

Book Bunch Important Notice:

Book Bunch will be cancelled on Thursday, February 7th!

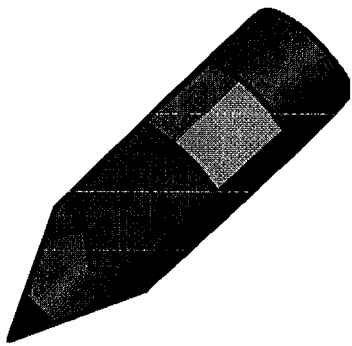
It will resume Thursday, February 28th!

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

PENCIL Grams

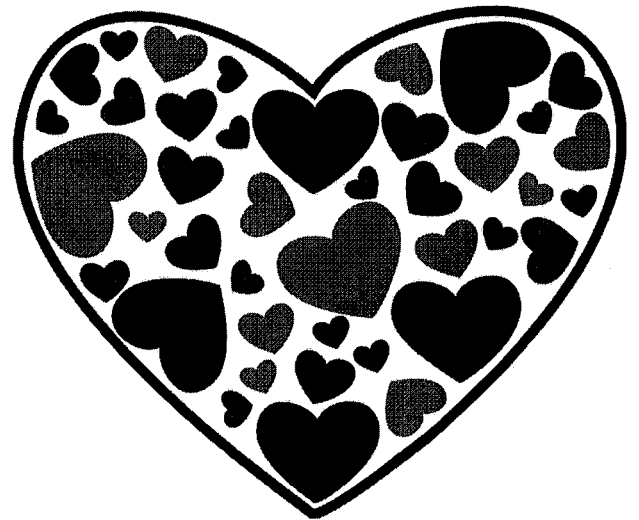
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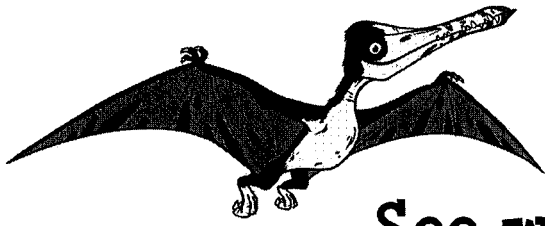
WE WILL BE SELLING PENCIL Grams FOR \$1.00



FEBRUARY 11TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 14TH
DURING LUNCHES. A PENCIL Gram IS A
PENCIL WITH A KIND NOTE ATTACHED TO IT.

SHOW YOUR KINDNESS TO
someone IN OUR SCHOOL WITH
a PENCIL Gram! NJHS WILL
DELIVER THE PENCIL Grams
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 11TH.





See what's **NEW** at the

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

February 8, 2019

Dates

5:30-8:30pm & during school

Times

Located in the foyer

Place

All purchases benefit our school!



 SCHOLASTIC

Join us at the BOOK FAIR!

Dear Parent,

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! You are invited to join your child and help him/her find the books he/she will enjoy reading. Our class will be visiting the Fair on:

February 8th

Here are some tips to consider before you visit:

- Take a look at our booklist flyer to see a sample of the great titles that will be available. Many parents find it helpful to make a wish list ahead of time: scholastic.com/bookfairs/books
- Get a jump-start on shopping through our Online Book Fair*! Simply find our Fair to get started: scholastic.com/fair
- Check out our Classroom Wish List of books. These are titles that I'd like to add to our class library. Refreshing our classroom library regularly gives kids a reason to keep reading.
- Download the Book Fairs app to get the latest reading level information, book trailers, podcasts, and more. It's the perfect shopping companion, and you can also use it to purchase books*:

I hope you can make it! And if you're interested in volunteering, visit our school's homepage and follow the link to volunteer: <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/tef7Ci2zN>

Looking forward to seeing you,

Miss White

*The Online Fair and purchase of books through the Book Fairs app is not available to "Buy One, Get One Free" Book Fairs. Online shopping is available to all other Fairs that would like to offer the expanded selection.

