



November 9, 2017

Thursday Thoughts is St. Mary's weekly newsletter. Please read this communication each week to stay informed! It will contain the upcoming events and happenings around our school.

Thursday Take Home Folders ~ Please remember to send your child's green take home folder back to school every week. Thank you.

Our Veteran's Day Mass & Celebration will be tomorrow, Friday, November 10th. Mass will be at 9:00 with the celebration to follow. Everyone is welcome to attend. We invited and encourage all our Boy and Girl Scouts to wear their Scout uniforms. Everyone else is encouraged to wear red, white and blue tops with uniform pants.



Report cards were sent home today. After reviewing them, please sign the envelope and return it to your child's teacher.

Our annual **Thanksgiving Mass and Feast** are Tuesday, November 21st. Mass begins at 10:30 a.m. with the Feast following around 11:30 a.m. Please join us! If you plan to attend, fill out the order form sent home last week. *Return all order forms with payment no later than November 14th.*

You will receive a receipt from the office when Mrs. Bartig receives your form and payment. If you do not receive a receipt after a few days of sending your form in, please check with your student to make sure it got turned in. Thank you!



The St. Mary's Book Fair was a success once again this year! Thank you to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. We sold about \$2,500. The Casual Day raised \$125 for All for Books. Scholastic will match these funds and provide books to children in need through several charities. We also count the All for Books monies in our Book Fair profits. St. Mary's School Library gets 55% back in books for the library. Thanks to everyone who helped in various ways with the book fair. We appreciate the donation of your time to help with this fundraiser for the library.

The **Fill the Office Food/Supply Drive** will be held November 13th – 17th for the St. Mary's Blessing Box. We will be collecting home essentials (toilet paper, paper towel, Kleenex, etc.), personal hygiene items (deodorant, toothbrushes, etc.), and food that will not freeze (oatmeal, cereal, mac and cheese, etc.). For every item a student brings in, they will receive one ticket in a drawing to toilet paper Father Sakowski, Mrs. Smiskey, Mrs. Steinke, and Mrs. Bartig. They will choose whose bucket they want to put their tickets in.

The proceeds for **Casual for Christ** on November 16th will be for the St. Francis Food Pantry. For every dollar a student brings in, they will receive one ticket in the drawing to toilet paper the teachers!

Electronic Recycling ~ Do you have old cell phones, laptops, and other electronics lying around? You can safely and securely recycle them for free! Pack 31's Wolf Den is having an electronics recycling drive in November. **They will only accept laptops, keyboards, cell phones, and cameras.** Students or parents can drop them off in the collection box near the office during school hours. The Wolf Scouts are excited about bringing these devices to the recycling center in December to learn more about safe ways to recycle electronics.



The **Regis Altoona Wrestling Coop** is holding an apparel order. Orders can be placed at <http://www.cv-sports.com/TeamSales.aspx> - scroll to Regis-Altoona Wrestling and enter "wrestle" as the password. The deadline to order is November 26th.

UPCOMING Events

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| November 9 | Report Cards go Home |
| November 10 | Veteran's Day Mass & Celebration |
| November 13-17 | Fill the Office Food/Supply Drive |
| November 16 | Casual for Christ |
| November 16 | COR in the Community Center at 3:45 p.m. |
| November 16 | Fourth Grade Field Trip to the Ice Age Trail |
| November 21 | Thanksgiving Mass & Feast |
| November 22-26 | Thanksgiving Break |

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Friday, November 10 – First Grade – in honor of Nanette Falbo
Friday, November 17 – Second Grade – in honor of Erika Galewski
Tuesday, November 21 – Thanksgiving Mass - Teachers
Friday, December 1 – Fifth Grade – Cheryl Hanson
Friday, December 8 – Fourth Grade - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Friday, December 15 – Third Grade – in honor of Jeremy Hardy
Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. We welcome and encourage you to join us!



All aboard the Energy Bus...this month "Spread Positivity with Good Works".