

# St. Michael's School News

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*The mission of  
St. Michael's Catholic School is  
to know as Jesus knew,  
to love as Jesus loved,  
and to serve as Jesus served.*

## *Santa's Arts and Crafts*

We have several Arts and Crafts vendors who have already registered to attend our annual "Santa's Arts and Crafts Show" on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a great variety of items that will be sold. Breakfast will feature pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee and will be served from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00. Chicken and dumplings and sandwiches will be served from 11:00 until 2:00. Cost for each meal is \$4.00. Santa will be available for pictures by a professional photographer from 9:00 until Noon.

Last week, we enclosed a sign-up sheet for bringing items as well as for working, and ten tickets for you to sell or purchase. These tickets may be used either for the breakfast or the lunch. Additional tickets are available in the office. **All money and any unsold tickets are due by Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

This event is sure to bring in a large crowd of shoppers to our fund-raiser. We will need LOTS of help that day with our meals, Country Store, Silent Auction, and pictures with Santa. Please consider spending some time with us to help. We are also in need of items to sell that day. Items needed are home-made baked goods: cakes, pies, strudels, kolaches, home-made bread, peanut brittle, home-made canned foods, or home-made crafts. Larger Christmas items are needed for the Silent Auction. Please consider donating items and your time to this fun-filled event.

## *Christmas in the Country*

It's Christmastime in Custard County and all is calm, all is . . . chaos! Snooty cousin Thomas is coming from the city to visit and that doesn't "set" too well with cousin Rachel, who's a bit tired of hearing about life in the big city from him. The church Christmas pageant is in trouble as well and nothing short of a miracle can bring harmony to Custard County this year.

The annual St. Michael's School Christmas pageant will be presented on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this heart-warming event. Invite your relatives, friends and neighbors as well.

Several things are needed for this year's pageant. If you have any of these, please contact Mrs. Denton or Ms. Roeder.

- 3 Small suitcases
- Child-sized snow skies
- Large pieces of cardboard for scenery
- 14 bales of hay
- Old barn equipment, wagon wheels, etc.
- Someone to build a stable façade with the posts we have available.
- At least 4 men to move risers from the gym to the hall (sometime after December 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Odd home-made Christmas gifts (shirts with one sleeve longer than the other, etc.)

## ***Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony***

St. Michael's Catholic School students in Grades 3-6 will participate once again in the annual Cuero Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will take place on **Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**, beginning at **6:30 p.m.** **Students are asked to meet there at 6:00 p.m.** Our school choir, along with choirs from neighboring schools, will perform. Students have started learning the songs and will practice that morning with the other choirs. Permission slips for this are enclosed. Students should wear their school uniforms for the performance (and a Santa hat if they have one).

## ***First Reconciliation Retreat***

There will be a First Reconciliation Retreat for parents and students receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The retreat will take place at St. Michael's Hall on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

***Progress Reports will be issued on  
Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.***

***Classes will dismiss at noon on  
Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for the  
Thanksgiving holidays. Daycare will  
NOT be open that day.***

***There will be no newsletter next week  
due to the Thanksgiving holiday.***

***Classes resume Monday,  
November 30<sup>th</sup>.***



## ***We Gather Together***

Taken from Take Me Home by Christine Kenny-Sheputis

Most Thanksgiving foods – like turkey, pumpkins, cranberries, potatoes and corn – are foods of the Native North American peoples. Nowadays, just about everyone around the world eats these foods. Get ready for Thanksgiving by doing some research on the foods you eat. Where did they come from? Who grew or raised them? Who prepared them?

Besides God's gift of food, what other things are you thankful for? Thanksgiving Day was put on the calendar to thank God publicly for the opportunities and gifts that helped the English pilgrims survive – and thrive.

If you can, urge your household to thank God publicly at Mass or at a prayer service in your town. Most parishes have a special Thanksgiving liturgy.

Make up a Thanksgiving prayer to say before dinner with your guests or hosts. After dinner, before people have left the table, ask them what they are especially thankful for this year. You may need to start by talking about the people and things you are thankful for.

Be sure to sing songs this day. Almost everyone knows the tunes to a few songs of thanksgiving. Try "We Gather Together" or "Now Thank We All Our God." To help everyone join in, make copies of the words earlier in the week.

Sometimes, it is hard to say thanks the rest of the year. But Thanksgiving is *the* day for all of us to speak out.

***The faculty and staff of  
St. Michael's Catholic School  
wish all of you a very  
Happy Thanksgiving!***