



# Principal's Newsletter

From the desk of  
Mr. Gruenauer  
January 2020

Dear Families,

Please join us for our Catholic Schools Mass January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Students are encouraged to wear their school uniform and process into the church with their teachers and class. After the procession they may sit with their families. Please join us in showing support for our wonderful school! After the mass we will hold our open house in the school from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



**Catholic Schools**  
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

We are excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 26<sup>th</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup>. We have a variety of activities planned this year for students.



*Please join us for our Gala on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. This yearly event includes appetizers, dinner, and dessert. We offer a cash bar. Dress is business casual. As always it will be a fun and exciting evening. Hope to see you there!*

### IMPORTANT

If any family is in need of a registration packet for Pre-K or Kindergarten whose child is currently NOT registered at St. Stephen's please call the school office to request a registration packet. We will send the requested packet home with your child.

Additionally, please call the school office if you are interested in our Pre-K3 program. This class is filling quickly and we would like to offer openings to our school families first.

### February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 St. Blaise Blessing of Throats 2 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Club and Group Pictures
10 Grades 1&2 Liturgy	11 Grades 3-5 Liturgy	12 Grades 6-8 Liturgy	13	14 "Show your love" Special Dress down to support SSS athletics.
17 President's Day No School	18 Mid-winter recess No School	19 Mid-winter recess No School	20 Mid-winter recess No School	21 Mid-winter recess No School
24	25 Mardi Gras	26 Ash Wednesday School Liturgy 9 a.m.	27	28 Catholic Charities Dress Down Fish Fry



# ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL

## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> St. Blaise Blessing of Throats 2:00 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Club and Group Pictures	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> "Show your Love" for SSS Sports – Dress Down will support all SSS athletics	<b>15</b>
	Grs. 1 & 2: Liturgy	Grs. 3 – 5: Liturgy	Grs. 6 – 8: Liturgy			
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> President's Day	<b>18</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Recess	<b>19</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Recess	<b>20</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Recess	<b>21</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Winter Recess	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Mardi Gras	<b>26</b> Ash Wednesday School Liturgy: 9:00 am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Catholic Charities Dress Down Fish Fry	<b>29</b>
			**	Calendar subject	to change	



# **Begging for Baskets!**

**Drop off your basket now at school!**

This event cannot be successful without you and we need your help.

Last year we had over 80 baskets and we raised just over  
\$15,000 for the school.

All this will benefit our children and their education.

We are asking each family to please donate a basket or item to  
be used in our Chinese raffle.

Any amount or item would be greatly appreciated and used.

We will make the basket for you. No item will be turned away.

Committee will make, re-design baskets as needed.

**Get creative, have fun, work together.**

## **Some Items we are looking for are:**

Gift cards of any kind \* Boy toys ages 11-14 \* Tools \* Candy Tower  
Movie Night \* Bath sets \* Pool Items \* Picnic stuff \* Nerf  
War Store Gift Cards \* Legos \* Coolers \* Tailgate Party  
Beach items \* Small Electronics \* sports items \* games  
puzzles \* Car care \* Pet care \* Drones \* camping items  
outdoor games \* Jar of Money \* Lasertron \* Darien Lake Tickets  
Spa \* S'mores package \* Jewelry \* gaming system \* lottery tickets  
Wine \*baking basket \*tools \*car wash \* date night \* Dinner gift cards

Please consider donating one of these items. We would like to have something for everyone to bid on. Any types of baskets for various age groups in our school and community would be appreciated.

***Shop after the holiday for blowout sales or got a gift you cannot return - we will take it!***

Our Goal is to have at least 75 baskets for the Chinese Auction.

Drop off items at school please.

