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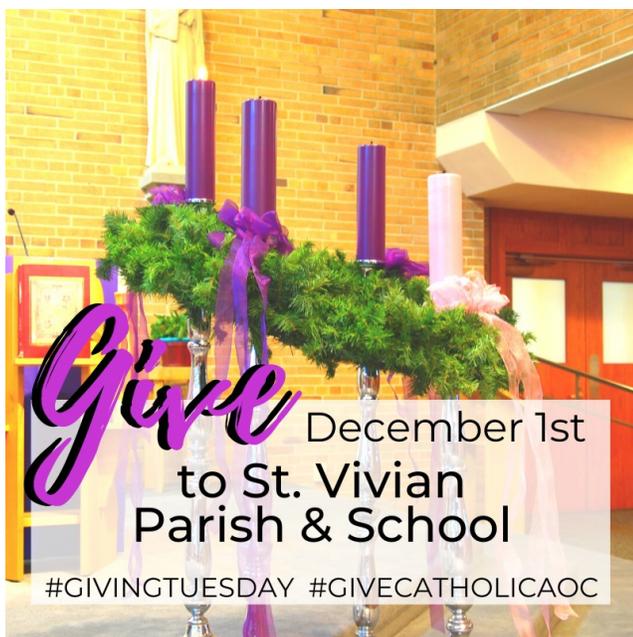
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Sabres' Scoop

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

This past Tuesday (December 1st) was Giving Tuesday. St. Vivian Parish and School was a participant. Through much generosity of parishioners and supporters, we raised a total of \$22,395! This funding goes to the parish to help with parish school scholarships and other funding St. Vivian offers throughout the year. THANK YOU to all who dug deep and helped us to continue to provide for those in need, and to help our school to provide spiritual & academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/7-11: Jingle Bell Shop
- 12/18: Virtual Christmas Concert
- 12/18: Last Day of School before Christmas Break!



LIBRARY DONATIONS NEEDED!

Our school Library is in need of books - some new to add to our library and some which are old, worn and in need of replacement. Pam Becker, our librarian has put together a wish list through amazon.com with a list of books needed. You may copy the link below to access the list, or connect through a link on our website.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3FDVNTVF6DAZX?ref=wl_share



REMOTE STUDENTS

Remote students, if you would like to order lunch, here are your options:

- 1) **Hot Lunch:** Must place your lunch order with the office by 9:30am that morning. Lunches can be picked up in the office between 11:00am -12:00pm.
- 2) **Alternate Lunch and Breakfast (Sandwich, Wrap or Bagel):** These items can be made ahead and stored in the refrigerator. Therefore, these may be picked up for a whole week at a time i.e. Five meals may be picked up Monday.

LUNCH MENU WEEK OF DECEMBER 7 - 11

7-Dec	8-Dec	9-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec
Taco Day	French toast sticks	Chicken fingers	Three Way	Pizza
com hard tacos with taco beef, cheese Side of Spanish Rice applesauce	4 French toast 2 turkey sausage links Mandarin oranges	3 Chicken fingers Mac & Cheese Pineapple Tidbits	pasta, chili and cheese Oyster Crackers choice of fruit	Cheese Pizza Carrots and Broccoli Applesauce

Everyday Entrée available served with daily side and fruit option				
	bagel with cream cheese	Turkey & cheese wrap	Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich	Chicken Noodle Soup

ON-SITE STUDENTS

- 1) If your child would like to order hot lunch, they will inform their homeroom teacher in the morning. Every homeroom teacher records attendance and hot lunch count simultaneously before the first period.
- 2) If a child would like an extra entree, they may only order an extra of their first option i.e. a child who orders a turkey wrap can get a second turkey wrap, but may not choose the wrap and a peanut butter and jelly, etc.
- 3) If you arrive between 7-7:25am, your child may receive free breakfast by simply asking the teacher on duty.

NURSE'S NOOK

Please remember that if ANYONE in your household is tested for COVID-19, ALL MEMBERS of the household are to *REMAIN QUARANTINED* until you receive the test results and they are negative. Here is some more information from the CDC website:

CLINICAL TRIALS

Currently, clinical trials are evaluating investigational COVID-19 vaccines in many thousands of study participants to generate scientific data and other information for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to determine their safety and effectiveness. These clinical trials are being conducted according to the rigorous standards set forth by FDA in their June 2020 guidance document, Development and Licensure of Vaccines to Prevent COVID-19[external icon](#). If FDA determines that a vaccine meets its safety and effectiveness standards, it can make these vaccines available for use in the United States by approval or emergency use authorization.

