

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2019**



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**St. Anthony Parish Website: [www.cgstanthony.weebly.com](http://www.cgstanthony.weebly.com)**

**St. Anthony School Website: [www.stanthonyschool.info](http://www.stanthonyschool.info)**

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**The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today:**

**“Are you the one?”**

**Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one?**

**Will you be the one?**

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**Mass Schedule**

December 17	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Paul Smith ~ Othmar & Clara Smith}
December 18	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Lauretta Foughty}
December 18	Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hilty Home ~ {For the Parish}
December 19	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {William Ritchie – (K of C)}
December 20	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Advent Weekday ~ {Roseann Ducey}
December 21	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Rosary
December 21	Saturday	<b>3:00 – 3:30 p.m.</b>	Confessions
December 21	Saturday	<b>4:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Vigil ~4th Sunday of Advent ~ {Paul Best ~ Richard & Angela Knott ~ Ralph & Marie Ricker ~ Gene Ricker ~ Carl & Rita Maag ~ Jim & Phyllis Verhoff ~ Ralph & Rosemary Wurst ~ Deceased Members of the Bunsold & Lenz Families}
December 22	Sunday	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	4th Sunday of Advent ~ {Norm Kohls ~ Virgil & Virginia Kohls ~ Nolan Diller}
December 22	Sunday	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>	4th Sunday of Advent ~ {Walter Schroeder ~ Deceased Members of the Robert Kohls Family}

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**Servers**

December 17	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
December 21	Saturday	<b>4:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Brock Verhoff, Mya Verhoff, Lylah Wilson
December 22	Sunday	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Alyssa Koch, Tadd Koch, Trent Koch
December 22	Sunday	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Ava Schroeder, Gavin Schroeder, Makena Doseck

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**Lectors**

December 21	Saturday	<b>4:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Gary Hermiller
December 22	Sunday	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Karen Martin
December 22	Sunday	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Roger Schroeder

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

December 21	Saturday	<b>4:00 p.m. Mass</b>	Bev Baxter, Teresa Brubaker, Marge Tabler, Sue Schroeder, Denny Ricker
December 22	Sunday	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>	Bill Schroeder, Mary Ann Schroeder, Sarah Schroeder, Marilyn Hoffman, Dan Maag
December 22	Sunday	<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Marilyn Birkemeier, Pam Hummel, Keith Johnson, Jennifer Siefker, Stephanie Moore

**December Eucharistic Minister Coordinators**

**4:00 p.m. ~ Pat Birnesser - 931-267-2357      8:00 a.m. ~ Dan Maag - 419-659-2969**  
**10:30 a.m. ~ Marilyn Birkemeier**

December 22 **Hilty Home ~ 419-384-3218** ~ Dan Maag ~ (List can be picked up in the Sacristy)

**~ Hilty Home Residents ~**

Betty Yant-Room 101; Jim Fischbach-Room 200; Ron Korte-Room 204;  
Mary Jo Radabaugh-Room 206A; Marilyn Roebke-Room 214; Ruth Hohenbrink-Room 310

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**Ushers**

December 21 Saturday **4:00 p.m. Mass** George Ellerbrock, Doug Roof, Don Stechschulte, Rob Verhoff  
December 22 Sunday **8:00 a.m. Mass** Tom Dunlap, Eric Dunn, Ron Hoffman, Gene Siefker  
December 22 Sunday **10:30 a.m. Mass** Ken Rieman, Dwain Schroeder, Kevin Siefker, 1 Volunteer

**Greeters Schedule**

December 21 Saturday **4:00 p.m. Mass** M ~ Pat Birnesser J ~ Mike & Sherri Recker S ~ Steve & Beth Birkemeier  
December 22 Sunday **8:00 a.m. Mass** M ~ Mike & Amy Stechschulte J ~ Kate Morman  
S ~ Charlie & Kathy Schmiesing  
December 22 Sunday **10:30 a.m. Mass** M ~ Brian & Amy Schroeder J ~ Kevin & Jennifer Siefker  
S ~ Ken & Kathy Rieman

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**Parish Activities**

December 15 CCD Classes @ 9:00 a.m.  
December 22 CCD Classes @ 9:00 a.m.

