

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Week of
**Dec. 11th -
Dec. 15th**

StG Family Retreat

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Attendance Report

Dec. 4th - Dec. 8th

Attendance Rate: 93%

Tardies: 79

2017 - 2018 Attendance Goal: 100%

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!

We will be offering a half day retreat to all of our families on **Sat., Jan. 6th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** The theme of this retreat will be Building a Strong Foundation for Family Life. Your children will be somewhat familiar with the theme, since our theme for this school year is "Laying A Strong Foundation."

Please join us Sat., Jan. 6th from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be provided for breakfast. There is no charge for this retreat experience.

If you have any questions, please call Sister Marcelle at 210-342-0281 ext 305.

Visit this link to register for the retreat -
<https://goo.gl/forms/AegV1bldjGuR94I33>

Kinder - Coats for Kids Performance

Join us this **Thurs., Dec. 14th for the Kinders' Coats for Kids** Christmas Program! We are collecting new or gently used coats, hats, sweaters, mittens and scarves for those in need. Please bring these items to the program or items may also be dropped off at collection boxes near Rm. 18 or Rm. 20 any day before the performance. There will also be a collection box in the Front Office. Thank you for your generosity! All coats will be donated to those in need at St. Agnes Parish.

Visit our Christmas Store - Benefiting Teacher Bonuses

StG Winter Wonderland - Store hours are 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. in the Advancement Office. Students will be able to buy gifts for their teachers, parents and friends! All items are under \$5!

Perfect Stocking Stuffer - Purchase 5 Free Dress day coupons for only \$25! You can use all 5 for your child or give them as individual gifts to their friends, prayer partners or teachers. Coupons can be used any day in the month of January (excluding Mass days), there will not be additional free dress days during January. Available in the Advancement Office.

Pictures with Santa - Students can take pictures with Santa at StG on Friday, Dec. 15th from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Student Spotlight



This week's spotlight shines on Michael E., Christopher M. & Rose D. These three 8th grade students serve as sacristans for our school liturgies. They come at 7:15 a.m. to prepare for all school Masses. They learned how to read the Ordo, a book that describes the liturgies for each day of the year. This helps them know what color vestments to put & if they need to change the curtains behind the altar. It also helps them know if it is a special feast day & what the readings of the day should be. They mark the readings in the Roman Missal & prepare all the vessels for Holy Communion. They work together to make sure everything is ready for Fr. Rudy, the Deacons & our school community in time for our school liturgies each week.



Weekly Calendar

Date	Description of Event
Sunday 12/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Happy Sunday! - 2nd Sunday in Advent</i>
Monday 12/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 2nd Monday of Advent ◆ STAR Testing 2nd - 5th grade ◆ Stocking Stuffer - Free Dress Coupon Sale and Store 12/4 - 12/15
Tuesday 12/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Liturgy @ 8:15 a.m. - Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day ◆ NJHS Food Drive ◆ STAR Testing 2nd - 5th grade ◆ Basketball: StG vs. St. Monica BG-4:30 p.m. / AB-5:30 p.m. ◆ Stocking Stuffer - Free Dress Coupon Sale and Store 12/4 - 12/15 ◆ School Council Mtg. 6:00 p.m. in Conference Rm.
Wednesday 12/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ PK3 & PK4 Christmas Program in the gym at 8:15 a.m. (Doors open at 8:00 a.m.) Please make sure to check in at the front office. ◆ STAR Testing 2nd - 5th grade ◆ Stocking Stuffer - Free Dress Coupon Sale and Store 12/4 - 12/15
Thursday 12/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Catholic Life Raffle Ticket Turn in <li style="color: red;">◆ <i>-If you child turns in 3 tickets on Thurs., Dec. 14th, they will receive a coupon for a PIZZA LUNCH on Mon., Dec. 18th. - Meal includes: 2 slices of pizza, a dessert and drink.</i> <li style="color: red;">◆ <i>-If your child turns in 5 tickets on Thurs., Dec. 14th, they will receive the Pizza Lunch and a Free Dress coupon for Mon., Dec. 18th.</i> ◆ \$2 Free Dress for Teacher Bonuses ◆ STAR Testing 2nd - 5th grade ◆ Early Childhood Coats for Kids in the gym at 8:30 a.m. Please make sure to check in at the front office. ◆ Basketball: StG vs. Holy Spirit BG-4:30 p.m./ BB-5:30 p.m. / AG-6:30 p.m./ AB-7:30 p.m. ◆ Stocking Stuffer - Free Dress Coupon Sale and Store 12/4 - 12/15
Friday 12/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pictures with Santa supporting teacher bonuses ◆ Last day to turn in presents for Toy Drive for Adopt a Needy Family ◆ \$2 Free Dress for School Office Furniture ◆ STAR Testing 2nd - 5th grade ◆ Central Catholic Boys A Team Basketball Tournament ◆ Stocking Stuffer - Free Dress Coupon Sale and Store 12/4 - 12/15
Saturday 12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Central Catholic Boys A Team Basketball Tournament