After FDA makes its determination, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will review available data before making vaccine recommendations to CDC. Learn more about how CDC is making COVID-19 vaccine recommendations.

VACCINE SAFETY MONITORING

After a vaccine is authorized or approved for use, many vaccine safety monitoring systems watch for adverse events (possible side effects). This continued monitoring can pick up on adverse events that may not have been seen in clinical trials. If an unexpected adverse event is seen, experts quickly study it further to assess whether it is a true safety concern. Experts then decide whether changes are needed in U.S. vaccine recommendations. This monitoring is critical to help ensure that the benefits continue to outweigh the risks for people who receive vaccines.

FDA's June 2020 guidance document also includes important recommendations for ongoing safety evaluation after any COVID-19 vaccine is made available in the United States.

CDC is working to expand safety surveillance through new systems and additional information sources, as well as by scaling up existing safety monitoring systems.

CRITICAL ROLE OF SCHOOLS

COVID-19 transmission and illness are not the only risks to consider when making decisions about sending children back to school. Schools provide important services and supports for children's academic, social-emotional and physical health. For instance, social interaction among children in grades K-12 is important not only for emotional wellbeing, but also for children's language, communication, social, and interpersonal skills [6]. Some students may have experienced social isolation and increased anxiety while not physically being in school due to COVID-19.

Schools also provide critical services, such as school meal programs and behavioral and mental health services. Continuity of other special services is important for student success and lack of access to these services and supports have the potential to widen existing disparities and cause long-term effects on children's educational outcomes, health, and the economic wellbeing of families and communities.

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December 2020

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Thoughtful Moments

The Magi's Gifts

Children can get so caught up in receiving gifts for Christmas that they miss the significance of the holiday. To keep the focus on Christ, consider limiting the number of gifts to three in honor of the gifts of the Magi. Consider giving children one gift that is their heart's desire, a piece of clothing that is not just sensible, and one gift that will help them grow (a book or sports accessory, for example).

Family meals

Families can help children become better socialized and more secure in as few as 60 minutes a week. Experts agree that gathering as a family even for just one meal a week can build a stronger family.



"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8).



Celebrate an unusual Christmas with joyful traditions

This will be an unusual Christmas holiday for many families. At an unsettling time, it is important to renew or create family Christmas traditions to give children a sense of stability. Consider these ideas to keep the joy in your family celebration this year:

Give Jesus the first gift. At Thanksgiving, wrap a gift box for Jesus. Cut a slot in the top. During Advent have every member of the family write down how they showed love each day and drop these offerings in the box. Unwrap this gift first on Christmas morning and read the notes out loud.

Make "Adorements." Craft ornaments that illustrate names for Jesus, "Bread of Life," "Light of the

World," "King of Kings," etc. Hang them on the tree.

Mark a milestone. Give each child a new ornament marking an event in his or her spiritual life from the year. Celebrate the receipt of a Sacrament, learning a new prayer, or acquiring a virtue.

Celebrate cultures. Learn how to say "Merry Christmas" in different languages. Serve up new foods at dinner, such as potato latkes or pasteles.

Light out of the darkness. Some cultures around the world place candles and paper lanterns in their windows to symbolize Christ bringing light out of the darkness. Place a candle or lantern in your window on Christmas Eve.



Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Who do Catholics believe was born on Christmas?

This month we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. We are able to share in God's divine life through Jesus's life, death and Resurrection.



In his gospel, St. John explained that the birth of Jesus fulfilled a promise God made. *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father" (John 1:14).*

Lessons from the Magi

On the January 6 feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the visit of the magi, or wise men, to the newborn Savior. There are two lessons families can learn from this visit:

Look for a sign. Through study and investigation, the magi figured out that something big was going to happen and waited for a sign to tell them which direction to take. God often gives us signs to point us to the right path. Help youngsters weigh options and pray for direction



when facing big decisions.

Travel in faith. Once the magi started their journey, they asked for help when they got stumped and believed it would come.

