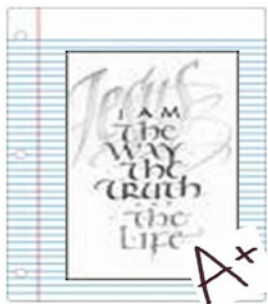


Teach us the Wisdom of God



# St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

November 30, 2009

## Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

### This Week :

Monday, 11/30: L. Nelson,  
T. O'Brien, K. Poellmann,  
M.A. Sendik

Tuesday, 12/1: A. Kachelski,  
A. Pencak, C. Dedert

Wednesday , 12/2: C. Kuske,  
A. Sprau, M. Kiefer,  
Prasanthi C

Thursday, 12/3: S. Hayes,  
D. Hangsterfer, A. Selep

Friday, 12/4: M. Van Dyke,  
N. Nolan, S. Taphorn

### Next Week:

Monday, 12/7: S. Laudon,  
M. Hennelly, J. Keough

Tuesday, 12/8: K. O'Bryne,  
M. Cushman, R. Weber

Wednesday, 12/9: A. Cade,  
M. Klopp, L. Neisner

Thursday, 12/10: M. Van Dyke,  
L. Hensen, B. Diamond,  
A. O'Connor

Friday, 12/11: J. Swietlik,  
S. Christenson, J. Spadafora

## This Week At A Glance...

Monday 11/30: •Book Fair: After School - Library

Tuesday 12/1: •All School Mass: 8:30 (Dooley)  
•Book Fair: 9:00 - 4:00 - Library

Wednesday 12/2: •8th Grade Coffee Sale Delivery

Thursday 12/3: •Home & School Meeting: 8:15 - Ministry Center  
•SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library

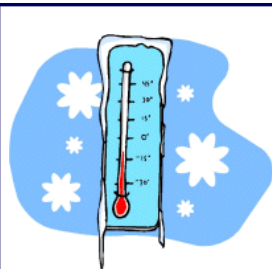
Saturday 12/5: •Advent Breakfast, Grades K4-1

## Coming Up Next Week...

Tuesday 12/8: •All School Mass: 8:30 (Rice)  
•Teacher Christmas Fund Coffee:  
7:45-9AM—Library

Wednesday 12/9: •Mid-quarter progress reports  
•**Early Dismissal: 2:30**

Thursday 12/10: •SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library  
•SBC Meeting: 6:30 - Library



Our winter weather is fast approaching. In the event of our school closing due to weather conditions, watch for Whitefish Bay Public Schools or Nicolet High School. When either of these school districts close, St. Monica will also be closed. We receive calls from Whitefish Bay and Nicolet and post the information immediately after.

**From The  
Principal ...**

Dear St. Monica School Families,

Thanksgiving is such a wonderful holiday. I hope you enjoyed time with family and friends.

The Advent season is upon us. This month will be filled with excitement as we approach Christmas and break. Please help us keep your child on track with necessary homework expectations. Make sure your child is working toward goals and objects given to you during conferences.

During Advent, we need to be mindful of the reason for the season. Here is a prayer that might help us as we move through the month of December...

*I sit here with my list, Lord, and I know I need help finding a balance. I am so looking forward to Christmas Day, with the family here, the company, the wonderful celebration. But, Lord, there is SO much to do! When will it all get done? How will I maintain any semblance of inner peace in this "peaceful" season?*

*I think, Lord, that I need some balance in my life. I feel so torn between wanting to cook and fill my house with wonderful welcoming smells, and wanting to finish decorating the house. I have shopping to do, the house to clean and cards to write and mail. When? How?*

*Help me, guide me, Lord. Help me to set priorities around doing those things that will bring me closer to you. Maybe my house really is clean enough, or maybe I can ask my family for help. Can the cards wait until a quiet afternoon after Christmas? Can my house decorations be simpler? Is there more than a little ego involved when I want so desperately to have my house "magazine perfect" for the holidays?*

*Help me rediscover the joy of simplicity, Lord. Help me to remember what I am celebrating. Help me to find it in my heart to call out, "Come, Lord Jesus."*

Cherish the moments of Advent with your children, family, and friends!

Sincerely,

Maria Schram

Home & School  
Co-Presidents Scoop  
Barbara Diamond & Kate Neitzel

Welcome back! We hope you had a Blessed Thanksgiving and lots of fun during the break!

