



November 29, 2018

Good afternoon, SPV Families! Here is our weekly e-newsletter.

THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you so very much for your kind donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. The members of this ministry were very appreciative and Don Westenhaver, who heads our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society, said, "We received massive amounts of toilet paper, cereal, and mac and cheese, along with other groceries. We also got a ton of diapers in various sizes, plus toiletries that not only filled our filing cabinet but also overflowed to a large plastic box. Many thanks ... to the very generous parents of our school!"

From all of us, thank you for taking care of those who are most needy.

ST. PIUS CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Our parish will hold its annual Christmas Boutique this weekend after each Mass. Handmade gifts (some made by our students) will be sold at this event. All the proceeds go to the ministries that are participating. Please plan on stopping by after Mass on Saturday, December 1, and /or Sunday, December 2.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be holding our semi-annual Scholastic Book Fair during week of December 3rd - 7th.

The Book Fair hours are:

7:45am - 3:30pm December 3, 4, 5, and 7

7:45am - 12:30pm December 6 (noon dismissal day)

The flyer that went home last week may be found [here](#).

RESTAURANT NIGHT FUNDRAISER on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Our next restaurant fundraiser will be at "The Pizza Press", across the street from the school, inside The Source. Fundraising is offered from noon until 9:00pm and is available for take-out also! You will need to take a flyer, which you will find [here](#).



2018 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM -- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

This year's annual Christmas program will be on Friday, December 14th, with performances at 1:30pm and 7:00pm. Both performances will be in the church. We will not be selling tickets to the performances but will gratefully accept donations at the door. We look forward to seeing you all to celebrate the birth of Christ.

BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

In addition to hearing our students at our annual Christmas Program, you are invited to come hear the sounds of our newly-formed school bands! Families and friends are welcome to this Christmas Performance and Party on Monday, December 17th, at 4:00pm in the library. (Please note the time change from 3:30 to 4:00pm, in order to give our musicians time to get their instruments together and tuned.) This is a pot-luck event and parents are asked to bring some "goodies" to share.

This concert is a low-stress way to break our young musicians in to the realm of

concert performance. Please come and cheer them on. It will be a fun afternoon!

A flyer for this event can be found [here](#).

CASINO NIGHT AT ST. PIUS -- SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 2nd! Join our parish community for one last party before Lent begins. We will have an exciting night of dining, dancing, and casino-like fun!

In preparing for this evening, we are looking for donations of large and small items. We are also looking for sponsors to help defray the cost of the evening. Any assistance you can provide is great appreciated and, of course, will count toward service hours. **You will find a donation/sponsorship letter [here](#).** Please take it with you as you shop around this Christmas season. One never knows who may be looking for an end-of-the-year tax deduction!

Thank you to Sylvia Pedroza, Anthony Raju, Kathy and Mike Chavez, Geri Jones and Maria Falcone for attending our first planning meeting. We have a great deal of expertise around that table! Are you interested in planning events? Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 12th, at 6:30pm, in Room 4. Please feel free to join us!

JOG-A-THON WINNERS!

Just prior to the Thanksgiving break, we held our Jog-A-Thon Awards Ceremony. The top-winners in this year's Jog-A-Thon were:

1st Place - Darilyn Cabacungan

2nd Place - The Douglas Family

3rd Place (A Tie!) - Marcus DeJesus and The Toscano Family!

Congratulations to our winners!

Also, we deeply thank all the parents who worked so hard (and got so messy!) for this year's Jog-A-Thon. Your work is deeply appreciated by us all.

THANK YOU TO OUR JOG-A-THON SPONSORS!

The cost of the Jog-A-Thon is defrayed by sponsorship of many of our local businesses. Thank you to the following sponsors:

- **Cornelia Connelly High School**
- **Crew, Inc.**
- **CURE**
- **Lloyd Properties (no logo available)**
- **Matt Chlor, Inc.**
- **MUSE (our after school music program)**
- **St. Joseph High School**



IMPORTANT DATES

The **December** printable calendar can be found [here](#).

Friday, November 30 Band Classes

Grades 3-5 3:30 - 4:30pm ([Add to calendar](#)) Jr.High 4:35 - 5:35 pm ([Add to calendar](#))

Saturday & Sunday, December 1 & 2 Christmas Boutique in the parish hall
(after all Masses)

Sunday, December 2 **First Sunday of Advent**

December 3 - December 7 Book Fair!

Monday, December 3 (3:30pm) Cooking Class ([Add to calendar](#))

Thursday, December 6 Noon Dismissal ([Add to calendar](#))

Thursday, December 6 Pizza Press fundraiser (at The Source) ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 7 (8:30am) All School Mass. Students wear formal uniforms. ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 7 (2:00pm) 1st Trimester Award Ceremony in the church
([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 7 Band Classes

Grades 3 - 5 3:30-4:30 ([Add to calendar](#)) Jr High 4:35 - 5:35 ([Add to calendar](#))

Saturday, December 8 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (a Holy Day of Obligation) Mass at 8:30am ([Add to calendar](#))

- ♦ **Vigil Masses on Friday, December 7**, at 5:15pm ([Add to calendar](#)) and 7:00pm (Spanish) ([Add to calendar](#))

Monday, December 10 (3:30pm) Cooking Class ([Add to calendar](#))

Wednesday, December 12 (8:30am) School Mass for grades 2 - 4. Students in grades 2 - 4 wear formal uniform. ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 14 **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** in the church.

1:30pm Matinee ([Add to calendar](#)) **7:00pm** Evening Performance ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 14 NO BAND CLASS

Monday, December 17 (4:00pm) Band performance and party. Location on campus to be determined. ([Add to calendar](#))

Wednesday, December 19 NOON DISMISSAL. Last day before Christmas vacation. ([Add to calendar](#))

Thursday, December 20 - Friday, January 4 Christmas Vacation

Monday, December 24 (3:30pm) Christmas Vigil Mass ([Add to calendar](#))

8th Grade Christmas Program presented to parish. Youth choir and youth handbells participate in this Mass.

There is also a 6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass in Spanish.

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day Masses at:

7:45am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm, 1:45pm (Spanish).

There will be no 6:30pm Mass on Christmas Day.

Monday, January 7 Return to school

May God bless you always and in all ways,

Dr. Joan Bravo, Principal

St. Pius V Parish School