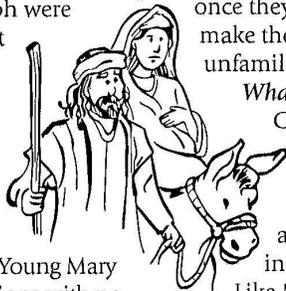
"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage'" (Matthew 2:1-2).

Teach your child to follow his "star" and rely on God for help. The key is to be like the magi and have faith that something marvelous will happen.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23, God chooses each of us in a special way.

We often think of Jesus' birth as an idyllic scene. The reality was quite different. Mary and Joseph were forced to travel in the last stages of her pregnancy from Nazareth to Bethlehem. On foot or donkey, it was a dirty and exhausting journey. Once there, they had no option for decent housing and had to stay with animals. Young Mary gave birth in crude conditions with no friend or family to help.



for several years. There were no friendly faces to greet the family once they arrived and they had to make their own way in an unfamiliar land.

What can a parent do?

Catholics have a special charge to protect those who are vulnerable: children, elderly, the poor and those fleeing violence in their home countries.

Like Mary's and Joseph's, God has a special place for each of us in his plan of salvation. Prayerfully ask God what he wants you to do for him and his kingdom.

Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas (350). St. Nicholas had a generous heart and gave away most of his fortune. He is credited with saving three girls from being sold into slavery to pay their father's debt. His anonymous acts of generosity helped him become the patron of children.

Dec. 9 – St. Juan Diego (1548). A simple, humble Native American who became a faithful Christian, St. Juan Diego was visited by the Blessed Virgin at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. She asked him to have the bishop of Mexico

build a chapel for her, and had him carry roses to the bishop as a sign. When the roses fell from his tilma (cape) before the bishop, it retained the Blessed Mother's image.

Dec. 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531). The Blessed Mother appeared as a young Native American maiden to St. Juan Diego, also Native American. By choosing to appear in that image, she was identifying with the poor and down-trodden of the land to give them hope.



Parent TALK

Our family Christmas last year was awkward. For no real reason, my youngest brother drifted from the Church, saying he doesn't feel

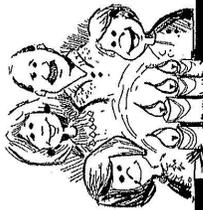
"connected" to God. Now that he coaches his daughter's soccer team on Sundays, Mass is out of the question. So Christmas for his family is no longer about Christ.

When our family met at my parents' house for Christmas dinner, David's kids were grumpy. In contrast to the rest of the happy cousins, David's three had long faces and moped. "Santa didn't come through for them," David apologized. He said each child only got a few items off long Christmas lists and were disappointed. In my opinion, without Christ as the focus, Christmas will always disappoint.

This year, I have invited David and his family to Christmas Eve socially-distanced caroling at our parish followed by the Vigil Mass. That will give his family's Christmas the best start.

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Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 Buy or make an Advent wreath. Have the youngest child light the first violet candle this week. Read Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.</p>	<p>30 Set up the Nativity scene together. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.</p>	<p>1 Make Christmas cookies together and decorate them with symbols of the Christmas season.</p>	<p>2 In your Christmas cards write a note about the blessings your family received this year as a witness to God's love.</p>	<p>3 Set a timer or other reminder to help you gather for family prayer every morning and every evening this month. Continue after Advent.</p>	<p>4 Have a family story night and reread your favorite Christmas storybooks over cookies and milk.</p>	<p>5 Make a "manger" from a box and "straw" from pieces of paper. Put "straws" in the manger when you each perform good deeds and make it comfortable for Jesus.</p>
<p>6 Have the oldest child light two violet candles in the Advent wreath and read Luke 3:1-6.</p>	<p>7 Perform at least one generous act of love in honor of St. Nicholas. Try to do it without letting the other person know!</p>	<p>8 The feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's birth without Original Sin. In her honor, attend or stream Mass and pray a Family Rosary.</p>	<p>9 Today, let nothing discourage you in honor of St. Juan Diego who placed his trust in Jesus and His Mother.</p>	<p>10 Read about the legend behind the poinsettia, then make a bouquet from felt or construction paper and pipe cleaners.</p>	<p>11 Put up your Christmas tree, add the lights, but wait to place ornaments. Decorate a little each day until it is beautiful for Christmas.</p>	<p>12 To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and encourage each person to pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.</p>
<p>13 Guadalupe Sunday - Joy! Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Read Luke 3:10-18 and sing, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" together.</p>	<p>14 Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it at dinner together.</p>	<p>15 Draw names and write a love note to a family member. Put it in their stocking on Christmas Eve.</p>	<p>16 Read about the angels' remarkable visit to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Talk about ways we can also say "yes" to God.</p>	<p>17 Learn about how different countries celebrate Christmas. Pick a tradition you like and add it to your usual festivities.</p>	<p>18 Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.</p>	<p>19 Take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays.</p>
<p>20 Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Reread today's Gospel Reading, Luke 1:39-45.</p>	<p>21 Decorate a "Jesus Candle" with symbols of Jesus - a star, a lamb, a manger, a baby, a cross, for example. Light it during Christmas dinner.</p>	<p>22 Cut out star-shaped ornaments and decorate with glitter on one side and your favorite Bible verse on the other. Hang them on the tree.</p>	<p>23 Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priest, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family.</p>	<p>24 Write a letter to Jesus, thanking him for all the gifts you received throughout the year.</p>	<p>25 Rejoice! Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 21-20. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.</p>	

