Van Dyke
Marina Kvetkovskaya

This Week At A Glance...

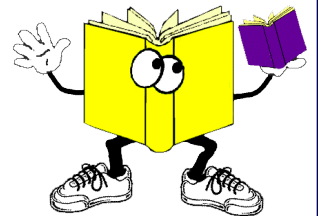
- Monday 11/28: •Classes Resume
- Tuesday 11/29: •All School Mass: 8:30am (Rice)
- Thursday 12/1: •Home & School Meeting: 8:15am (Ministry Center)
 •Picture Retake Day
 •SCRIP Sale: 2:45 (Outside of the Library)
- Saturday 12/3: •Advent Breakfast

Coming Up Next Week...

- Thursday 12/8: •All School Mass-Immaculate Conception: 8:30am
 (Rice)
- Friday 12/9: •Casual Dress Day: Christmas Colors

BOOK FAIR

For any of you last minute shoppers or for those who missed the Book Fair, we have a surprise for you! The Book Fair has been extended thru Monday, from noon to 4:00.



Thank You!

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank our volunteers from Auction and Teacher Conference lunch set up:

Thank you to Mo Buettner, Julie Duval, Brenda Schwab, Stephanie Dragani, Laura End, Amy Strother and Debbie Lynch for your efforts in making these events run smoothly for Hospitality!

We truly have the best volunteers at this school !!!

-Tricia & Holly

Home & School

Maria Van Dyke & Amy Strother
Co-Presidents

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and break!

We are looking forward to celebrating Advent and the Christmas season this Saturday, December 3rd at the **Advent Breakfast**. Thank you to Marti Wronski, Karen Schaefer and Meg Geshay for coordinating this special tradition!

Please see the attached **Teacher Christmas Fund Appeal** letter. Julie Spadafora, our Home and School Treasurer, contacted all those that donated at registration as a reminder. Thank you to those that have already donated!! Please join us Thursday, December 8th in the school library for a Christmas coffee after Holy Day of obligation Immaculate Conception mass. In addition to coffee, we will be collecting donations for the Teacher Christmas Fund. **The deadline for donations is Friday, December 9th.**

The agenda for Thursday's December 1st Home and School December meeting at 8:15am is attached. If your name is on the agenda and you cannot attend, please provide a brief report to Amy or Maria. Babysitting will be provided in the Ministry Center. We hope to see you there!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please check your child's Monday folder today for important information regarding this year's SMS Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 14! It's going to be a great show, so make sure it's on your calendar!

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Weekly Rule

How you choose your words, will influence every encounter you have with other people.

Words to Forget

**I can't
I'll try
Someday
Impossible
Difficult
Hate**

Words to Remember

**I can
I will
Today
Possible
Challenging
Love**

BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS!

The basketball season begins this weekend, December 3 and 4, with a full slate of games on both days at St. Monica. The full schedule is not complete yet as the league is in the process of correcting the errors it had in its tentative schedule which it sent out to athletic directors last week, but I hope to have them in hand in time for the parents' meeting Tuesday evening.



Speaking of that meeting, there will be a parents' meeting for **ALL** basketball parents on Tuesday evening at 7:00 in Donovan Hall. It should last no longer than one hour and will include an introduction of coaches, a review of the St. Monica Athletic Handbook, hopefully a review of the schedule, reminders of scheduling for admissions/concession work, and a brief session by grade and team with the coaches. All coaches (unless actively coaching at the time) will meet at 6:00 PM that night, also in Donovan Hall.

Hopefully in future weeks once the schedules are out, game schedules and admissions/concessions assignments will appear in the weekly reminder. Parents are encouraged to be sure to double check the game schedules in the reminder as this past fall we had a St. Monica volleyball team that failed to show for a home game due to an apparent communication failure between coach and team. For the record, Saturday games are at 9, 10, 11, 12, and occasionally 1:00 pm, while Sunday games are at 1, 2, 3, 4, and occasionally 5:00 PM.

Anyone with any questions, please email me at hochscms@yahoo.com.



Order forms for December Market Day can be found at the church entrances or outside the school office. Online orders are due by Monday, December 5th. Go to www.marketday.com and use code 5737 for St. Monica. If you want to place a paper order please contact Marian Topp (962-4729) immediately so that the order can be in by the 5th.

Don't forget to order all your Christmas items. Market Day sells cut out Christmas cookies that you just have to bake ~ the frosting even comes in the box! Don't forget to order your boxes of Fannie May candies, flavored hot cocoa and Chocolate toffee pretzels to have on hand for hostess gifts, last minutes gifts or just for sharing with your family.

December pick up is Thursday, December 8th from 2:30 - 3:30 in Donovan Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Marian Topp at (414) 962-4729 or the8topps@sbcglobal.net.

Light the Way: Advent Giving Opportunities Booklet Attached

During this season of Advent, we all try to make the journey to welcome Christ into our lives. We want to volunteer, share and make a difference. But, sometimes we all need a little help to make all that good happen. Many of the ministries at St. Monica have giving opportunities this Advent (and throughout the year) for you and your family.

Attached to this week's Weekly Reminder is a booklet of Advent Giving Opportunities. It includes a host of ideas, most through St. Monica, of ways to serve and share with those in need, ways to reach out to your neighbors, and ways to give with meaning this Christmas season. Please take a look. As a family, try to choose a few things to do--together--to make a difference for yourselves and others.

Blessings and peace this Advent and Christmas,
St. Monica Parish Human Concerns Committee

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

All Parish children in grades 1-6 who love to sing:

The Parish Children's Christmas Choir started their rehearsals on Wed., Nov. 16. However, it's not too late to join! Feel free to come to our next rehearsal on Wednesday, November 30 from 3:45-4:30 in the church. We will sing at the Christmas Eve 5pm Mass and on Epiphany, Saturday, January 7, at 5 pm. Please come and learn new songs as well as the traditional carols we sing every year.