**For The Week of December 8th**

Adult Sunday ~ 236 \$ 9,200.01  
Children's ~ 28 40.60  
9,240.61  
Other Income 5,532.90  
Total Income \$ 14,773.51  
  
Total Expenses \$ 25,450.24



**Total Parking Lot Donations To-Date ~ \$ 2,655.00**

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**300 Club Winner ~December 14th ~ Gerald Stechschulte ~ Ticket #42 ~ \$100.00**  
**Special Christmas 300 Club Drawing ~ December 14th ~ Wendi Wenzinger ~ Ticket #90 ~ \$100.00**

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**Marriage Bans II~ Jodi Birkemeier & Walter Rosado**

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**"Saint of the Week"** Dominic of Silos, 1000-1073, The Feast Day is December 20th. As a youth Dominic tended sheep on the foothills of the Pyrenees where he learned to appreciate solitude. He then pursued the quiet life as a monk. Dominic became the prior of his monastery, but was forced to flee by the King of Navarre, who intended to seize the monastery's land. The monastery of St. Sebastian at Silos welcomed him. There as prior, Dominic conducted a successful program of spiritual and material renewal. The Dominicans especially honor him. For a century after Dominic's death, Blessed Joan of Aza visited his tomb. There she had a vision promising her that she would have another son. When the child was born she named him Dominic and he became the founder of the Dominican Order.

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**Lord's Pantry** ~ St. Anthony's donated 1,010 lbs. of food, paper products and other items along with total cash donated of \$1,116.00 to the Lord's Pantry. Thanks to all who was willing to help others in need.

**Thank You!** ~ St. Anthony's collected **\$737.47** from our Baby Bottle donations. All of the donations received will go to Heartbeat of Lima to help support the unborn.

If there are any other Baby Bottles to be returned, please put them in the basket by the statue of Mary in the front of church by next weekend, December 22nd.

**Special Christmas Gift** ~ Thanks to a very generous parishioner, copies of "Rediscover the Saints" by Matthew Kelly, are available at the entrances of the church. *Rediscover the Saints* shares with us the lives of various saints and the examples they have given to us for our own lives. Thank you so much for your generosity to our St. Anthony Parish family.

**Contribution Envelopes** ~ The 2020 adult and high school contribution envelopes are available on the tables in the back of church. If you are unable to find your contribution envelopes, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

**Christian Formation Classes** ~ CCD classes will be held this **Sunday, December 15th**, in the school. Doors open at 8:45 a.m. with classes beginning at 9:00 a.m. The next CCD classes will be held **Sunday, December 22nd**.

**4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Practice** ~ There will be a practice in the church at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday, December 21st** for the children who will be helping at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Children's Mass. All children who signed up will be contacted with details about their part in the Mass. Practice will take approximately 1 hour. Contact Judy Schroeder at 419-659-5498 if you have any questions. Thanks!

**K of C** ~ *The K of C will be leading the Rosary before all weekend Masses during Advent.*

**2020 Calendars** ~ The 2020 calendars are available at all of the entrances of the church. The calendars this year are *Feasts & Saints* and *Rejoice O' Earth*. Thank you to Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Columbus Grove Family Dentistry, Hartman Sons Funeral Home and Grove Insurance Services for covering the cost of this year's calendars!

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**Scrip** ~ Scrip will be available this weekend, **December 14th and December 15th**, after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Tammy Schroeder, Joyce Kaufman, Kay Koch, Judy Gerten and Trina Rode. Scrip will also be available next weekend, **December 21st and December 22nd**. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Joy Stechschulte, Marge Tabler, Mary Langhals, Christie Tabler and Carla Kohls.

**Scrip News** ~ **How long will it take to get cards ordered through Scrip and on-line?** We are placing orders every week now till Christmas which means we can get these cards to you quickly.

**What is the last day that we can order scrip cards to receive before Christmas? Sunday December 15th**  
Scrip order forms, schedules and ShopWithScrip.com retailer lists are located at the church entrances. Scrip is also available at the parish office during office hours.

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**Penance Services ~ Area Penance Services for this Advent Season are as follows:**

<b>Monday, December 16th</b>	<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul, Ottawa</b>	<b>4:00 &amp; 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, December 22nd</b>	<b>St. Charles, Lima</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>

**Extra Confessions at St. Anthony's**

<b>Wednesday, December 18th</b>	<b>6:00 - 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, December 20th</b>	<b>11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, December 23rd</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Until All Heard</b>

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**Mass Ministry Schedules** ~ Please notify Pat Birnesser at 931-267-2357 of any requests for January and February Ministry Schedules by **Monday, December 16th**. Thank you for serving our parish!