Cafeteria Menu



	<i>Monday</i> 12/11	<i>Tuesday</i> 12/12	<i>Wednesday</i> 12/13	<i>Thursday</i> 12/14	<i>Friday</i> 12/15
Breakfast	Assorted Muffins or Cold Cereal Orange or Apple Juice Milk	Waffles or Cold Cereal Orange or Apple Juice Milk	Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich or Cold Cereal Orange or Apple Juice Milk	Bean & Cheese Taco or Cold Cereal Orange or Apple Juice Milk	Plain or Chocolate Chip Pancakes or Cold Cereal Orange or Apple Juice Milk
Lunch	Sloppy Joe Sandwiches Seasoned Tater Tots Buttered Carrots Fruit White or Chocolate Milk	Plain or Cheese Hamburger Lettuce & Tomato French Fries Fruit White or Chocolate Milk	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Seasoned Corn Bread Stick Fruit White or Chocolate Milk	Cheese Enchiladas Rice Lettuce & Tomato Fruit White or Chocolate Milk	Hot Dogs w/Chile Sauce Broccoli & Cheese Orange Slices White or Chocolate Milk

Student Lunch accounts can not exceed \$75 or more per month. Statements are sent via text every two weeks as a reminder. Student will receive a peanut butter & jelly sandwich, fruit and milk until payment has been received.

Adopt A Needy Family Initiative

Through our partnership with Adopt A Needy Family, we can open our hearts to needy families this Christmas season. StG has adopted eight families who need items such as blankets, pots and pans, personal hygiene items as well as a gifts to open on Christmas. Each homeroom teacher has the list of requested items for these families. The last day to turn in items is Dec. 15th. Donation boxes are in each classroom for drop off.

Our community has always been generous in all charitable endeavors so we are asking our students to give from their hearts. We thank you in advance for your support of Adopt A Needy Family initiative. May this Christmas season be filled with the light of Christ.

Las Posadas - A Christmas Tradition

St. Gregory the Great invites you to join us as we celebrate Las Posadas with the parish community beginning Dec. 16th through Dec. 24th. Las Posadas is a novena, nine days of religious observance, celebrated as families participate in nightly Christmas processions that re-create the Holy Pilgrimage of Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem awaiting the birth of Jesus. Each day is hosted by a different family or church organization.

Our school will be hosting December 18th. The following will be the Posada locations:

Dec. 16th, Saturday, @ 7:00 pm, Fr. Rudy's house, 602 Adrian

Dec.17th, Sunday, @ 6:30 pm, Chavez Family, 247 Mink

Dec. 18th, Monday, @ 6:30 pm, St. Gregory School, meet in the Courtyard

Dec.19th, Tuesday, @ 6:30 pm, Patricia Nesrsta, 243 Adrian

Dec.20th, Wednesday, @ 6:30 pm, Men's ACTS, Mary's House, 720 Beryl

Dec. 21st, Thursday, @ 6:30 pm, Christina Bauer, 223 Sullivan,

Dec. 22nd, Friday, @ 6:30 pm, Yolanda Gonzales, 219 Chelsea

Dec. 23rd, Saturday, @ 7:00 pm, Della Rodriguez, 514 Savannah

Dec. 24th, Sunday, @ 8:30 pm, meet in School Courtyard, Mass will follow at 9:00 pm

Children are asked to come in shepherd and angel costumes.







December Events



*Times & dates subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17	18 Christmas Posadas 6:30 pm Conference Room	19 Box Tops Free Dress Day 5th grade Field Trip - Magik Theater	20 Early Childhood Pajama Day & Polar Express Movie	21 Liturgy @ 8:15am Early Release	22 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS (Dec. 22nd - Jan. 3rd Classes resume Jan. 4th)	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30

No School - Christmas Break: December 22 - January 3rd / Classes Resume January 4th

31	1 	2	3	4 Classes Resume 3rd Quarter Begins	5 Basketball: StG vs. OLPH BG-4:30 BB-5:30 AG-6:30 AB-7:30	6 StG Family Retreat 8:00am - 12:00pm In Parish Hall
No School - Christmas Break: December 22 - January 3rd						

7	8 School Council Mtg. at 6pm in Conference Rm. Charger Fund Taco Sale	9 Box Top Turn in day Basketball: StG vs. St. Luke BG-4:30 BB-5:30 AG-6:30 AB-7:30	10 Liturgy @ 8:15am Basketball: StG vs. St. Anthony BG-4:30 BB-5:30 AG-6:30 AB-7:30	11 Last day to turn in CLR tickets. Any unsold tickets not turned in will be billed to your FACTS account. St. Luke B Team Basketball Tournament	12 2nd Quarter Awards PK3 - Kinder 8:20 - 9:00 1st - 3rd 9:10 - 9:50 4th - 5th 10:00 - 10:30 6th - 8th 2:45 - 3:20 St. Luke B Team Basketball Tournament	13 St. Luke B Team Basketball Tournament
14 Charger Fund Bake Sale 1st - 5th grade	15 Martin Luther King Holiday - No School	16 Basketball: StG vs. St. John Bosco BG-4:30 BB-5:30 AG-6:30 AB-7:30	17 Liturgy @ 8:15am Spelling Bee 4th - 8th grade 9:15 - 11:45 cafeteria	18 Basketball: StG vs. Mt. Sacred Heart BB-4:30 AG-5:30 AB-6:30	19	20 CAAC Competition "STREAM Challenge" at Providence Athletic Department - Denim & Diamond Adult Dance