

Faith, Knowledge, Stewardship

“As we begin Advent, may we not only prepare ourselves for Christmas, but may each of us be prepared to welcome the Lord when He will come at the end of all time, as well as in the ways He comes to us in our daily lives, esp. in the Eucharist & in the ways we live/share His Love.”

Bishop Paul Bradley

From the Knights of Columbus

The St. Augustine Knights of Columbus is selling St. Augustine Cathedral Christmas ornaments for \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. They are made of wood, and are etched. Net proceeds to benefit the various Catholic-focused charities and causes that our Council supports. Those interested can contact Pete Yanik via e-mail (pjyanik@hotmail.com) or phone call (269-217-9688).

Las Posadas!

Thank you to all students who have signed up to be part of the Nativity scene during Posadas. All students are part of this new event, playing Townspeople processing along with the Pilgrims and the Innkeepers and the Nativity characters. Please plan for colorful dress the evening of Posadas. And for our Spanish speaking families, if you have national dress from your country of origin, please wear this for Posadas.

From your PTO

Hopefully, you saw an email this week from your room parent(s) about the Teacher Christmas Fund. If you feel so inclined, please submit your donation to the school office marked “Teacher Christmas Fund” (checks payable to St. Augustine PTO) by Monday, December 18th, 2017. Questions? Call or email me at megan.norman.roth@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your support for our awesome staff!

Excerpts from the Diocesan Insider

The Diocesan Insider is a weekly email newsletter from the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Visit the diocesan website to sign up to receive the newsletter, that contains great information about our Catholic faith and opportunities for catechesis.

<http://www.diokzoo.org/diocesan-insider-1>

The following links were offered in a Special Edition of the newsletter. You can find ideas on how to celebrate Advent:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/sign-up-for-bishop-barrons-free-daily-advent-reflections/4977/>

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eC0FGQLBp7w&list=PLv5XImG0ACQeEBDuHXPskJu8tEuoik2wd>

After School Care Regulations

We received a visit from our State of Michigan Licensing Consultant last week. Our preschool and after school care programs have been re-licensed for another two years. We thank all our staff for helping to prepare the school for this visit. We learned of a few changes to regulations, which mean changes to our paperwork and processes. Mrs. Wurtz will be notifying preschool families of any changes to processes.

For our after school care families, we will have an additional form to be initialed annually, the student health statement. Look for this form near the sign-out book in the near future. As well, we are required to monitor the snacks that students bring to ASC. We are to verify the right student and the right date. The easiest solution is to ask parents to label ASC snacks with first and last name, and the date using a sharpie marker on the wrapper. If students are bringing fresh food for snack, perhaps you could label the Ziploc bag. We realize this is an added task for our parents. We appreciate your support in meeting licensing requirements.

Angel Tree

Our school Angel Tree is up in the school. The tree serves our own school families who can use a little extra help this Christmas. Please consider taking a tag and providing a gift to a child. When returning gifts please make sure they

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are wrapped and have the tag attached. If you have any questions about the angel tree please don't hesitate to contact Liz Peot 350-1626 or lizpeot@me.com. Thank you for your ongoing support of this project!

St. Augustine Cathedral School, in partnership with parents and the Catholic Church, welcomes and shapes young people as they grow in **faith, knowledge** and **stewardship**.