**Christmas Flower Fund** ~ If you would like to make a donation to our Christmas Flower Fund in memory of your deceased loved ones, feel free to put their names on the envelope you will find in your contribution envelope packet. We will publish the list after Christmas. Thank you!

**Cemetery News** ~ Winter will soon be here. Any special flowers or special items that you would like to preserve for next spring may need to be removed from the graves of your loved ones. Grave blankets for the winter are permitted. It is suggested to be sure to remove the grave blankets mid to late March so the grass is not damaged in the spring. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Dan Maag at 419-659-2969.

**Volunteers for Christmas Masses** ~ A sign-up sheet for Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Greeters for our Christmas Masses is on the table in the back of church. The Mass times are: **Christmas Eve ~ 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.** The Mass on **Christmas Day is 10:00 a.m.** Thanks for those who are willing to be a part of our Christmas celebrations.

**Columbus Grove Community Choir** ~ The annual Columbus Grove Community Christmas Choir concert will be held on **Sunday, December 15th** at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Grove Christian Church.

**The Turner Hall Christmas Concert** ~ The Turner Hall Christmas Concert will be held on **Monday, December 16th** at 7:00 p.m.

**Save The Date!** ~ The Marriage Encounter Dinner Dance will be held on **Sunday, February 9th 2020**. The Mass is scheduled at 4:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall with a Dinner Dance following at 5:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the live band, the Deuces Wild. Enjoy a beautiful evening with the love of your life. For tickets contact Scott and Pam Hummel at 419-581-5862.

**Bibles** ~ Do you need a special gift, for that special occasion, for that special person? Consider giving them the gift that will keep on giving ~ The American Bible-Catholic Family Life Edition. We have bibles in white or navy. We also have special wedding bibles. The cost is \$30.00. If interested, contact the parish office at 419-659-2263.

**Ottawa Knights of Columbus** ~ The Ottawa K of C is hosting their New Year's Eve Party. All proceeds go to the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$50.00 and include food, drinks, games and prizes. Grand prize is \$3,000. Please contact Pat Gerten with questions or to purchase tickets at 419-235-1991.

**Breakfast with Santa** ~ "Breakfast with Santa" will be held at Landeck, St. John the Baptist Church basement on **Sunday, December 15th**, 9:30 – 1:00 p.m. The menu of the All-you-can-eat breakfast is: sausage, eggs, pancakes applesauce, coffee and milk. Santa will visit all the "good boys and girls" from 9:45 a.m. – Noon. Free Will Offering.

**Retrouvaille** ~ In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. The next weekend in our area is January 24-January 26, 2020. For more information, contact registration team, Joe & Arlene at 419-481-1116.

**Would You Like To Eat Your Favorite Foods While You Learn How To Lose Weight?** ~ Light Weigh One King is a Bible study-DVD series without weigh-ins that gets you healthy physically and spiritually. A Light Weigh One King group will be meeting at St John's Parish Center on **Monday January 13th**, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This is a 12-week Catholic Bible Study DVD program recommended by priests, doctors, nurses & Prevention Magazine for weight-loss and health. View the Light Weigh Orientation video at: [www.lightweigh.com](http://www.lightweigh.com). If you are interested in joining, please call Sue Leopold at 419-538-6914 by Friday, January 3rd, to order your program materials and join this life changing program!

**Alzheimer's Disease** ~ Alzheimer's Disease is the 3rd most common cause of death in the United States. Putnam Heritage Assisted Living, 1380 North Locust Street in Ottawa, will be hosting Part 3 of an extensive series: Medications Implicated With Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease on **Thursday, December 19th**, at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a free education by Charles David, MD. A light dinner will be served. To RSVP, call 419-890-8552.

**The Catholic Young Adult Group** ~ Will be meeting on the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month** AGAIN starting in January. The meetings are located at 720 Ft. Jennings Road, Delphos. The group is for those post-high school through those in their 20's and 30's. Please join us for socializing and faith-sharing with other young adults around the area! Check us out on Facebook: Catholic Young Adult Group or contact Ashley Burnett (419-890-5422) for more information.