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

As you are aware, due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, we are unable to have our annual Christmas Performance. Instead, the students have been practicing diligently with Mr. Shea to bring you a Virtual Christmas Concert!

You will still get to see your child perform some of their favorite Christmas songs, watching from the comfort of your recliner, in front of a cozy fire with a cup of hot cocoa. :) A YouTube link to the performance will be sent out through your Option C parent alert on December 18th.

FILMING

We will be filming next week. Students are invited to wear Christmas attire appropriate to concert performance the day their class will record their song. This could include a nice sweater or Christmas shirt, Christmas (or non-Christmas) tie with a button down dress shirt, dress pants or dress, dress shoes (no jeans or t-shirts).

RECORDING DATES:

Preschool-4th Grade on Thursday, December 10.

5th-8th Grade on Friday, December 11.

An option C parent alert reminder will be sent to you the night before recording so your child can come to school in their Christmas best! Children will wear their outfits for the rest of the school day.





Hello St. Vivian Families,

St. Vivian's annual Jingle Bell Shoppe will be held Monday 12/7 - Thursday 12/10. This tradition is an opportunity for students to purchase Christmas gifts for their loved ones. Items are \$1-\$5 and there's something for everyone. Your child will come home with a shopping list/permission slip. Please send the entire paper to school with them on the day their class is scheduled to shop. Also, please put money into a sealed envelope, labeled with their name and grade; this will help keep money safe. Please see either the paper sent home or the attached schedule to see when your child will participate.

Due to circumstances this year, we will not be able to allow children to visit the shop outside of their scheduled class time. Therefore, if money is forgotten or a gift for someone not purchased, there won't be an opportunity to rectify the situation. We, the PTA, sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

For grades PreK, Kindergarten and 1st grade: Having to make a lot of decisions can be overwhelming for little ones. All students will go in smaller groups and have a limited amount of time to choose their items. To help your young child enjoy their Jingle Bell Shoppe experience, please consider keeping the number of recipients between 2-4. Thank you for your consideration.

Remote Learners will have a chance to shop, too! Due to circumstances this year, if a remote learner is unable to attend their scheduled time, we will not be able to offer entrance on another day. Thank you for your understanding.

****Please note: this event is Cash Only. We are not able to accept debit/credit cards or checks****

Jingle Bell Shoppe
Is coming!!
12/7 - 12/10
Items are \$5.00 or less
Gifts for everyone!

Receiver	Amount to spend
Mom	
Dad	
Sister	
Brother	
Grandma	
Grandpa	
Aunt	
Uncle	
Pet	

Jingle Bell Shoppe Permission Slip

**** Completion required for your student to participate ****

Jingle Bell Shoppe is a St. Vivian annual tradition! The shoppe is held in Ursuline hall. While Ursuline Hall is attached to the school building, it is not, technically, part of the school. Therefore, your student will need this permission slip completed in order to participate.

**** Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 circumstances, we are not able to allow students to shop outside of their class's scheduled time. Please ensure your child has their money and this permission slip on their class' scheduled day ****
We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

I, _____, give my student _____, permission to participate during the Jingle Bell Shoppe, held in St. Vivian's Ursuline Hall, on their class's scheduled day listed below.