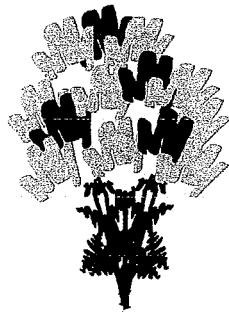


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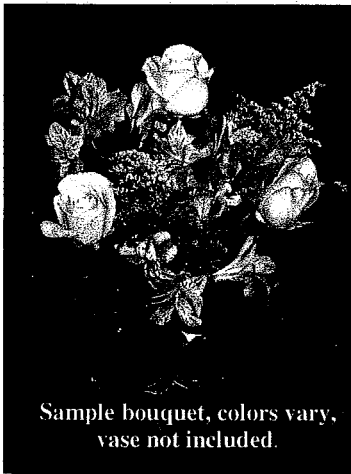
It's time to Think Spring!!

Niagara Hospice



Spring Bouquet Sale

*Brighten someone's day with a Hospice spring bouquet!
Only \$8.00 each!*



Sample bouquet, colors vary,
vase not included.

Place your order with
Miss Cacciatore or

Miss Kaiser

All proceeds benefit the **NIAGARA HOSPICE**
specialized services of

Order due by Feb. 14th check made out to
Visit www.NiagaraHospice.org for more information. *Niagara Hospice* or cash

Art Room 108

St. Stephen School art club has a goal of completing the plastic bottle cap mural for the spring.

They need your help!

We are in need of brown, yellow, orange, red, pink, purple and green plastic bottle caps.

Please collect and bring in CLEAN caps. Students may deposit CLEAN caps in box outside the art room door.

Thank you for your support, and your part in our effort to recycle.

Turn Markers



Into Energy!

Dear St. Stephen School Families,

I'm excited to tell you about a very special program I'm coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing program devised to repurpose used markers rather than sending them to landfills!

The ColorCycle program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the United States and Canada since 2013, and uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles.

All around St. Stephen's School, students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house—even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included. Drop-off boxes will be located outside the art room door, for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of families like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can continue to keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

Sincerely,

Madeline Corsini
Art Teacher, St. Stephen School



St. Stephen's School will be participating in a Niagara Chocolates Spring fundraiser:



STARTING February 14th

ENDING March 6th



THE CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST SALES WILL BE AWARDED 1 DRESS DOWN AND PIZZA!!



WE ARE USING A NEW ONLINE ORDER SITE! ...3 EASY STEPS...

1. **SHARE YOUR CATALOG BROCHURE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY** – we do not encourage door-to-door selling
 - Record your orders on your hard copy paper order form and collect payment.
2. **VISIT OUR PRIVATE AND SECURE WEBSITE TO ENTER YOUR ORDER TOTALS BY OR BEFORE MARCH 6th**
 - Go to <https://ststephensgi.ncfr.me>
 - When you enter orders, 'First Name' and 'Last Name' should be the **student's full name**
 - After you enter your order, you will receive an email confirmation with your order details and grand total.
3. **SUBMIT PAYMENT TO SCHOOL OFFICE WITH HARD COPIES OF YOUR ORDER student's full name by MARCH 11th**
 - Your payment amount should match the email confirmation you received from Niagara.

IMPORTANT...

Before handing in your Catalog Order Form with payment, please remember to check for the following:

- Is your (student) first and last name on envelope with complete payment?
- Is your order totaled correctly?

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Who should checks be made out to? St. Stephen's School.

When should I have all the money collected and orders entered online? March 6th

When do I turn-in my hard copy order forms and money? By or before March 11th to office

When will the candy be available for pick-up? April 11th at St. Stephen's School

Are there taxes? No, our organization is tax-exempt

If you have any questions, please call or text Heidi Iuvino at 716-777-0579

Thank you for your participation. The success of our Catalog Sale depends on you!