**Teacher Christmas Fund Appeal.** Please mark your calendars for the Christmas Coffee on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:45-9:30 am in the library. This time is to enjoy some Christmas cheer and to make donations to the Christmas Fund Appeal. Please join us! If you are unable to attend, you may mail your donation to **Beth Cafaro at 7721 N. Bell Road, Fox Point, WI 53217**. There will also be an envelope in the office for your convenience, if you would like to drop it off instead of mailing it. We ask that you do not send a check to school with your child. **Donations are due by Friday, December 11, 2009.**

**Advent Breakfast.** A reminder to the K4-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parents. Please join us at the Advent Breakfast this Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a wonderful and fun-filled celebration as we await the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Call Holly Strimaitis with questions, 962-1331.

Join us for the Home & School Meeting this Thursday at 8:15 am in the Ministry Center. The more the merrier! Childcare is available.

Remember we are here to assist you. Let us know if we can!

Enjoy the first week of December!  
Barbara and Kate

**Development****Corner****Tom Mlada****Calendar Year-End Annual Fund Reminder!****Believe it or not, we are now only 32 days away from the end of calendar-year 2009!**

While the Annual Fund campaign does run from July 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>, many of our investors prefer to give before the end of the current calendar year so as 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. I've attached an Annual Fund gift card to today's Weekly Reminder 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 contributed to this school year's campaign, and to all of you, I say thank you! With nearly all of you giving at the same level or at a higher level than last school year's campaign, I am confident we can be successful in meeting our campaign goal of \$170,000. That said, we have a long way to go, and if we are to get there we need 100% school family participation – hence, why I ask for your support. **All gifts do make a very positive difference!**

**Online Giving Option!**

Should you wish to make a gift to the current 2009-2010 school year's 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/>). You can copy and paste this link directly into your Internet browser, or you can find the "*Online Giving*" page via the "Support SMS" link along the bottom left-hand side of the homepage of our school website. Once you've arrived at the "*Online Giving*" page, you will see a donate button for Network for Good, our preferred venue for accepting online gifts. Simply click on the Network for Good button and follow the instructions from there!

My sincere gratitude for the overwhelming generosity and support you as St. Monica School parents continuously demonstrate. Have a wonderful week!

Tom

**GREAT NEWS: The Scholastic Book Fair has been extended!**

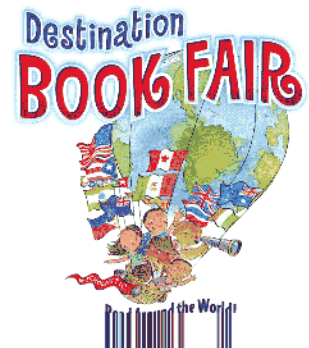
The Book Fair will be open Monday, 11/30/09, after school and Tuesday, 12/1/09 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Also,

We are looking for volunteers to help pack up the book fair at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, December 2, 2009. Please come if you can help.

Thanks,

Mrs. Bruch



## SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

The countdown has begun and there are 25 shopping days until Christmas. Whether you are buying gifts, decorating your home or planning a fun getaway, remember to have SCRIP on hand. Come visit us outside the Library on the following dates:

Thursday December 6 @ the H & S Meeting (8:15 am in the Ministry Center)

Thursday December 10 from 8-8:30 am and @ 3:00

Thursday December 17 from 8-8:30 am and @ 3:00

Tuesday December 22 from 8-8:30 am and @ 3:00

Our Order Deadlines will also shift a bit due to the holidays.

### Orders Due

**Monday November 23\***

Friday December 4

Friday December 11

**Tuesday December 22\***

### Pickup Dates

**Thursday December 3\***

Thursday December 10

Thursday December 17

**Thursday January 7\***

**\*includes monthly and weekly standing orders**

This holiday season, shop with SCRIP. Any questions, contact Jennifer Lamont (540-0186) or Norma Herbers (962-9193) **Thanks so much!**



## Advent Breakfast

**Reminder: This Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** 9am in Donovan Hall is the Annual Advent Breakfast for your K4, K5 and/or 1<sup>st</sup> grader (and parents). We will be donating again this year to Hope House of Milwaukee. Please see the attachment for details on giving to the Hope House. We are accepting late reservations today only, Monday Nov 30. Thanks for your support!