Rehearsals: Nov. 30, 3:45-4:30
 Dec. 7, 3:45-4:30
 Dec. 21, 3:45-4:30
 Masses: Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m. (arrive at 4:30)
 Epiphany, Sat. Jan. 7, 5:00 p.m.
 Questions: Call Karylmary Lucey, 332-2804

**Christmas Eve Liturgy**

St. Monica Home and School Association is pleased to once again present a Christmas pageant prior to The Christmas Eve Liturgy. The pageant will begin in church promptly at 4:45 p.m. If you plan to attend the pageant, we encourage you to participate in the following traditions that help make the Liturgy particularly special.

Layette Collection

Layette items will be collected for the La Causa Nursery. Please bring an unwrapped layette item. Lectors will ask the children to bring these items to the sanctuary during the pre-Mass pageant and to remain at the Altar for the duration of the pageant.

Host of Angels

During the pageant, one of the lectors will invite all children in attendance to come forward to the altar. The children will be asked to sit in the sanctuary to listen to the rest of the pageant. In this way the children also become part of the pageant, serving as our "Host of Angels." Parents should encourage their children to come forward when directed by the lector and ask them to remain there until the end of the play. If you are donating a layette item, this is also the time to bring that gift forward. All children are welcome, however, even if they are not presenting a gift.

Ringling of the Christmas Bells

A long-standing tradition at St. Monica is to "ring in Christmas" at the end of the liturgy. Please bring a bell from home to ring during the recessional hymn, Joy to the World. The Church will resound with the joyful sound of bells to celebrate Christ's birth. Parents, please hold onto bells until the last song has been announced.

Questions? Please call Marisa Klopp (414-217-1971) or Marti Wronski (414-962-6089).

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Calendar Year-End Annual Fund Reminder!

Believe it or not, we are now only 34 days away from the end of calendar-year 2011!

While our Annual Fund campaign does run from July 1st – June 30th, many of our investors prefer to give before the end of the current calendar year to take advantage of the tax-deductible benefits of their gift. If you would prefer to contribute before calendar year-end and have yet to do so, please consider doing so over the course of the next few weeks. Below, on this very page, you will see an Annual Fund gift card to which you can print, fill out, and return (just in case you may have misplaced your original one!).

Please remember, **Annual Fund gifts are 100% tax deductible, while tuition expense is not!** As such, the Annual Fund helps make a Catholic education affordable for all – and offers a tax benefit in doing so!

Already, a number of school families have already pledged or given to our 2011-2012 campaign, and to all of you, I say thank you! For our campaign to be a success, **we need 100% school family participation**. Over the next few weeks, our Development Committee members will begin reaching out personally to those of our school families yet to give. If you have any questions, please do share them with our committee members.

My sincere gratitude for the overwhelming generosity and support you as our St. Monica School parents continuously demonstrate. YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Online Giving Option!

Should you wish to make a gift to our current 2011-2012 school year Annual Fund campaign, you may do so today, tomorrow, or any time on the St. Monica School website! How? You can give online with the credit card of your choice AND enjoy the benefits of your credit card reward program!

To take advantage of the benefits of online giving, simply visit the “*Online Giving*” page on our school website (<http://www.st-monicaschool.org/support/donate/>). Once you’ve arrived at the “*Online Giving*” page, you will see a donate button for Network for Good, our venue for accepting online gifts. Simply click on the Network for Good button and follow the instructions from there!

Have a wonderful week!

Tom

DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

LAST ENTRANCE EXAM DATE

Saturday, December 10, 2011 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Pre-Registration and an on file application is required before taking the entrance exam. Call the Admissions Office to Register 414.332.1170 ext. 130.



PREVIEW DAYS

Dominican High School invites current 8th grade students to spend a day at Dominican High School. This new program is specifically designed to allow incoming freshmen to fully appreciate the academic, artistic and spiritual advantages of a Dominican education. Meet our faculty and staff, connect with our students, and experience first-hand the Dominican core values of Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership.

Upcoming Preview day:

December 6, 2011

Spaces are limited. Please call the Admissions Office to reserve your spot 414.332.1170 ext. 130. Individual tours are also available.



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Dear St. Monica Parents,

As we begin this season of celebration and thanks, we are reminded of the people who enrich our lives. The teachers and staff at St. Monica School devote themselves to helping our children on their journey to learn and grow. We ask that you remember them this Christmas.

Each year, the Home & School Association coordinates the **Christmas Fund Appeal for our teachers and staff members**. Each family has the opportunity to show their appreciation and gratitude by contributing to the appeal. Home & School divides the combined gift among the entire St. Monica School staff. A card accompanies the gift listing all families who donate, regardless of the amount of the donation.

Your contribution to the Christmas Fund Appeal replaces the need for individual gifts and so we request that no individual gifts be given. If you like to bake, Christmas treats are always appreciated and can be taken to the teachers' lounge for all the staff to enjoy.

Christmas Fund Appeal contributions will be collected in the Library on the Holy Day of Obligation, Thursday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please join us after mass for refreshments and Christmas cheer. You may also mail your Christmas gift to the St. Monica Home & School Association Treasurer:

Julie Spadafora
7731 N. Club Circle
Fox Point, WI 53217

Please make checks payable to St. Monica Home & School Association. The deadline for donations is Friday, December 9th, 2011. Gifts will be distributed to the teachers and staff before the Christmas break.

Thank you for your generous support. We wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas.

Amy Strother and Maria Van Dyke



Please send your articles and attachments to stmonicanews@st-monica.org

by 3:30pm each Friday. Thank you!