Or give us a call to arrange for a pick up

**In need of wine donations as well for our Snowflake game**

Any questions call Kim 716-481-3746 or Amy 716-860-0665



## Chinese Auction Tickets on Sale Now

Our baskets are worth over \$40.00 and our goal is to have over 75 baskets. Here is a sneak peek at some of the basket and silent auction items we have for you:

Movie Basket\* Fun Games\* Nerf Wars \* Candy Towers\* Spa Bath Basket  
Lottery Tree\* Gift Cards\* Game Day Tailgate basket\* Crayola\* Legos  
Pamper Your Pooch\* Cup Cake Wars\* Principal for the day\* American girl doll  
Drone\* Coffee\* Badminton and volley set\* Baby Doll Stroller\* Crafts  
Hot wheels\* Day at the aquarium fun\* Date Night\* Flashlight Tag\*  
Stay and Play at School\* Remote control car\* Summer fun\* Sports items

**Tickets for Baskets are \$15.00 a sheet or 3 Sheets for \$40.00**

Please fill out the form and send it in with your child along with the money. We will help them, track their ticket numbers and notify you if they win. .

We will sell on the following dates at school: Jan 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-6 and then at the event Jan 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-10. You do not need be present to win. Something for everyone! Cash or Checks payable to St Stephen School.

Must be 18 to purchase tickets!

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### Chinese Auction tickets

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

# **\$250.00 Tuition credit???**

Send in any gift card worth \$20.00 or more and your name will be put in a drawing towards a

**\$250.00 tuition credit!!!**

These gift cards will be used for the Gala. Please place them in an envelope marked "**Gala Gift Cards**".

Send in **by Thursday, January 23, 2020.**

For **each** gift card (valuing \$20.00 or more)

Your name will be entered **once!**

Why not try your luck??!!

Don't forget to buy your tickets !!

The Gala Is

Saturday, January 25, 2020

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm



**Subject: HERE COMES FISH FRY!!! ... SEEKING TEAM LEADERS**  
**To: St. Stephen School (SSS) Families**  
**From: SSS Home School Association and Sandy Lare-Trettel**

Dear Families: -- For the 40<sup>th</sup> year, we will come together each week for the 7 weeks of Lent to pull off the **“Big Fish”** Fundraiser – big in terms of the size of fish we serve, money raised, and number of volunteers needed! **This year the first SSS Lenten Friday Fish Fry is: February 28, 2020!**

Typically one to three people have shouldered “the lead” for this fundraising event. To make the workload more manageable this year, we are seeking a **Team of Task Leaders** (dedicated go-getters) to better distribute the effort and organize to get tasks done effectively. We’re looking for people we can count on to take ownership of tasks, learn as we go, and do it every week as needed for the duration. We have proven systems and instructions already set up, and experienced past lead volunteers to guide and work together, so there is no-re-creating the wheel (but improvements welcome)!

**We are seeking the following Task Leaders:**

Position/Lead	Dates required	Description
Placemat Lead	Now thru ~ 2/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solicit advertising for placement and Take-Out Menu; Coordinate printing.</li> </ul>
Advertising Lead	Now thru ~ 2/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit press releases/ads to local news publications, church bulletin, school Facebook posting, outdoor sign at church/school.</li> </ul>
Procurement Lead (Inventory and Order Supplies)	Pre-Plan Now thru ~ 2/7; and weekly 7pm Friday nights weekly (2/28 – 4/10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-season inventory supplies.</li> <li>Pre-season price requests/lock-in from vendors for fish, other food/drink, and supplies.</li> <li>Work with Fish Chairperson on cost vs. dinner price setting.</li> <li>Weekly inventory (Friday night after dinner), Weekly food ordering (Sundays), and bread/minor grocery pickup (Fridays).</li> </ul>
Staffing Lead	Begin 1/28 and ongoing/weekly updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solicit volunteers (Wednesday email blast) and assign suitable roles; Complete the weekly staff schedule; fill gaps or elevate to fill.</li> </ul>
Thursday Set-Up Lead	Weekly Thursdays 2/27 – 4/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead volunteers in Thursday setup tasks (can be afternoon or evening).</li> </ul>
Kitchen Lead	Minor pre-planning and weekly Fridays (2/28 – 4/10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday afternoon kitchen setup starting 1:30p – end of dinner/7p.</li> <li>Coordinate kitchen volunteers for kitchen prep and serving dinners (facilitate speed, efficiency, and balance between dining room and take-out order fulfillment).</li> </ul>
Dining Room Lead	Weekly Fridays (2/28 – 4/10) 3:30 – 7p	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate volunteers in dining room during dinners (hostesses, wait staff, student busser/coffee volunteers, cashiers, bar tenders, dessert table) – and customer interaction.</li> </ul>
Clean Up Lead	Weekly Fridays (2/28 – 4/10) 7p - done	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate volunteers to clean dining room, kitchen, areas used for fish fry event.</li> </ul>