Holly Strimaitis & Marti Wronski



## Sixth Grade Angels:

Sixth Graders in the Advent Breakfast Play will have a mandatory dress rehearsal this Friday, Dec. 4 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. Parents -- please practice lines with your child once before then. Parents are welcome to come see the play. Actors should plan to be at the Advent Breakfast by 9 a.m., in costume, ready to interact with the children in the following way:

**Angels:** Bring Bible story board books to read to children as you walk around. Or if you have a small harp, bring that.

**Shepherds and sheep:** Bring small food items (carrots, cheerios) that children can feed the sheep.

**Kings and star:** Bring a book about stars or astronomy to share with the kids.

**Innkeeper and Elizabeth:** Bring a notebook where you can have kids write their names for the census.

**Mary and Joseph:** We'll give you something.

**Mary and Jesus:** You'll just walk around introducing yourself and asking the kids questions about themselves.

Thank you!

Emma Gillette and Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck

**Starry Night Pictures**

Many of you should have received your Starry Night picture(s) last Monday. If you are a person who purchased the picture(s) but did not receive it, or if there was an error with your picture(s), then please contact Beth Cafaro [mbcafarow@wi.rr.com](mailto:mbcafarow@wi.rr.com).



If you are still interested in purchasing the picture, this is your last chance. Please send a check (made payable to St. Monica Auction) or cash for \$5/picture to the school office no later than this Friday, December 4.

**Dinner Dance Receipts:**

Please submit your dinner dance receipts to the auction treasurer by December 10 for reimbursement. You can place them in an envelope with your name and "attn: treasurer" in the school office auction mailbox. Thank you for helping make the dinner dance a success!




**Attention all SMS students:**

 Do you love puppy chow? Brownies? Chocolate covered pretzels? How cool would it be if you could eat these great treats, and help the people of Uganda?!?! Bring some cash on Monday, November 30, the day we come back from Thanksgiving break, to support the DSHA group raising money for Invisible Children. Puppy chow will be \$1 – other snacks will be 50 cents. Let's enjoy some sweets and help out our friends to the East!

**Tryouts for Jr. Dukes Baseball Set**

The new Whitefish Bay Jr. Dukes Baseball Club will be holding player evaluations for the 2010 season on Saturday, December 5th at the Leeson building in Grafton. Teams will be forming for ages U9-U14. To learn more about Jr. Dukes Baseball or to RSVP for player evaluations, go to [www.jrdukesbaseball.org](http://www.jrdukesbaseball.org).



**Art News**

Please come and view the SMS student art work, proudly displayed in the Whitefish Bay library. Thank You!  
Sue Miller

The multicultural committee would like to thank Jonathan Wong for an outstanding presentation on Uganda. Jonathan was in Uganda this past summer and fall. He used his pictures, videos, and experiences to enlighten our students. The students loved seeing all the animals, and found it interesting to see all the differences between a Ugandan school day and our school day here in Wisconsin. Thanks again, Jonathan, for sharing your experience with us!



**H1N1 FLU CLINICS**

Shorewood/Whitefish Bay Health Department will be holding 2 H1N1 flu clinics in December. The first clinic is Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30 to 6:30 at the Bavarian Inn, 700 W. Lexington, Glendale. The second clinic is Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 6:30 at the Shorewood Village Center, 3930 N. Murray, Shorewood. These are free clinics. The target groups are:

- Pregnant women
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants 6 months or younger
- Health care and emergency medical services
- Persons age 6 months through 24 years
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications

## God's Eyes / Ojos de Dios

On Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, all students will be involved in a school wide art project as a part of our Bullying Prevention Program. In light of our faith traditions, we will unite to do this activity in Advent as a way to prepare our welcome for Christ in each other and in all God's children. In honor of St. Lucy, patron saint of those with eye afflictions, and St. Nicholas, protector of children, whose feast days we celebrate in the month of December, we have chosen to make "God's Eyes" to illustrate our message. "God's Eyes" or Ojo di Dios, are commonly found among the Huichol Indians of northwestern Mexico. The four points represent earth, fire, air, and water. This activity also connects our experience to our foreign language study. In making an Ojo de Dios, we are expressing a prayer that the eye of God will watch over us and grant us health, fortune, and a long life.

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law." Psalm

119:18



Please send your articles and attachments to  
[stmonicanews@st-monica.org](mailto:stmonicanews@st-monica.org)  
 by 3:30 pm each Thursday.  
 Thank you!