December 5, 2016
"Live a life of love." Ephesians 5:2

UPCOMING…

Monday, December 5	**Progress Reports Home**
Monday, December 5	Start of "Children Feeding Children" (see below)
Thursday, December 8	All School Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Thursday, December 8	6/5/4/3 Grades Reconciliation with Msgr. Dan
Friday, December 9	Parish Fish Fry
Sunday, December 11	Basketball Games at Sinsinawa. All four teams play starting with B boys at noon.
Monday, December 12	Pre-Orders for Christmas program videos due. See order form below.
Monday, December 12	Draw winning tickets in the "Children Feeding Children" Advent Project.
Wednesday, December 14	**Christmas Program, 12:30 and 7:00 PM**
Thursday, December 15	**Fruit Delivered, Pick up noon – 6 PM**
Sunday, December 18	Basketball Games at Cuba City. All four teams play starting with B boys at noon.
Monday, December 19	7/8 Grades visit Nursing Homes
Thursday, December 22	Festive Sweater Day (or Ugly Sweater – beauty is in the eyes of the beholder) Christmas Party for Students – movies in the afternoon with treats provided.
Friday, December 23	No School – start of Christmas Break

FRUIT SALE
Delivery: Thursday, December 15, Noon – 6:00 PM

FRUIT SALE VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

We still need several adults to help with the fruit sale on Thursday, December 15. We need the most help from 7:30AM until Noon while we are sorting and arranging the fruit. We then need people in two hour shifts (you can sign up for more if you want) Noon-2:00, 2:00-4:00; 4:00-6:00. Call the office or send an email if you wish to work. We will respond to the email to confirm you are signed up. Calling would probably be best.

TEACHER EASE

Teacher Ease (our electronic gradebook) will be opened up to parents of students in grades 5-8 on Monday, December 5. Look for an email to set up your account. Teacher's will use 'M' for excused missing work (from illness or appointments) and 'L' if they have late work that earned a demerit. An "A+" can only be earned if the student earned it without using extra credit.

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

The Education Committee thought it would be nice for the teachers to make a wish list for Christmas. There will be a display on the door by the office listing some of the needs for our school. Take a peek at it if you are thinking of getting something for the school/teachers for Christmas. If you see something you plan on purchasing, please remove the ornament, so we do not have duplicates. More will be added as the teachers complete their wish lists.

FROZEN COOKIES FOR SALE

We have 17 bags still available. They are 2 dozen for $8.00. Please stop by the kitchen or the office and we will help you out. Everyone says the cookies are delicious! We will be donating the profits to the Homeless Coalition in Dodgeville as part of our Advent sacrifice.

CHILDREN FEEDING CHILDREN

The week of December 5 – 9 we are going to raise money to send to "Food for the Poor". This organization feeds children in the poorest areas in the Caribbean. They can feed 1 child for a year for $43.80. We are going to try and raise as much money as we can be selling raffle tickets. The tickets will cost $1.00 each, and students can purchase as many as they wish. The raffle tickets will be sold ONLY the week of December 5 – 9 from the teachers and the students will win lunch with the principal. For every $44 we raise, I will treat a student to lunch with the principal. We really encourage the children to do chores at home to raise the money. This would be a good opportunity for them to do something that could impact another child in such a positive way. Doing dishes, dusting the house, washing the dog – all suggestions of ways the children could do a chore and earn a dollar or two. Thank you for supporting this opportunity for our children to help others.

THANK-YOU VOLLEYBALL COACHES

Thank you to 5/6 & 7/8 grade volleyball coaches!! They used the parent donation given to them at the end of the season to purchase a new ball cart. We appreciate you generosity.

SECRET SANTA SHOPPING

Shopping for children to purchase items at very reasonable prices is available this Saturday, December 10, from 8:30-11:30AM. It is located in the old Thym's restaurant – the building just north of the House on the Rock Inn. Shopping for the children is located in the basement and volunteers help the children select the item, the children pay for it, and wrap it. The parents wait upstairs while the children do their shopping.

NEEDED – STORAGE TOTES FOR RUMMAGE SALE

Mel could use storage totes to help her organize for the rummage sale. She would appreciate totes WITH covers (such as rubbermade) in a variety of sizes. If you have any around that you are not using she would appreciate if you would donate to St. Joseph to use for this project. Bring them to her in the kitchen. Thank you.

Also, if you want donate to the rummage sale, the cart will be out in church every other week-end, starting December 10/11, for smaller items. If you have larger items, please discuss that with Mel.

FIRST COMMUNION – Plan ahead

First Communion for second graders will be celebrated on Sunday, April 23, at the 10:00AM mass. We will also be having a rehearsal on Saturday, April 22, time to be announced. First Reconciliation will be celebrated before that date.

NOON SUPERVISION

M – Slusser T- Chitwood W- Stumpf Th- Potterton F- Brokopp M- Nick Scheckel

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM VIDEOS
$15.00 for both performances
(afternoon and evening)

Name_____

Number of Videos_____

TOTAL $ ENCLOSED_____

Please return with payment by
Monday, December 12.

<u>The videos must be pre-ordered and pre-paid.</u>
Make checks payable to St. Joseph School and we will write one check to Mineral Point High School.