



St. Clare Catholic School

Newsletter

December 18, 2017

From Mrs. Gruber:

Third week of Advent

"Saint Francis of Assisi began the custom of the nativity scenes when he celebrated Christmas with his brothers at Greccio in 1223 with a Bethlehem scene which included live animals. This tradition quickly spread and people began to construct their own nativity scenes in their homes. Children take a great joy in helping to set up a nativity scene. The crèche may be made from various materials. Simplicity and beauty go often hand in hand. You may set up your entire scene at the beginning of Advent, leaving the crib empty for the Christ Child to arrive on Christmas Eve. Or you may set up the scene slowly, day by day . . . Mary and Joseph can also 'travel' to Bethlehem, as they move slowly across your room every day until they reach the cave." (excerpted from "Celebrating Advent as a Family")

A blessing for the creche:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.
Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

Dec. 20 Christmas program 1:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Here are the details for the evening performance.

- Piano students meet @ 5:30 in church next to the piano (have your music)
- Band students meet @ 5:45 in the church basement to warm up with Mrs. Sorenson (have instruments, music, reeds, oil)
- 3K -8 meet @ 5:45 in their classrooms with the exception of piano & band students

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- 3K-kindergarten students will sit with their family after their part is complete and will join at the end if they are able
 - Grade 1-5 will sit with their teacher in designated pews
 - Order of program: piano solos, band performances, Pre-K through grade eight vocal performances, refreshments in church basement
 - Costumes for the Carriers of the Light will be in the church basement

Notes: **The parish will be collecting mittens and socks for the St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter. There will be collection boxes at all three church locations.**

A huge thank you to all of the people who planned, worked and attended the St. Nick Breakfast. It was a very successful year! There will be more details after Christmas break.

We have about 10 Alpha Smart 2000 keyboards. These were originally used to practice typing. They are battery operated. If you would like one for your child to use at home, please pick one up or send a note with your child and we will send one home.

Wrightstown Little League Registration for the Summer 2018 season is now open. Interested parents should go to wrightstownbb.org and register their child.

Mystic Monk coffee is ordered monthly and order forms are available on the web site (stclarek-8.org).

Please return only *Box Tops* to school. Campbell's soup no longer takes labels and the aluminum pop tops can be given right to any McDonald's for the Ronald McDonald House, we are not collecting them at this time.

When using Amazon, use amazonsmile and choose St. Clare as your nonprofit of choice. This is an easy way to earn money for our Parish/school.

Home and School is looking for replacement officers. Please contact Lisa Kohlman cowbell22@yahoo.com

We are in need of new leaders for the VEX Robotics program. Please contact Roger Diny rediny@juno.com

Dates to remember:

The school will be closed from Friday, December 22 @ 3:00 - January 2, 2018. We resume school on Tuesday, Jan 2.

Jan. 9, 2018 and Feb 20 are the next Home and School meetings @ 6:30, mark your calendars!

[Read more on our website](#)

