

St. Michael Swords News

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*to be friendly, respectful, responsible
and Christ-like*

Christmas is in the Air

The Nativity Story drive-thru event will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. All grades participate in this “Gift to the Community.” The drive-thru begins once again on Mechanic Street from the direction of Main Street and turns onto North Street. This year we have new characters, new scenes, and new animals. We have officially gotten a camel that will be near our Wise Men this year. Thank you to Fayette Savings Bank for donating the funding for the camel. Check our Facebook page for a list of items we need for this event. Of course, we need man and woman power afterwards to help put everything away. The more who help, the faster it will be.

Students in Grades 1-8 should arrive at 5:30 p.m.. Pre-K and Kinder should arrive at 5:45 p.m. Grades 3-8 will meet in the St. Francis room in the brick building. All other classes will meet in their classrooms.

This year’s pageant performance, “*Christmas in Bethlehem Gulch*” is sure to get you into the Christmas spirit.

The performance on Thursday, December 15th, begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center gym. All grades will participate. The HSA will serve punch and cookies in the cafeteria following the pageant.

Thank you to Gregory Kosler, Jentry and Layne Schimcek’s grandfather, for allowing us to use 15 square bales of hay for the pageant.

Students should arrive in their costumes at 6:30 p.m.

Parties for all of the classes will be held on Friday, December 16th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Most classes are participating in a gift exchange. Check with your child to be sure. Classes will dismiss at their usual early dismissal times. There will not be after-school care that day.

Classes resume on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Christmas Service Project

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. One of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching is **Solidarity**. Catholic Social Teaching proclaims that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Solidarity means that "loving our neighbor" has global dimensions in an interdependent world.

Our SMCS service project this Christmas is to support Heifer International. This organization is based on the saying, “If you give a man a fish, he will eat for a day. If you teach a man to fish, he will eat for a lifetime.” Donations made to Heifer International transforms struggling parents into successful business owners, enabling them to earn a steady income, give their families nutritious food, and send their children to school so they can have the bright futures they deserve. Heifer is committed to long-term help and training, so farmers can provide for their family every day, in good times or bad. Our gifts to Heifer will help families for years to come.

The students, along with their teachers, have chosen a particular animal they would like to purchase to send to a needy family in another country. These prices are for a share of the total cost.

3K – Flock of chicks for \$20

4K – Heifer for \$50

Kinder – Pig for \$10

First – Flock of chicks for \$20

Second – Heifer for \$50 and/or Pig for \$10

Third – Alpaca for \$20 and Flock of Chicks for \$20

Fourth – Heifer for \$50

Fifth – Goat for \$10

Sixth – Two Flocks of Chicks (\$20 each)

Seventh – Two Flocks of Chicks (\$20 each)

Eighth – Hope Baskets of Chicks and Rabbits for \$50 and a Heifer for \$50

For more information, you can check out heifer.org/catalog.

HSA Corner 12/8

Catholic Life Tickets – Our next incentive deadline is next Thursday, December 15th. Turn in a total of at least 12 books by the 15th, and your family will be entered into a drawing for \$100 towards January tuition!! If you need additional books to sell during the Christmas Holidays, please contact Amy Brandt at 979-732-7624.

Altar Servers

Altar servers on Saturday, December 10th, are Hayes Kloesel, Brandt Kahanek, and a CCD student.

Altar servers on Sunday, December 11th, at 7:30 are Frank Janecka, Wyatt Janecka, and two CCD students.

Altar servers on Sunday, December 11th, at 10:30 are Sarah Berger, Owen Berger, and Olivia Elstner.

Altar servers on Saturday, December 17th, are Heston Pesak, Emma Koeth, and Emily Wied.

Altar servers on Sunday, December 18th, at 7:30 are Andie Melnar, Layne Schimcek, and Madelyn Reich.

Altar servers on Sunday, December 18th, at 10:30 are Chloe Brandt, Cade Wessels, and a CCD student.

Altar servers on **Christmas Eve** at 4:30 are Hayes Kloesel, Frank Janecka, and Dawson Brandt.

Altar servers on **Christmas Eve** at 10:00 p.m. are Tucker Janak and Hunter Shupak.

Altar servers on **Christmas Day** at 9:00 a.m. are Cade Wessels, Gage Kainer and a CCD student.

Altar servers on Saturday, December 31st at 5:30 are Sarah Berger, Owen Berger, and a CCD student.

Altar servers on Sunday, January 1st, at 10:30 are Wyatt Janecka and three CCD students.

The Vocations crosses this week are going to Matthew Srubar and Nicholes, Mallarie, Chandler, and Carson Williams.

*This Sunday we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent. It is a time of joy!
The pink candle is lit this week.
Wear pink to mass this weekend.*

SMCS Sports

Our Boys A-team participated in the Our Lady of Victory Basketball Tournament last Saturday in Victoria. Unfortunately, they were unable to bring home a trophy.

The Boys and Girls A-teams will participate this Friday and Saturday in the Sacred Heart Tournament in Hallettsville.

The Boys A-team will travel to Port Lavaca for a game against Our Lady of the Gulf on Monday, December 12th. The game begins at 4:30.

Tuesday is \$1 dress day to benefit the Orlene Maer Scholarship Fund. It would be a great time to wear your favorite Christmas clothes!

Thank You

Thank you to Ed and Jennifer Moeller for donating a calf to our school cafeteria and to Weimar Meat Company for processing the meat for no charge.

***There will not be a newsletter sent home next week.
However, look for the January calendar and menu next Wednesday!***

From the faculty and staff of SMCS, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!

