

St. Francis de Sales School



Week of December 5, 2023

"Learning & Living our Catholic Faith in the Light of Jesus Christ"



CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to officially welcome **Sydney Peterson** to the SFDS family!

Many of you have seen Sydney volunteering in our building in years past, but this fall she began student teaching under Mrs. McKinney and we recently hired her on as our 3rd grade teacher.

She graduated salutatorian at Manistique High School and graduates this month from NMU with her bachelor's in elementary education.

We are seeing great things coming out of Miss. Peterson's classroom already and are excited for her future here at St. Francis de Sales Catholic School! Congratulations and Welcome!



This Week's Events

- Mon, Dec 4th - Wed, Dec 6th
 - Santa Shop
- Thursday, Dec 7th
 - 9:30 am
 - Living Rosary
 - 10:00 am
 - Mass - 4th grade leading
- Friday, Dec 8th
 - NO SCHOOL
 - Teacher Retreat

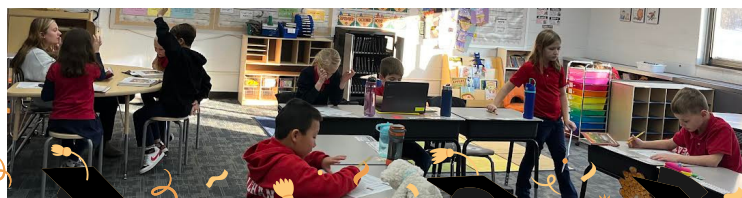
Look Ahead

- December 13th
 - Penance Service 3rd-8th
- December 15th
 - Interims Go Home
- December 20th
 - Christmas Program @ 6:00 pm
- December 21st
 - Christmas Caroling @ 1:00 pm

S2 Club Raffle winners

December 5th, 2023 Winners

- \$50.00 - William Norton
- \$25.00 - Nash Barton
- \$15.00 - Mary Mueller
- \$10.00 - Mary Hinkson



Shepherds of the Week



These students have been following the Fruits of the Spirit and leading their classmates on the path of Virtue and Goodness.

The Good News:



Our virtue for December is **Generosity**. "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and will be repaid in full."

-Proverbs 19:17

Rise Up Raiders and Follow Him!

Our first month of Raider Rewards has come to an end. All of the tickets from each class were placed in a basket last Friday and the Rise Up Raider for this month is: Adalynn P. from PreK 4! Great job Adalynn!!



Chili Cook-Off Benefit for Avalyn Benda

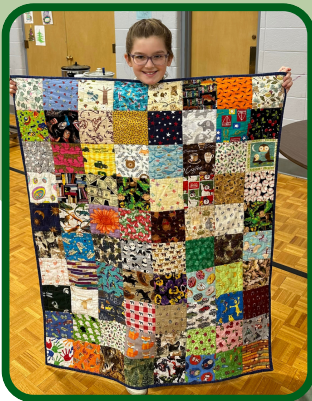
With overwhelming joy, I thank you for supporting us in our Chili Cook-off to benefit the Benda/Mickelson family. The room was filled with chili aromas, smiles bouncing from floor to ceiling, and cheerful conversation among Av's Army. Mrs. Laurie McKinney led a brown bag silent auction that raised \$1,700. Mrs. Yvonne Prise made a beautiful quilt to add to the auction. Ms. Sue Wood and the Builder's Club planned the event, gathered prizes, and cooked hot dogs to add to the menu. There were seventeen different chili entries to sample. Thank you for giving your time, talents, and treasure to support one of our special families at Saint Francis de Sales Catholic School.

A special thank you goes out to our anonymous donor matching our donations, bringing the total to just under **\$12,000**.

God Bless all of you,

Lisa Marie Burnis

thank you



Your Holiday Gift Giving Guide!

Are you in need of shopping ideas for the holidays?

We've got you covered!

- **Giving Tree:** This is a great option for staff gifts. Fill out a tag and send money back to school with the provided envelope. Tags will be hung on the Giving Tree outside the office.
- **RaiseRight/Scrip:** Do you know we sell gift cards in the office? Anything purchased before December 15th goes towards the December Ugly Sweater promotion. Special orders need to be in by Dec. 15th to receive your cards for Christmas.
- **Staff Favorites:** If you need other staff gift ideas, check with Lindsay in the office. She has a list of all of our staff members favorites like stores, colors, classroom needs, even "things they love, but don't need more of".

Change for Life

If you picked up a bottle to fill with change from the office or church, they are due back by December 7th.