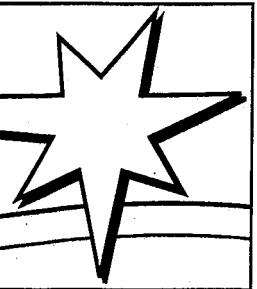


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February 2019

St. Stephen Catholic Church

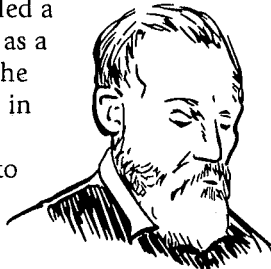
Angela Diebold, Director of Religious Education



Thoughtful Moments

St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Jerome led a wayward life as a soldier until he was captured in battle and turned back to God. After a miraculous escape, he returned to Venice and studied for the priesthood. After being ordained, he began working for the poor. He was especially devoted to caring for orphans—victims of a recent war. To help, he and some companions founded the Clerks Regulars of Somascha. He is the patron saint of orphanages and abandoned children.



Through the eyes of a child

Let a child's wonder about the mysteries of God's love awaken your own sense of excitement. In connecting with your children, you may find you are reconnecting with the child in yourself.

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might"
(Deuteronomy 6:4).



Share what you love about being Catholic

We choose to be Catholic because we know joyful practice helps us to become the people God wants us to be. A good way to help children find the same joy in our Faith is to share what we love about it ourselves:

"My grandmother prayed the Rosary every day of her life," said Lisa. "When I was old enough, she gave me my own Rosary and taught me how to pray it. This prayer has helped me through many tough times in my life and I pray it often with my own children."

"I enjoy celebrating the seasons of the liturgical year and marking the

milestones of our Faith," said Chris. "My children love changing the colors of our displays, singing seasonal hymns, and learning the stories of saints from long ago."

"I fell away from the Church when I was in college," said Erica.

"Then I started dating a man who was a devout Catholic and I went to Mass a few times with him. We fell in love and he asked that I go to Confession so we could receive Communion

together. I did it for him, but felt such a thrill when I heard the words of absolution and realized that Jesus really did forgive me. Now we tell our children that Confession brought us together."



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics choose godparents for baptism?

In the early Church, most people who were baptized were adults converting to Christianity. Because of the persecution, sponsors would confirm the integrity of potential converts, called catechumens, to make sure they weren't spies. They



would also instruct the catechumens. When infant baptism became more common, sponsors would make the Profession of Faith for the infants and be responsible for raising them in the Faith if the parents were unable to. This is when the name "godfather/godmother" came into use.

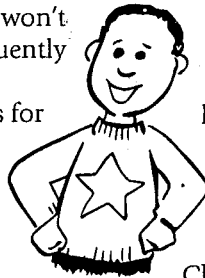
What gifts will you offer your child?

All loving parents want to give their children gifts. Unfortunately, we know that the gifts we can give won't bring lasting happiness. Instead, we can pray frequently and fervently for gifts that will. Consider making petitions for these gifts a part of your daily prayers for your children:

Wisdom. Ask that your child be inspired to avoid poor choices and have the wisdom to lead a Gospel-centered life.

Courage. Fortify him to stand for justice and speak out against bigotry, unfairness, and cruelty.

Strength. Pray that as she grows she will withstand



negative peer pressure.

Compassion. Help him follow Jesus' commandment to love one another.

Discernment. Endow them with the skills to select healthy friendships.

Independence. Ask that children care less about what others think of them and be more interested in pleasing God.

Faith. Give them faith in God, belief in the teachings of Christ, Scripture, and of the Catholic Church. These are the foundation for a healthy life and eternal salvation.

These gifts will make us happy forever.

