

Friday's "Knightly" News

November 16, 2018



"To provide a school environment in which
Christ is encountered, and
discipleship is fostered
through the teaching and practice
of Catholic traditions, values and doctrine,
while challenging each student to academic excellence."

A Community of Faith, Family, and Learning

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Tuesday, November 20th

Dress Down Day \$.25/Red and Orange

Wednesday, November 21st-

Happy Thanksgiving- NO SCHOOL

Sunday, November 25th

Wednesday, November 28th

Mass 8 a.m.

Hot Lunch- Chicken Strips/Salad

Thank You: What an amazing day it was yesterday as our school family came together to share a Thanksgiving meal. Thank you to the MANY parents who helped the last couple of days. Special thanks to Angela Roelofs for coordinating the event and for Linda Luchi who was here to assist with everything. The children were so helpful in preparing the meal and for prayer and song before we ate yesterday. We have so very much to be grateful for. Thank you to everyone!!!



Santa Shop: This is the time of year where the children start getting excited for our SANTA SHOP! SANTA SHOP is going to be held on December 4th and 5th this year. All gifts are just \$1.50 each. SANTA SHOP is a great way to teach our children that it is in giving that we truly receive! There are volunteers and teachers present to assist the younger children in picking out the appropriate gift for family members, teachers and even pets!!

Envelopes and gift tags are being sent home today with each child. We are asking that you complete the envelope with how many gifts you want your child to purchase in each category. Just add up the amount of gifts your child is going to buy and put that exact amount in the envelope. Please feel free to write a check to St. William PSA or pay with cash. **Please have your children write the gift recipients names on each tag and we will place the tag on the gift at our wrapping table. Tags and envelopes need to be returned by November 26th.**

Popcorn Help Needed: One of the longest and most loved traditions at St. William is “Popcorn Thursdays”. If we want this tradition to continue, we need help. Cyndy Marsh has been the one person team for the last couple of years. With her new work schedule and an injury to her leg, she cannot make the popcorn. A team of two could easily pop the popcorn and get it to the classrooms in less than an hour. As long as the kids have the popcorn before 9:30, all is good. If you are interested, call the school office. All that training you need to make the perfect popcorn will be provided to you.

Father's Birthday: The children presented Fr. Michael with birthday cards at the end of mass on Wednesday. He celebrated his birthday on Sunday. We also presented Fr. with a cash gift from our school families. He wanted to express his gratitude for your generosity. He usually uses this to prepare his boat for the new fishing season each year. Happy birthday, Fr. Michael.

Robotics Competition: Come join and cheer on the St. William FLL Robotics team as they compete in the ThunderQuest FLL tournament on Saturday, November 17. The event is taking place at Henry Ford II High School, 11911 Clinton River Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48313. The day starts at 8AM and the awards ceremony takes place at 3PM. Feel free to stop in any time during the day and see the team's hard work! Go Crusaders!

Mary Poppins: Attached to the newsletter is a flyer detailing a showing of the movie, "Mary Poppins". All proceeds from this event go to SOUL (Support Our Unique Learners). This non-profit supports our special education efforts at St. William Catholic School. Come and enjoy an afternoon of family fun while helping the program at our school. Below is a link where you can purchase tickets.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soul-presents-mary-poppins-returns-tickets-52519617590>

Advent Tea: Ladies...Reserve your Table or Place at a Table Today!

2018 Advent Tea

Sunday, November 25, 2018 2:00pm-3:30pm

It is that time of year to prepare! Before your time is all spoken for, consider putting aside some time for your spirituality! We are looking for ladies to host tables for this year's Advent Tea and for those ladies that just want to attend. The Advent Tea is a time for music and prayer in church, followed by food, fellowship, and tea if you like! The St. William Bells of Praise will bring their wonderful music to our festivities. Hostesses are asked to decorate a table of up to 8. You can invite a whole table or be willing to add other attendees. Most hostesses decorate their tables with winter or Christmas themes, and can be as simple or elaborate as you want! The hostess will

provide table decorations including table cloth, candle(s), dishes and glassware, snacks, desserts, and flavored teas (if you'd like) for your guests. Coffee and hot water will be provided. Table set up can begin after the 11:30 Mass. **Please contact Dianna Diffenderfer at 248-360-0281 or diannadiffenderfer@gmail.com to inquire and/or reserve your seat or table.**

Leaf Raking for the Elderly: A big thank you to the St. William school families that helped rake last weekend! It was freezing and the leaves were snow covered but the following families helped make a difference in their community: Angelina Virga, Michael Virga, Benjamin Marsh, Sean Diffenderfer and parents Todd and Diana Diffenderfer and Cyndy Marsh. The group raked leaves at 5 homes and filled over 100 bags of leaves!

DIA Visit: Students in grades 5-8 recently visited the DIA. The visit was in collaboration with our Spanish teacher to help our students learn about the tradition of the “Day of the Dead” as well as the story and tradition behind the Diego Rivera fresco. We were able to walk through numerous “altars” that honored the lives of people. What were the special things about each person that their loved ones wanted to remember and carry with them? Such interesting displays. The students then went on to learn about the many messages behind the Rivera fresco. It was a great day of learning, and we were grateful for the opportunity. Our students were also complimented by a few of the docents for their excellent behavior and their focus to learn. Great job, kids!



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