



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter

Stewardship



Sharing God's Blessings!

**November 22-24, 2021**

### Altar Server Training – Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

St. Columba Church is in need of Altar Servers for weekend Mass. All Catholic students in grades 5-8 are eligible to serve. Orientation and training for students interested in serving at the Altar during Mass will be held this Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. A parent/guardian is asked to attend the training. Please call Fr. Walter at the St. Columba Rectory at 845-227-8380 with any questions.



### Food Drive



### Thanksgiving Food Drive –Ends November 23<sup>rd</sup>

The SDSC PSA Outreach Committee will hold a Thanksgiving Food Drive for our St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. In addition to food, the Pantry always needs toiletries and personal care items. Students may bring donations to school to be placed in our donation bins. Larger donations may be dropped off during regular school hours. Thank you for sharing with the needy in our community!

### Thanksgiving Vacation: Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>



Thanksgiving Vacation will begin at dismissal on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Celebrations with your families! We pray that you and your family remain safe and healthy. Thank you for your love, support and commitment to Catholic Education during these difficult times. Together we provide our children with the education they deserve.

### A Message of Gratitude from Sr. Kathleen

During this season of Thanksgiving I would like to thank each of you for your generosity and your commitment to SDSC! Thank you for being the wonderful people you are! I never cease to be amazed and overwhelmed by your love and support! Words cannot even begin to express my gratitude. We are so blessed that you are a part of Saint Denis-Saint Columba School! Know that you and your families will be in my prayers this Thanksgiving!



### Advent Season at SDSC



Advent begins on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. During Advent we prepare for Christmas, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Preparations can be practical, like decorating a tree or stringing lights, but they're also intended to be spiritual. The Advent season in the Church is a time to renew the experience of waiting, and longing, for the Messiah, which directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time. As Pope Francis has said: "Advent invites us to be vigilant, to look beyond ourselves, to expand our mind and heart and open ourselves up to the needs of others...." This Advent we invite all of our students and their families to take part in these practical and spiritual Christmas preparations.

### Be a HERO Day! – Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

On Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> the SDSC PSA invites our students to "Be A Hero" to needy children in our community and also to celebrate those who are heroes in their lives. Every student who brings a gift card or monetary donation of \$5 or greater may dress as a superhero, a role model in their lives or someone whom they admire. The donations/gift cards will be provided to local agencies that provide Christmas gifts to impoverished children in our community.



The PSA will also be celebrating the faculty and staff at SDSC who are heroes to our students every day with appreciation activities. Look for an email from the PSA about how your family can celebrate our SDSC heroes.

**To Everything there is a Season and a Time for Every Purpose under Heaven**

*Let us continue to keep in our prayers the many among us who are sick and suffering.*

**A TIME TO HEAL:** Mrs. Boynes (*Gr 4 teacher*), Mary Schraml (*Grandmother of Schraml children*), Mrs. Dillon (*former SDSC teacher*), Sheila Zaikowski (*Grandmother of Gorman children*), and for the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit

**A TIME TO DIE:** William Kelly (*father of Mrs. Boynes*)