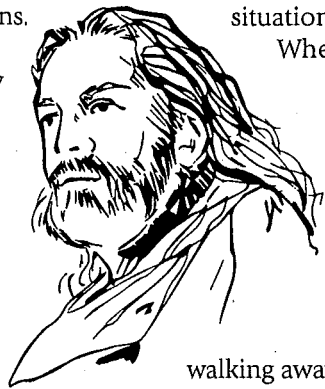
Scripture LESSON

Luke 6:27-38; Loving like God

This Gospel passage is all about Christ-like conduct with difficult people or situations. Jesus tells us to "love your enemies...forgive." It's easy to love our friends, but nearly impossible to love those who treat us badly.

Love is acting for the other's good; it's not (just) a feeling. We know our love is authentic when we can pray for our enemies, do a favor for someone who can't repay us, repay an insult with kindness, or return violence with non-violent resistance.

Forgiving others means we stop



accusing them in our hearts. It's choosing not to prolong a bad situation by hoping for revenge.

When we forgive, it sets us free—free to move on with our life.

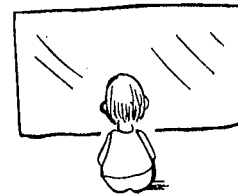
What can a parent do? Tell children that truly following Christ means doing the right thing even if it's difficult or unpopular.

Not taking reckless dares, walking away from a fight, and choosing not to "get even" aren't signs of weakness, but require real strength of character. The surest sign of being God's children is if we love others the way he does.

Parent TALK

Limiting the TV time

I was becoming concerned that my children were spending too much time in front of screens. Most of their



conversations revolved around movies and television shows. They wouldn't miss their favorite

programs but they were missing hours of their lives.

My concerns were confirmed one night when we lost power for a few hours during a long thunderstorm. No television, no computers, no iPads. The girls grew bored, cranky, and restless. Finally, I lit candles and pulled out board games. We played Dominoes, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit. The power came back, but Kara and Dad were tied and wanted to play to the finish.

After that night, I realized we needed to make a change. In order to earn screen time, the children had to spend time reading, playing outside or doing chores. Since then, they have found other ways to have fun and don't need their devices nearly as much.

Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 2 – The Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to make the required offering forty days after his birth, and Simeon praised God for revealing the long-awaited Savior.

Feb. 21 – St. Peter Damian (1072). Childhood deprivation may have created a desire for an austere life. St. Peter Damian became a disciplined monk but was called to serve as a bishop for many years and served as

advisor to seven popes. He retired to monastic life and died in the care of his brother monks.

Feb. 25 – St. Caesarius of Nazianzus (369). Brother of St. Gregory of Nazianzus, St. Caesarius served as physician to the emperor Julian the Apostate. Julian tried to convince St. Caesarius to renounce his faith, but the saint refused and later resigned his post. After surviving a terrible earthquake in Nicaea, he decided to be formally baptized (most people back then delayed baptism until later). He died soon after.



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To help parents raise faithful Catholic children
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SCRIP ORDER FORM