**K of C Beef & Chicken** ~ If you are planning to use beef or chicken for your family parties, consider purchasing your supplies from our K of C. Below are the prices of the items available.

	<u>Beef</u>	<u>Chicken</u>
Case of 24 cans ~ 28 ozs. ....	\$ 174.00	\$ 142.00
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 28 ozs. ....	88.00	73.00
Price Per 28 oz. Can .....	7.50	6.25
Case of 24 Cans ~ 14.5 ozs. ....	105.00	90.00
1/2 Case (12 Cans) ~ 14.5 ozs. ....	53.00	47.00
Price Per 14.5 oz. can .....	4.50	4.00

Call Gene Heitmeyer at 419-659-5574, Dave Ellerbrock at 419-659-5833, Dan Maag at 419-659-2969, Gary Hermiller at 419-642-2645 or Len Kaufman at 419-659-6153 to place your order.

**AmazonSmile** ~ AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. Anthony's every time you shop on Amazon using an internet browser on your desktop or laptop computer, your mobile phone or your tablet, at no cost to you or to St. Anthony's. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) with the added bonus that Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price to St. Anthony's.

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3. Click on "Change Your Charity"
4. Type in "St. Anthony of Padua Parish"
5. Look for St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Columbus Grove, OH and click on our name.
6. Click on "Select"

Then you can place your order as you normally would. The next time you place your Amazon order at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Columbus Grove, will automatically show up. Amazon will remember your selection and from that time on, every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation to St. Anthony's. **You also can pay for your order with Amazon Scrip which also helps St. Anthony's.**

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*The following is a part of one of the daily reflections in the December, 2017, Word Among Us.*

*Rest and retirement sound much better than a burdensome yoke. What we want is a break. But Jesus tells us His yoke is easy, His burden is light and we will actually find the rest we are looking for as we let Him place this yoke on our already weary shoulders. How can this be?*

*Yokes were made to help a team of oxen do their work faster and more efficiently. Wearing a yoke, the oxen walk side by side; they work side by side. They still have a job to do, but they share the burden. Their cooperation makes the task so much easier because they are both pulling together.*

*When Jesus invites us to take His yoke, He promises to be the one walking next to us, working right alongside of us. Sharing a yoke with Jesus doesn't make our responsibilities disappear, but it sure does make things easier. Not only does He help us carry the load, but we learn from Him as we spend time walking beside Him.*

*Let's follow the example of the yoked oxen. Walking side by side with Jesus, our task becomes easy and light as we keep our eyes on the next step. And the next one. And the one after that.*

*So don't focus on how many steps there are. Just take a breath, and take the next step ~ with Jesus beside you. Over time, you'll get there. You will learn from Jesus, your teammate, and you'll get there faster and feel stronger.*

*That's not such a discouraging prospect, is it? Far from being a burden, Jesus' yoke can help you work more effectively. It links you to the best Companion you could ever have. You are no longer alone as you face the tasks at hand. Jesus is with you, right beside you, sharing the load.*

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## ***A Note from Father David.....***

**Dear St. Anthony Family,**

**This week's Gospel tells of John sending his disciples to Jesus to ask if Jesus was "The one who is to come, or are they to look for another". Jesus tells the Disciples To go and tell Jesus of what they've seen, heard, and experienced.....The Blind See, The Deaf Hear, The Leper's are Cleansed and The Dead are Raised.**

**The Witness that John's Disciples returned with, certainly gave testimony to John that his foretelling of The Messiah was true and his work was validated.**

**At long Last, God had come to save his people and set them free. What Prophets had forecast for hundreds of years had now become a reality. We are the people who are lucky to have inherited The Promises of Our God; Promises that insure us of a Life that is Eternal and never leaves us alone.**

**I pray that we all take advantage of the many opportunities offered us to surround ourselves with the True Meaning of Christmas and The Celebration of The Newborn King.**