Class Schedule: Please circle your child's grade

- Monday 12/7: 1st, 4V, 4W,
- Tuesday 12/8: PK, Kind, 2nd, 3rd
- Wednesday 12/9: 5D, 6B, 6F, 8S
- Thursday 12/10: 7K, 8Z

Please place your child's money in an envelope, labeled with their name & grade. This will help keep it safe.

PTA CONT'D



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RECESS!

There are 3 recesses, but there is a half hour gap in between the first recess and the second and third recesses. So I am now asking if two people want to come but split the time so it won't be as long of a commitment. 10:20-10:45 and then 11:15-12. The sign up is now changed for two people to sign up I just ask that you comment when signing up to let us know what time frame you will be signing up for. Recess is explained better on the sign up so check it out and see if you can help at all. This helps the teachers be able to enjoy their lunch time. Must be VIRTUS trained!!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A44A8AF2CA1FF2-march>



BOOSTER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Basketball Schedule and Facebook Group to watch games are up! Like us on Facebook and join to follow!

We have a NEW PTA Facebook page!

Please make sure to subscribe:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Vivian-PTA-115573266944705>

CAN'T VOLUNTEER?

You can still show support:

- Shop [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)
- Link your Kroger Plus card to St. Vivian
- Box Tops app; scan your receipts
- SchoolStore.com
- Dine to Donate

If you have any questions, please email the PTA at stvpta@gmail.com

BOOSTERS

Facebook Groups to watch live games are up! Like us on Facebook and join to follow! You can also copy and paste the links below:

5/6TH GRADE GIRLS LINK:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/302365857660681>

8TH GRADE GIRLS LINK:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/381997789530027>

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULES:

5TH/6TH GRADE

Game Date	Opponent
12/05/2020 - 9:00am	at Queen of Peace Stephens 6G BB
12/12/2020 - 9:00am	vs CHCA Hamilton 6G BB
12/13/2020 - 3:30pm	at St. Bernadette Argueta 6G BB
12/19/2020 - 9:00am	vs Sacred Heart Brown 6G BB
01/09/2021 - 9:00am	vs Immaculate Heart Mccarroll 6G BB
01/14/2021 - 7:15pm	at St. Gertrude Shafer 6G BB
01/16/2021 - 11:30am	at St. Margaret of York Hoying 6G BB
01/24/2021 - 4:45pm	at SASEAS Caldwell 6G BB
01/29/2021 - 7:15pm	vs St. Susanna Bernardon 6G BB
01/31/2021 - 1:00pm	vs St. Veronica Davidson 6G BB

8TH GRADE

12/04/2020 - 8:00pm	at St. Gertrude Kaniecki 8G BB
12/06/2020 - 4:45pm	vs Queen of Peace Lagedrost 8G BB
12/11/2020 - 7:00pm	at St. Louis Gildea 8G BB
12/12/2020 - 10:15am	vs St. Veronica Mcconnell 8G BB
12/19/2020 - 10:15am	vs St. Mary Turner 8G BB
01/09/2021 - 12:30pm	at St. Susanna Zeuch 8G BB
01/16/2021 - 10:15am	vs Cardinal Pacelli Kelly-Murray 8G BB
01/23/2021 - 2:00pm	at Mother Teresa Harmeyer 8G BB
01/24/2021 - 1:00pm	at Queen of Peace Lagedrost 8G BB
01/31/2021 - 3:30pm	vs St. Gertrude Kaniecki 8G BB

GET YOUR BASKETBALL SPIRITWEAR HERE!

<https://www.atozwearproductorders.com/st-vivian>



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Follow us on Instagram @ [sabre.scoop](#)

This is another great way for parents/Guardians to stay in the loop and get the latest updates!

Free Meals for All Ages

In an effort to combat hunger, the Cincinnati Public Library is [partnering with La Soupe](#) to bring meals to select Library locations. [From 3-6 p.m.](#) every Monday, you can pick up individual or family-sized frozen meals for all ages, while supplies last. There is a one meal per person limit and youth do not need to be present to receive a meal. Participating locations are:

[Deer Park](#)

[Delhi Township](#)

[Forest Park](#)

[Greenhills](#)

[Miami Township](#)

[Mt. Washington](#)

[West End](#)

This service is made possible through grants and donations to La Soupe. Additionally, the Library is working with a community partner to bring meals for youth to select Library locations.