



School of St. Philip

November 17, 2011

"The School of St. Philip is strongly committed to providing its students with a fundamentally sound education in a Catholic atmosphere which will enable them to carry their faith and learning beyond this school."

(School Mission Statement)

School of St. Philip does have school tomorrow as usual. Buses are on a regular schedule.

(The Litchfield elementary schools do not have classes because of conferences, but the middle school and high school are in session.)

**Thanksgiving Vacation
We begin our vacation with the day off on
Wednesday, November 23.**

Conferences for Grades 3, 4, 5

We send our thanks to all the parents who came for conferences on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing the rest of you today.

We all appreciate the cookies and bars that were provided by: Erica Carlson, Karla Wolter, Holly Flemming, Diane Ehr and Nikki Elwell.

Lifetouch Picture Retakes

If you plan to have your child's picture retaken on November 29, please let us know tomorrow, so that we can plan with the photographer.

Mass Schedule

We will be celebrating our school Mass tomorrow as usual with the third graders helping lead us in prayer. We will also be having Mass on Tuesday, November 22, to give God our special thanks during Thanksgiving week. The second graders will be helping lead prayer that day. We hope that you can join us in our worship if possible.

Some Special Birthdays

Next week is a big week for special birthdays: Mrs. Buschette celebrates on Sunday, November 20, Father Joe on Monday, November 21 and Mrs. Bednarek on Thursday, November 24. We ask God's blessing on all of them.

Food Collection

We send thanks to all of you who have contributed food to our Thanksgiving collection. We know that the Boy Scouts just had their food drive, so we understand that many already gave through them. We will be taking our donations to Cargill tomorrow where they will match each item with a \$1 donation. I will let you know next time how much our families reaped for the Food Shelf. May God bless you for helping to feed the hungry.

Feast of Christ the King and the New Roman Missal

This coming Sunday, November 20, is the last Sunday of the Church year. On this day we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This year it is also the final Sunday on which we will be using the current book of prayer called the Sacramentary. Many of the prayers of the Mass will sound somewhat different as we begin using the new translation from Latin to English that is found in the New Roman Missal. Father will be blessing this special book this Sunday. It will be used for the first time on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27. May the new translations help us worship God more fully and inspire all of us with greater reverence for the great gift which is the Eucharist.

Advent

Our new Church year begins with the first Sunday of Advent, November 27. We at the School of St. Philip strive to make the Advent season a true preparation for Christmas. You will not see Christmas decorations around the school in early December. Instead, you will see our Advent wreath and the liturgical color purple.

Each morning during Advent, we will gather as a school for prayer as we hear a story from our Salvation history and add a new symbol to our Jesse Tree. We will also have a special Advent practice in each classroom as we strive to follow Jesus more closely and work on those things that need some improving.

December Calendar

- Wednesday, December 7 – Parent Drive Morning (buses will be 2 hours late)
- Thursday, December 8 -- Advent Retreat – we will be spending the entire day at the church/social hall. Buses and parents should drop off and pick up students at the church rather than the school
- Sunday, December 11 – Advent Prayer Service at St. Aloysius, Olivia, with Bishop LeVoir at 4:00 p.m. All families are invited to attend and take along the infant Jesus statue from their nativity set for a special blessing.
- Tuesday, December 20 – Christmas concert at the church at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 21 – We will give our concert at Emmaus chapel for the residents of Ecumen at 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 23 – Classroom Christmas parties in the afternoon
- Saturday, December 24 – Sunday, January 1 – Christmas vacation

*May we all be truly
grateful for the blessings
God has given us.*



May God bless you and your family.

Mrs. McCarney