

## ***NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 1, 2011***

### **“Let Your Light Shine!”**

Happy Advent to our St. Ann Families! Our theme is, “Let Your Light Shine” and we are looking at the Star of Bethlehem. Jesus is the Light of the World. We are asking our children to let THEIR INNER LIGHT (JESUS) SHINE BY GOOD THOUGHTS, WORDS, DEEDS, AND PRAYERS. Let us pray for one another, and let us remember that *Jesus is the Reason for the Season.*”

**Care Packages for our Military:** We are collecting toiletries, playing cards, snacks, candy, socks, etc. that we can place in “Care Packages” for our Military who are serving in Afghanistan. Please send your donations no later than Monday, December 5, 2011. We will pack the boxes and mail them so our soldiers will receive them by Christmas.

Thanks to everyone who donated Food for the Lansing Food Pantry. We will continue to accept food donations until December 9, at which time our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will join 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Heritage and Memorial Junior Highs with delivery AND Service at the pantry.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. BONNIE HALL**....Mrs. Hall wrote a grant, requesting Elmos and other new technology for St. Ann School. She won the grant and we have received \$5,111.94 for this updated technology! We will send more details as they become available.

**Box Top Challenge:** Please see the enclosed flyer about our new Box Top Challenge....Win a Target Gift Card!!! The Box Tops are available on General Mills Cereals, Ziploc Products, Kleenex products, etc. They are worth REAL money, so send them in and get your families and friends to save them for us!

**POPOLANO’S:** Thanks to everyone who ordered or ate at Popolano’s on November 16, 2011. We received \$463.00 from that one day of “eating”. Our next Supper Club Fundraiser will be at **Beggars Pizza** on Monday, December 19, 2011.

**Recycling:** We recently received a check in the amount of \$165 for our paper recycling efforts. Keep bringing your old newspapers, junk mail, and catalogues to our bins.

We thank the **Lansing Police Department** for sponsoring and teaching the **DANGER PROGRAM** to our 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Their Closing Celebration yesterday reinforced all they learned about the dangers of Gangs, Drugs, Alcohol Abuse, etc. We are proud of our young people, and pray they will always remember what they learned in this wonderful program.

**Science Fair:** We thank Mrs. Villa, Miss Heenan, and Mrs. Echterling for a great job of teaching Science! Several of our students will participate in this Saturday's Science Fair. We wish the students luck, and will let you know who moves on to local and state levels!

**St. Nicholas Day:** The Feast of St. Nicholas is a perfect day to reinforce the virtues of generosity, humility, and service. All of our students who bear the name of Nicholas will visit classrooms on Tuesday, December 6, and give candy canes as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

**St. Ann School Play has been announced:** Through the generosity and talents of Mrs. Nancy Pamedis, St. Ann School will again present a musical play. *Once Upon a Mattress* will be presented on March 30-31 and on April 1, 2012. Try-Outs for the production will be held on December 7 and December 14, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Students in Grades 4-8 may try out for parts.

**Church Christmas Tree Lighting:** Everyone is invited to St. Ann's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. The School Advisory Meeting will be postponed until Monday, January 9, when members will meet with parents interested in starting our new "St. Ann Home and School Association".

## **LOOKING AHEAD....**

### **December**

- 9 Kindergarten "Polar Express" Day**
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service, 1:00 p.m.**
- 13 Advent Reconciliation**
- 14 Grade 5 Ethnic Feast, Kindergarten Party, School Play Try-Outs**
- 16 Christmas Program, Grades K-5, 7:00 p.m. in church**
- 19 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas "Treats"**
- 20 Grade 6 Brunch, Grade 7 Treats**
- 21 Pajama Day with Milk and Cookies....Principal will read to students under the Christmas Tree. We will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.**

