

St. Stanislaus School
November 13, 2018
Friendship With Jesus: Living a Eucharistic Life

Courageously follow the path of personal holiness and diligently nourish yourselves with the word of God and the Eucharist. The holier you are, the more you can contribute to building up the Church and society. - Pope St. John Paul II.

Saint of the Week: Our Lady Gate of the Dawn (16 November) Vilnius (Wilno in Polish) is the capital of Lithuania, which was part of the multi-ethnic Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth until this was destroyed in 1793 by the Prussian, Austrian and Russian Empires. Lithuania was taken over by the Russian Empire; then, after a brief period of independence between the wars, it was illegally occupied by the Soviet Union until the Soviet Union's collapse in 1989. In the Chapel of the Gate of Dawn there is a painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary which has been venerated by the faithful since the 17th century, and which became a symbol of the national identity that the invaders sought to obliterate. Our Lady of the Gate of Dawn (Matka Boska Ostrobramska,) is a major focus of international pilgrimage. Known also as Our Lady of Mercy, the icon is closely associated with the message of Divine Mercy. Pope John Paul II visited the chapel in 1993. Many of St. Stan's parishioners have also visited the shrine on pilgrimage. There is a carving of the image in the grade 8 classroom.

Thursday Reminders: There is **no hot lunch or gym** on this Thursday. All students need to be in full academic uniform that day.

The Middle School Houses (Benedicta House, John Paul House, Kolbe House and Lucy House) are sponsoring a Canned Goods Drive to help re-stock local food banks. Students can drop off canned goods and non-perishable items in the lobby in one of the House bins. There is a competition between the Houses to see which one will be able to collect the most items!

Individual student pictures, including retakes, are available for purchase online at <https://saintstanislausfr.smugmug.com/Class-Portraits>- Pictures are available in a variety of sizes and styles, including imprinted on keepsake items.

The December Lunch order form is due on November 20.

There is a second bus for the bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 15. 32 of the 55 seats on that second bus are already sold. Tickets must be purchased by December 1.

Next week is Thanksgiving week. Wednesday is a half-day with dismissal at 11:30 p.m. There is no daycare. There is no school on Thursday or Friday.

There is a Tag Day on November 20. The flyer is attached.

Our annual Christmas Festival will take place on Sunday, December 2 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Raffles, family photos, arts & crafts, cookie decorating. Christmas caroling and more! Lots of great raffle prizes, including a trip to Azores and a beautiful rug valued at \$4000. Please plan on joining us. The event flyer is attached.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The committee and some additional fellow parents are planning a great CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL on December 2. There will be lots of great activities for the family all while raising money to support our children's school!

- Arts and Crafts
- Hat decorating
- Cookie decorating

- Raffles, Raffles and some more Raffles – with lots of Christmas Trees, Décor but also items such as gift certificates, a trip to the Azores and a rug valued at over \$4000
- Christmas Family photos (or even a great Christmas class photo)
- Great Food
- Bake Sale

PARENTS: WE NEED YOUR HELP

PROMOTE: The event is promoted heavily outside of the school; help us spread the word by printing the attached flyer and placing it at local libraries, community organizations, store bulletin boards, work break rooms, nursing homes, etc.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: Share the advertisement on Facebook by visiting the St. Stans school facebook page

RAFFLE PRIZES: We are still in need of 50+ prizes and raffle items, consider donating an item or asking a local business to donate an item/gift certificate

ENJOY BAKING: We need homemade bake goods to sell at the event, the more the merrier! Yes, we said homemade—need to leave the store bought stuff at home.

IS DECORATING YOUR THING?: In the Christmas Spirit? Make a tree/wreath to donate to the event. Fun themes are highly encouraged. In the past we have seen great themed trees such as lottery, toy trees, candy, sports, home improvement, etc. Be as creative as you wish!

WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN?: We need some volunteers to help staff the event including, setup Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Help support the school with a few hours of your time.

QUESTIONS, DONATING OR TO HELP: Contact d-desousa323@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping or if you plan to donate/bake something for this event so we can account for what we have coming.

Miss Willis