



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear St. Sebastian School Community,

This week marks the 2nd week of the Advent season. We hope it is proving a time of "power and mercy" as the prayer above reflects, pointing to the *joy* and *wisdom* that come from a relationship with Christ.

Last evening our St. Sebastian students in the new band and orchestra program performed in the chapel of Pius XI High School for their first official concert. It was a tender time to take pause amidst the chaos of the season, listening to the fruits of their practice as our musicians played beautiful and innocent Christmas hymns, stirring reminders of the coming of our Savior. Congratulations to all who participated and did a wonderful job!

Speaking of music, we look forward to seeing you at our annual Christmas concert next week!

Have a wonderful week, and God bless you.

Ms. Grams

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – All students will be participating in the Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 19. Teachers will be in their classrooms at 6:00 PM. Parents should drop their children off at school at 6:00. Parents should keep their children's coats with them while watching the concert, because the children will be dismissed directly from the church. They will not return to school.

Students should wear their Sunday best for the concert. The prelude will be performed from 6:00 – 6:30 in the church for your enjoyment. Please be quiet and respectful in the church environment.

K4 & K5 students will be dismissed to their parents immediately following their performance. We ask that you stay in your pews for the remainder of the concert.

**FISH FRY NEWS!! SAVE THE DATE!!** - The 6th grade parents will be working the January 5th Fish Fry next month! Mark your calendars!!

Come and enjoy all your Fish Fry favorites...fried cod, shrimp chowder, homemade desserts...plus our Specialty Soup of the Month -- Hungarian Mushroom, prepared by Laurie Farrell!! You don't want to miss it, this soup sold out fast last time she made it and it won't be available in February. Dinner is served from 4:30-7:30 in the school cafeteria. Don't forget to tell everyone you know about Milwaukee's BEST fish fry!

Want to help and need more info? Contact Amy Struck ([Amy4ever72@hotmail.com](mailto:Amy4ever72@hotmail.com)) OR Lisa Weger ([lisamweger@gmail.com](mailto:lisamweger@gmail.com))

**FISH FRY REQUESTS!! YOUR help is NEEDED!!** - We are looking for some new volunteers to add to our "regulars" Fish Fry Team!! We are specifically looking for volunteers who would agree to be a REGULAR for clean up!! What this means is you would be available MOST fish fry dates to fill this position. We are looking for help we could count on being available the first Friday of the month for 2 and ½ hours from 7:30-10:00pm, or to find a replacement for your position if you can't make it. If you have a student who needs service hours, this would be a perfect opportunity to do with them! (Students must be accompanied by a parent during clean up hours.) Here is the BEST part ... You get to work with some pretty darn awesome people each month, you get a FREE meal, beer, soda and water while you work! You're also welcome to take home any leftover fish and desserts at the end of the night. AND you get a coupon that can be used towards money off of a future fish fry! Can't beat that! That is how we thank you for being a volunteer and helping us pull off one of Milwaukee's BEST fish fries! If you're interested and would like more info, please contact Amy Struck at [414-460-0654](tel:414-460-0654) - [Amy4ever72@hotmail.com](mailto:Amy4ever72@hotmail.com) OR Lisa Weger at [414-588-4485](tel:414-588-4485) - [lisamweger@gmail.com](mailto:lisamweger@gmail.com)

**ADVENT FUN DAY** – Last chance! Parents, the afternoon off to go shopping or just have some time off to relax before the holidays. On Sunday, December 17 from 1-5:00 p.m., St Sebastian Youth Ministry will help parish children ages 3-11 enjoy play time, crafts and snacks in the school cafeteria. Suggested donation is \$1 per child, plus personal care items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste or other goods) for homeless people served by Milwaukee Hope House. Go to <http://bit.ly/17AdventFun> to register. We'll send an email to confirm. Questions? Contact Barb Haig - [bhaig@haigjackson.com](mailto:bhaig@haigjackson.com).

**HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING** – As you're getting ready for Christmas, bring burned-out holiday lights to the school office or to church on Sunday. High school Faith Formation students collect the lights as a way to keep them from landfills and make some money for a local cause. We'll keep the boxes going through January 13, so if they burn out over the holidays - or you have friends or relatives who want to contribute - bring them in!

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED** - Are you interested and available to consider substitute teaching at St. Sebastian School? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Lori Golomski at [414-453-5830](tel:414-453-5830) or [lgolomski@saintsebs.org](mailto:lgolomski@saintsebs.org) for more information. A teaching license is preferred, but not required.

The pre-requisite to being a substitute teacher at St. Sebastian's is an undergrad degree in any area, a background check, and meeting Safeguarding requirements.

**OPEN HOUSE** – Please mark your calendars to attend St. Sebastian School Open House on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>!

**ROSIE READER** - Congratulations to the following students for their progress on the Rosie Reader program:

Completing the letter "E" in reading:

K4 - Sophie McCullough and Ian Melendes

K5 - Liam gomez and Graeme Sanders

Completing the letter "A" in reading:

K4 - Ava Alston

Completing the letter "D" in reading:

K5 - Owen Troy

Great job! Keep up the good work everyone!!

**CELEBRATE FAITH!** - On **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**, the Feast of the Epiphany – the Manifestation of the Lord – we will celebrate as Stacey Rebholz, our school librarian, professes her faith and is accepted into the Catholic Church and then celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep Stacey and the other adults who celebrate Confirmation with her in your prayers and good wishes.

In February, our parish will begin a new cycle of preparation for Adult Confirmation. If you are curious about the teachings and practices of the Church or if you would like to join the Church or celebrate Confirmation contact Ed Duncklee @ [414-453-7150](tel:414-453-7150) or [eduncklee@saintsebs.org](mailto:eduncklee@saintsebs.org).

**FIRST COMMUNION** - We begin our formal preparation for First Communion with orientation for children and parents in January. There are two sessions available: **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**. If you are not registered for First Eucharist and are interested in this Sacrament, contact Ed Duncklee @ [414-453-7150](tel:414-453-7150) or [eduncklee@saintsebs.org](mailto:eduncklee@saintsebs.org).

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** - Please remember to clip box tops for education during holiday baking, crafting and shopping. Box tops are everywhere! A collection sheet and list of participating products is attached for your information. You can also collect your boxtops in an envelope or baggie and send them in. Thank you!