CONTACT NAME _____ PHONE _____ DATE _____ FILLED BY _____

TOTAL PAID _____ CHECK # _____ CASH _____

PLEASE CREDIT THE FOLLOWING: MY TUITION ID# _____ TUITION FAMILY NAME _____

NEW CHURCH FUND

GENERAL SCHOOL FUND

Retailer	SAMT	Credit	QTY	Total	Stock	Retailer	SAMT	Credit	QTY	Total	Stock
AUTO						HOUSEHOLD					
Delta Sonic Super Kiss	\$12	50%			S	Home Depot	\$25	4%			S
Delta Oil Change -P Out	\$25	20%					\$100	4%			S
CLOTHING DEPARTMENT STORES						Michaels	\$25	4%			S
Bed Bath Beyond	\$25	6%			S	JoAnn Fabrics	\$25	5%			S
Kohl's (In-store, Online & Pay Charge)	\$25	4%			S	Lowe's	\$25	4%			S
	\$100	4%			S		\$100	4%			S
Target	\$25	2%			S	RESTAURANT					
TJ Maxx/Marshalls	\$25	6%			S	Applebee's	\$25	8%			S
Walmart/Sams	\$25	2.5%			S	Bob Evans	\$10	8%			S
Walmart/Sams	\$100	2.5%			S	B. Wild Wings-Phase Out	\$25	7%			
Walgreens	\$25	4%			S	Burger King	\$10	4%			S
MOVIE THEATRES						Chipotle	\$10	10%			S
AMC Theaters	\$25	7%			S	Chili's	\$25	7%			S
Regal Cinema	\$25	6%			S	Denny's	\$10	6%			S
Regal Movie Pass	\$11	9%			S	Olive Garden	\$25	6%			S
GENERAL & MISC /CHILDREN & TOYS						Outback/Bone	\$25	6%			S
Amazon.com	\$25	4%			S	Panera Bread	\$10	6%			S
	\$100	4%			S	Starbucks	\$10	6%			S
Barnes & Noble	\$10	8%			S	Subway	\$10	3%			S
Bath & Body	\$10	9%			S	TGI Fridays - Phase Out	\$25	7%			
I Tunes	\$15	4%			S	Tim Hortons	\$10	5%			S
Dick's Sporting	\$25	6%			S	Wendy's	\$10	4%			S
SPECIAL PROMOTIONS (until gone)						Tops	\$25	5%			S
Payless Shoes \$20	\$18	0%			S		\$50	5%			\$
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UPDATED 1.23.19

AUTHORIZATION: My signature below authorizes St. Stephen School to release my Scrip Order to my child _____ in Grade _____ to be delivered in his/her backpack. I understand St. Stephen is not responsible for lost or stolen cards during transportation.

SIGNATURE _____

St. Stephen's Parish Players Grand Island, New York

In 2019, the *St. Stephen's Parish Players* will take the stage with two phenomenal shows:

Mary Poppins, Jr., on February 14, 15, and 16

and

Hello Dolly on February 28, March 1, and 2

The *Parish Players* is a ministry of **St. Stephen Church** and is looking for your support to help our theatre. All money raised helps to offset the costs of our productions. Additional and ongoing goals also include the purchasing of new lighting and performance equipment, rebuilding resources after a flood destroyed much of our old set pieces/props in storage, as well as funding the building of our new storage facility for our equipment. There are two ways you can help us this year! We will be hosting a **Basket Raffle Extravaganza** during both shows, and we are also putting together an **Ad Book** which will be distributed to the audiences of both shows over the two weekends.

Thank you in advance for your support! We appreciate any assistance you are willing to provide!

Please tear off appropriate portion and attach it to your donation(s)

BASKET RAFFLE EXTRAVAGANZA SPONSORSHIP

Donate an item or gift card for the basket raffle which will be held during BOTH shows. Items may be sent to: *Maura Rustowicz ~ 385 Tracey Lane ~ Grand Island, NY 14072*. Alternatively, if you have an item that needs to be picked up, please call (716) 867-4597 or email macorust@gmail.com to arrange pickup.

Name: _____ **Contact number** _____

Basket Theme/Business source: _____

ADVERTISEMENT BOOK SPONSORSHIP

We are seeking businesses and individuals to place advertisements in our ad book which is distributed at EVERY show and will also be posted on our FaceBook page this year! Historically most of our shows have sold out over the course of all the performances which is a wonderful opportunity for cheap advertising!! Please contact Katie Krawczyk or Melissa Hartwick via email to send or make arrangements for payment, ad or artwork pick up: ssparishplayers2019@gmail.com.

Business Name: _____ **Contact number** _____

_____ Business Card Ad	\$25.00
_____ Half Page Ad	\$50.00
_____ Full Page Ad	\$100.00
_____ DONATION ONLY	\$50.00

Please contact send an email for back cover and inside back cover availability.

All advertisement book artwork is due by January 31, 2019 but will be accepted at any time!!

Please submit the ad exactly how you would like it to appear in the program!

Checks may be payable to: St. Stephen Parish Players

Credit Cards are acceptable (please contact Melissa Hartwick via email to arrange payment)