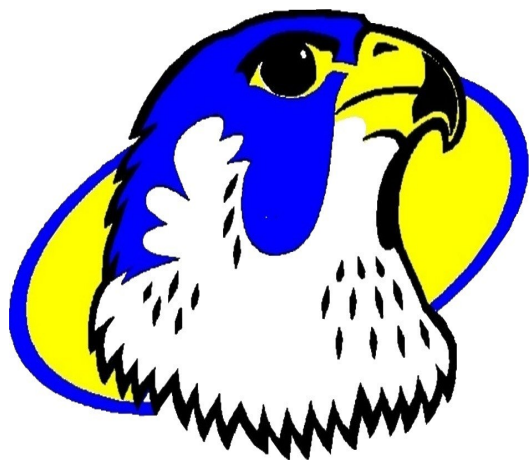
**Again, I encourage you to make a donation to Our Parking-Lot Fundraiser. Keeping our buildings in good working order and our Grounds free from decay is a Payment Forward that we can't afford to miss**

**May you enjoy the last Few weeks of Advent and arrive at Christmas Day with a better attitude, a Stronger Faith, and a renewed sense of All that is Good in God.**

**St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for Us!**

**Love, Fr. David**





# Saint Anthony Falcon News

Dear Heavenly Father from above,  
Look down on Saint Anthony's School  
with love.

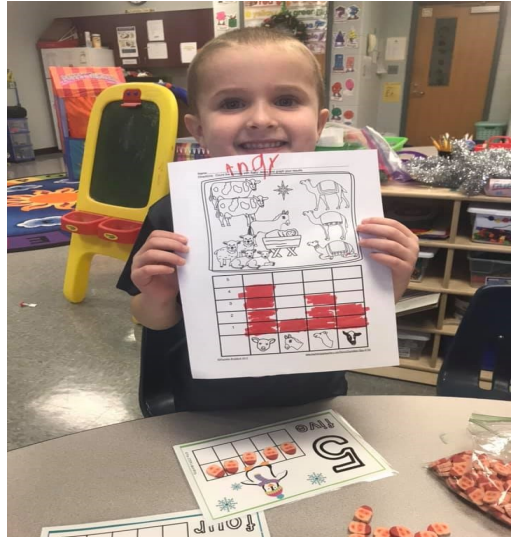
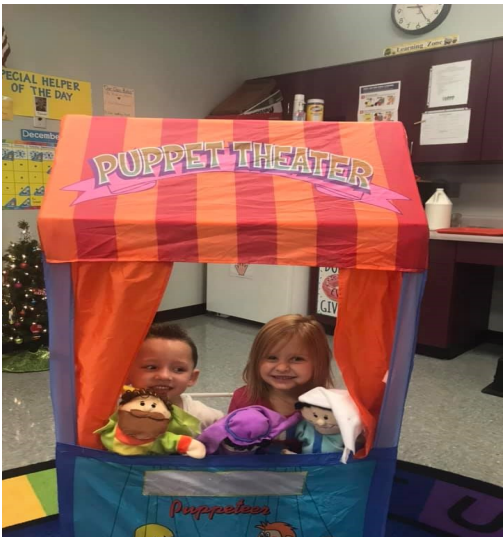
Please guide them and teach them.

Fill them with your power  
So that in everything they do,  
They will be a delight to you!

Amen.

*"Jesus Christ is the reason St. Anthony of Padua School exists. He guides our staff, students, and parents to work collaboratively to strengthen the quality of our educational and spiritual community. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in our classes. He is the model of our faculty and the inspiration for our students to live Gospel values."*

~ St. Anthony Mission Statement ~



## Lunch Recess Volunteers

### Week of December 16-20, 2019

- Mon. 16th: Amy Stechschulte
- Tues. 17th: Stephanie Jesko
- Wed. 18th: Megan Brodwolf
- Thurs. 19th: Maria Kaufman
- Fri. 20th: None Needed

### Upcoming Events:

- December 16 Christmas sweater/shirt \$1; Jeans \$1
- December 19 **PreK - 8th Christmas Program:**  
Dress Rehearsal 1:00; **Evening Performance 7:00**
- December 20 Mass (Grade 1)  
Golden Falcon Awards  
End of the Second Quarter  
**Early Dismissal 12:45!**
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 No School ~ Christmas Break
- January 6 School Resumes  
Falcon Spirit Day; Hot Dogs \$1
- January 8 School Advisory Council 6:30 PM
- January 10 Mass (Grade 8); Report Cards Home

### This Week's LIFE Skill :

~CARING~

"One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed."

Proverbs 19:17

