

**St. Stanislaus School**  
**January 7, 2019**

**Friendship With Jesus: Living a Eucharistic Life**

*The light of Christ is so clear and strong that it makes the language of the cosmos and of the Scriptures intelligible, so that all those who, like the Magi, are open to the truth can recognize it and join in contemplating the Savior of the world. - Benedict XVI*

**Saint of the Week: St. Raymond of Peñafort**, January 7. Raymond was born near Barcelona somewhere between 1175 and 1180. He was educated at the University of Barcelona, where he taught canon law for fifteen years. After hearing a Dominican preacher, he joined the order. At the command of Pope Gregory IX he organized, codified and edited canon law, which, when he started, was nothing better than a chaotic accumulation of isolated decrees. He was elected to be General of the Dominicans and gave the order an excellent set of regulations for its better governance. Raymond longed to be a missionary preacher, but his health prohibited this. He started language schools for missionaries so that they could spread the Gospel in people's native tongues. He died in 1275. One of Raymond's most beautiful writings is the *Summa casuum*. This gives guidance as to how the sacrament of Penance may be administered justly and with benefit to the penitent.

**We blessed the classrooms** today with the traditional Epiphany blessing, incensing and marking the doors with 20+C+M+B+19. These are the traditional initials of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ, bless this house".

**It is an ancient tradition to bless homes at Epiphany.** Many of our families follow this tradition. Packets of the blessed chalk and incense are in a basket in the office. Please feel free to take them. The blessing prayer is attached I have also posted the blessing online.

**Children of Mary:** For the month of January, Children of Mary will meet only on the 10th.

**The Monday morning winter sessions of adult art classes** are beginning in two weeks. The classes are very affordable. Please see the attached flyer and spread the news to anyone who may be interested.

**The Engineering Club**, open to grades 4 and 5, is beginning this month. Please see the attached flyer for registration details. The club is limited to 20 students.

**The Media Club to learn videography and photography**, open to grades 5-8, begins this month. Please see the attached flyer for registration details.

**The Yearbook Club will meet this Thursday from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.** Members are asked to bring their own devices if they have them, as the school computers are set up for MAP testing this week. Mrs. Medeiros is no longer able to run the club. We thank her for her service. Miss Willis will be the new moderator.

**There is a dance for grades 6-8 from 7-9 p.m. this Friday.** Admission is \$5 and a canned good. Modest dress is required. Please note that these dances are only open to current students.

**The full Catholic Schools Week activity schedule** will be in the newsletter next week. Our Open House is on Thursday, January 31 from 6-8 p.m.

**Miss Willis**