

St. Stanislaus School
November 5, 2018
Friendship With Jesus: Living a Eucharistic Life

No one in the world can change Truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it. The real conflict is the inner conflict. Beyond armies of occupation and the hetacombs of extermination camps, there are two irreconcilable enemies in the depth of every soul: good and evil, sin and love. And what use are the victories on the battlefield if we are ourselves are defeated in our innermost personal selves? - St. Maximilian Kolbe

Saint of the Week 6 November Saint Leonard of Noblac The cousin of Clovis, King of the Franks, Leonard is said to have been the student of Bishop Remigius (Remy) and among the many followers of Clovis who were converted by the saintly bishop. After baptism, Leonard went to a monastery near Orleans, but a desire for greater solitude drew him to the hermit life in the forest near Limoges, now southern France. According to tradition, Leonard's prayer was one day interrupted by the sounds of a hunting party. King Clovis was in the lead, his pregnant Queen Clothilde at his side. Clothilde was in labor. Seeing her distress, Leonard fell to his knees and by his prayers the child was delivered unharmed. In thanks, Clovis gave Leonard the amount of land he could encircle on a single night while riding a donkey. On this land, Leonard built an oratory to Mary, which would become the abbey of Noblac. He is said to have died there at the age of ninety-nine. In later years, Leonard's intercession was invoked by those held in captivity by the Saracens, and so he became known as a great patron of prisoners. Fetters, chains and manacles are his emblems in art. Our own Father Leonard Kayondo was born on this day and named after him. He is also one of the patron saints of pregnant women. Saint Leonard of Noblac, pray for us!

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Seniors of the parish and grandparents of schoolchildren is on Thursday, November 15 at noon. Seating is VERY limited. **Reservations are required.** Call the office at 508-674-6771 to make a reservation.

Reminder: Tomorrow, Tuesday, November 6, is a diocesan Professional Day. All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fall River are closed. Teachers and staff will be at a workshop at Bishop Feehan High School.

Family Board Game Night: This Friday, November 9, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Come join us! Bring a board game or play one of the school's! Snacks and drinks will be provided!

Also, this Friday night, November 9, we will have an informational presentation on choosing a high school and college requirements at 7:00 p.m. This is not limited to 8th grade parents and I would encourage parents of students in other grades to attend. This a one-hour session designed to help your family make an informed decision about high school. Paul Frost, the College Counselor at Bishop Connolly High School, will be here to review the various types of high schools and what students need to do in high school to prepare for college.

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 on the stage 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!

Classics Corner: Browse our Classics Corner in the school lobby. It has books, music, art games and STEM kits to borrow. Students or parents may sign out materials at any time. We will be adding to these materials as the year progresses.

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 was sent home today. It is due on November 20.

The bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 15, is sold out. We are looking into the possibility of a second bus.

The Tag Day for Michael's Fund raised \$275.00. Thank you!

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE:

HARVEST MOON

- Thanks to everyone who participated in this weekend's fundraiser! What a great night, with a lot of energy all the way to midnight!
- Thanks to everyone who supported the event, **we were able to raise a record \$20,000!**
- Attached is a copy of the program that lists our sponsors

SAVE THE DATE:

- Our annual CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL will be on December 2. The festival will have new activities for children and raffle items beyond just Christmas Trees including wreaths, centerpieces, gift certificates and some high valued items.
- If you plan to donate something for this event please email d-desousa323@hotmail.com so we can account for what we have.

FEEDBACK REQUESTED

- For those of you who attended the Harvest Moon fundraiser this year, what did you think? Suggestions for next year? Please email d-desousa323@hotmail.com
- All parents: We are contemplating moving our largest Harvest Moon fundraiser to become a spring event starting next school year. Recognizing that there is a lot happening in the fall we thought it might be easier for everyone. What do you think? Let us know d-desousa323@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 2 - Lots of Family Fun! - Details soon!

I would like to add my personal thanks to our Development Committee for all their hard work that helped to make our Harvest Moon fundraiser such a tremendous success! Thank you also to our parents, our sponsors, and donors, those who attended and those who supported us in any way! This was a wonderful community event and folks are still talking about what a great time they had. If you couldn't attend this year, plan on joining us next year! We're exploring larger venues. Pictures of the event are on the Gallery page of the school web site.

Congratulations to all our raffle winners! A list will be published as soon as Derek finishes typing it.

Finally, welcome to our new administrator for the Catholic Community of Central Fall River, Fr. Thomas Washburn, and his assistant, Fr. Juan Carlos Muñoz-Montoya. We wish them blessings in their new ministry among us.

Miss Willis