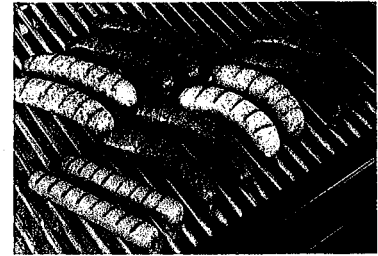
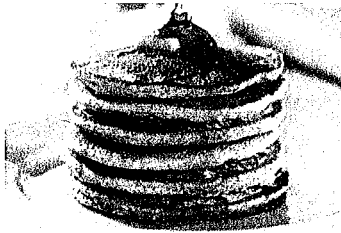
**Parent-Student Team Leads** are also welcome – a good opportunity to work side-by-side with your child to teach/learn Life Skills! And the pay is great...fun, fellowship, and friendship with many others.

**Please Contact Sandy Lare-Trettel at [sandylare@msn.com](mailto:sandylare@msn.com) or 207-409-6003 (texts ok!), with any Qs and your interest/commitment. We will schedule a time for everyone to meet to coordinate our first Team Meeting. THANK YOU!**

\*\* Others who are not able to commit to a leader position, please stay tuned for other opportunities to volunteer from week to week (in upcoming Wednesday SSS email blasts). \*\*

*St. Stephen Holy Name Society presents...*  
**3RD ANNUAL PARISH COMMUNITY**

# **Breakfast Fundraiser**



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2020  
*SERVED 8:30AM TO 12:30PM*  
IN CHURCH HOSPITALITY ROOM

All the pancakes you can eat!

- \$7.00 – Adults
- \$6.00 – Seniors
- \$3.00 – Children, 5 – 12
- FREE – Children, Under 5

The Holy Name Society's fundraising will support  
scholarships & donations to local charities.





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	\$AMT	Credit	QTY	Total	Stock	Retailer	\$AMT	Credit	QTY	Total	Stock
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>						<b>HOUSEHOLD</b>					
Delta Sonic Super Kiss	\$12	50%			S	Home Depot	\$25	4%			S
Bed Bath Beyond	\$25	6%			S		\$100	4%			S
Kohl's (In-store, Online & Pay Charge)	\$25	4%			S	Michaels	\$25	3%			S
	\$100	4%			S	JoAnn Fabrics	\$25	5%			S
Target	\$25	2%			S	Lowe's	\$25	4%			S
TJ Maxx/Marshalls	\$25	6%			S		\$100	4%			S
Walmart/Sams	\$25	2.0%			S	<b>RESTAURANT</b>					
Walmart/Sams	\$100	2.0%			S	Applebee's	\$25	8%			S
Walgreens	\$25	4%			S	Bob Evans	\$10	8%			S
AMC Theaters	\$25	7%			S	B. Wild Wings-Phase Out	\$25	7%			
Regal Cinema	\$25	6%			S	Burger King	\$10	4%			S
Regal Movie Pass	\$11	6%			S	Chipotle	\$10	10%			S
Amazon.com	\$25	2%			S	Denny's	\$10	6%			S
	\$100	2%			S	Olive Garden	\$25	6%			S
Barnes & Noble	\$10	8%			S	Outback/Bone	\$25	6%			S
Bath & Body	\$10	9%			S	Panera Bread	\$10	6%			S
I Tunes	\$15	4%			S	Starbucks	\$10	6%			S
Dick's Sporting	\$25	6%			S	Subway	\$10	4%			S
<b>SPECIAL PROMOTIONS (until gone)</b>						Tim Hortons	\$10	5%			S
UPDATED 12.5.19						Wendy's	\$10	4%			S
						Tops	\$50	5%			\$
							\$100	5%			S

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 \_\_\_\_\_