



# St. Bridget Parish School

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**Tuesday (tomorrow): Dress in Uniforms (as for a school Mass day) for all-school panoramic photo!**

November 12, 2018

Dear St. Bridget Parish School Families,

## A Prayer for Veterans Day

God of mercy we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces.

We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.

We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord. May we pray for them when they cannot pray.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.

Bless all the soldiers who served in noncombative posts. May their calling to serve continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all creative vision to see a world that, growing weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and so move beyond war.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Archdiocese of Detroit

**Food Collection – Spirit Family Activity:** We are collecting non-perishable food items for the River Falls Community Food Pantry through Wed., Nov. 14. We will take our food to church to be blessed during our school Mass on Nov. 14. During Mass we will sit with our Spirit Families, and afterward, will walk with our Spirit Families to deliver our food to the Food Pantry. We are deeply grateful for any food you are able to donate toward this project. Last year we delivered **553 pounds of food!** The permission slip for walking to the food pantry was sent home last week. (See attached flyer.)

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Thanks to those who attended conferences last Thursday. Our second evening of conferences will be held tomorrow night.

**All School Panoramic Photo – Tomorrow:** We will have an all school panoramic photo taken tomorrow, Nov. 13. This photo will be used to create a 4 x 10' school pride banner to be hung on the north wall of our school gym. An order form is included in today's BEE Books for those interested. **All students are asked to dress in uniforms (as for a school Mass day) for this photo.**

**Wreath/Evergreen Products Delivery – Wednesday:** Our wreaths and other evergreen products will be delivered Wed., Nov. 14. We will need parent volunteers to help unload product from the truck, tie bows on the products, attach the memorial crosses to our fence, and sort the large orders.

Plan to pick up your orders by entering through the north gym door Wednesday after 1 p.m. Enter through our main entrance on Thursday or Friday, We ask that all orders be picked up by Friday, Nov. 16 to preserve quality of product. Please call the school office at 715-425-1872 if you have any questions.

**Thanksgiving Vacation:** We will be closed for Thanksgiving vacation Wed., Nov. 21 through Fri., Nov. 23.

**Holiday Happenings – Dec. 1:** The Holiday Happenings Craft Fair at St. Bridget's, sponsored by the parish Council of Catholic Women, has been a holiday tradition for years and years! On Dec. 1, over 70 vendors will gather at our school and our gym will be full of excited and hungry shoppers.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has been in charge of the Food Booth for many years, and used the proceeds for their graduation, retreat, and class trip expenses. Historically, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents have helped make this possible – with the understanding that one day these students will be the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their younger friends will helping them! The biggest area of need from these Middle School families is food donation. Middle School families are asked to click on this link: [HH Food Items Needed](#) to sign up for food donations. Please note that starred items \* are needed by Wed., Nov. 28. All other items should be dropped off on Fri., Nov. 30.

The rest of our school families are asked to consider the donation of a homemade or bakery style pie for this special event. If you are unable to donate a pie, a donation of \$5 is also greatly appreciated. This allows us to purchase the pies we need. Pies should be brought to the kitchen by 5 p.m. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. PreK-5 families are asked to click on this link: [HH Pies](#) to sign up to donate a pie or \$5. Pies should be brought to the kitchen by 5 pm Fri., Nov. 30.

Please call or email the school office at 715-425-1872 or [office@stbparish.com](mailto:office@stbparish.com) or Mr. Mike Leary at 715-220-5819 or [mleary@stbparish.com](mailto:mleary@stbparish.com) if you have questions.

**Bishop's Christmas Card Art Contest Winners:** Congratulations to these students whose entries in the annual Bishop's Christmas Card Art Contest were selected as winners! The contest is held in spring, with winners announced the following November.

Elizabeth Leary

Maketalena Pupungatoa

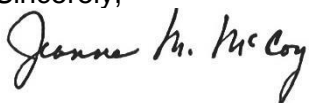
Avianna Hedlund

**Christmas Program – Dec. 13:** Our Christmas Program will be presented Thurs., Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in our school gym. The date for the Dress Rehearsal has not been finalized yet as it will depend on our accompanist's availability. I'll announce it as soon as possible.

Students are asked to dress up for this concert, but no particular colors are required. However, the usual dress restrictions such as no spaghetti straps, bare shoulders, torn/ripped/stressed clothing, and fingertip length or longer will apply.

May God bless you and your family throughout this week!

Sincerely,



Jeanne McCoy  
Principal