



# St. Catherine Labouré Catholic School

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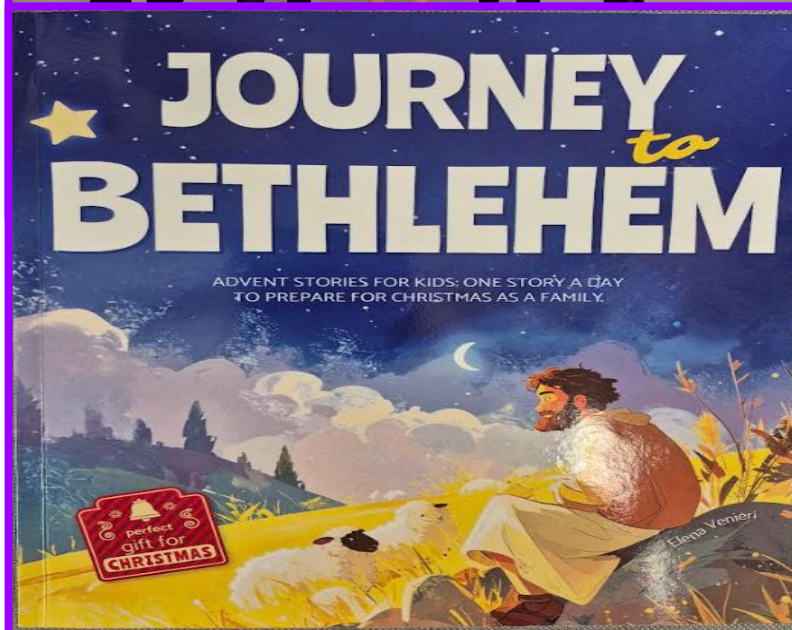
### Journey to Bethlehem

We continue to celebrate our Journey to Bethlehem and look forward to Christmas. Our week began with an Advent Prayer Service where we lit the 2nd purple Candle and talked about PEACE. The students were also excited to find that St. Nick had made a visit over the weekend and left candy canes on their desks. The inspiring Advent Concert and receiving the sacrament of reconciliation also helped us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus.

Each morning, Mrs. Patke reads a new selection from The Journey to Bethlehem - Advent Stories for Kids about a young shepherd named Reuben, who is searching for a special child and the lessons he learns along the way.

This week, each homeroom received 3 envelopes each containing a "challenge" related to their behavior and performing acts of kindness. Once a challenge is successfully accomplished, they open the next envelope. Upon completion of all 3 challenges, a class representative may select a gift box from the tree outside the office. The gifts will be opened at our assembly on the last day of school.

We are also collecting items for Nurses for Newborns - please see the flyer!







# Advent Concert







# Hidden Meaning of the Candy Cane

Although the meaning has been mostly forgotten, each candy cane contains hidden significance.

The **hard candy** symbolizes Jesus' strength, dependability, and unfailing love.

The **white candy** represents purity and the holiness and sinless nature of Jesus. It can also symbolize the forgiveness we receive from God that makes our souls white.

The **cane shape** can remind us of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who is always present to guide and protect us.

If you turn the candy cane upside down (or right side up) the letter '**J**' is formed – J for Jesus!

Traditional candy canes have a **peppermint flavor**. This can remind us of the spices that the three Wise Men brought to Jesus.

The **color red** reminds us of the merciful and unending love of God – who is Love! Red can also remind us of the blood of Jesus, shed to save and purify us from our sins.

The **large stripes** can represent the cross of Jesus while the **small stripes** can represent the whip on his back, the crown of thorns on his head, and the nail wounds in his hands and feet.



Students made beaded “shepherds’ staffs,” aka Candy Canes in Art class since we are reading about a shepherd’s journey to Bethlehem.



Thanks St. Nick for bringing Candy Canes to school!!



# 6th Grade Advent Service Project



The SCL Day School 6th grade students worked with representatives of the SCL St. Vincent de Paul Society to make items to include in the Vincentian Gift Baskets for those in need.

Once class created adorable snowmen, and the other class made sleighs out of candy, Yum!







# 15 Faculty Days of Christmas



December is a challenging month for students and STAFF. To help make it a bit more interesting and FUN, the teachers have been celebrating the 15 Faculty Days of Christmas. Some special days have so far have included:

- ***Today's forecast: 100% chance of marshmallows. Hot Chocolate Bar***
- **Dream a Little Dream! Wear your PJs and slippers to school**
- **MistleTOESS: mix up the day with your coolest Christmas socks and/or slippers**
- **Ho Ho Ho Hoe Down - Wear your plaid or flannel with your boots and jeans**
- **Tree Toppers - Dig out your favorite holiday hat, headband, or tree topper and then come TOP some**  
Freshly made pancakes by the office staff!
- **Candy Cane lane - Wear Red and White Attire - St. Nick Surprise!**
- **Get Your Grinch On - Wear your most Grinchy or green attire and play Grinch Bingo**





## Service Project for Advent Supporting Families Through Nurses for Newborns

During this Advent season, we will be focusing on the journey to Bethlehem. Each step we take brings us closer to the birth of Jesus. As we remember the gifts given to Him, we also want to share Christ's love by supporting families in our own community through donations to Nurses for Newborns.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.  
Matthew 25:35

We have condensed our donation list to the most essential items, with baby formula being the top priority. The items below are organized by grade level, and each contribution—big or small—will directly support a child in need.  
Thank you for your generosity!

### Kindergarten

- Baby Bottles
- Clothing (Preemie – Size 4T; New or Gently Worn)

### 1st, 2nd, and 6th Grades

- Baby Care Items (A&D Ointment, Lotion, Shampoo, Baby Wash)

### 3rd and 7th Grades

- Diaper Wipes
- Baby Toys

### 4th, 5th, and 8th Grades

- Diapers (All Sizes)
- Pull-Ups

### High-Priority Items

### Baby Formula

- Similac Advance
- Similac NeoSure
- Enfamil Gentlease
- Similac Pro Total Comfort

### Baby Food & Snacks



Every donation helps ensure that local infants and young children get the care and nourishment they need.

We deeply appreciate your kindness and support!





It's beginning to  
look a lot like  
Christmas!





# For Your Planning

## December

**1-19 NWEA Winter Testing**

**15 - Run for Ryan Rosary at 3:15 PM in Church**

**16 - 1st grade visits Cedarhurst Nursing Home**

**16 - Parish Advent Reconciliation Service in Evening**

**19-NWEA Testing Window Closes**

**19-Noon Dismissal and End of 2nd Quarter**

## January

**5- Classes Resume**

**14 - Parent 1st Communion Meeting**

**16 - Noon Dismissal - Faculty Meeting**

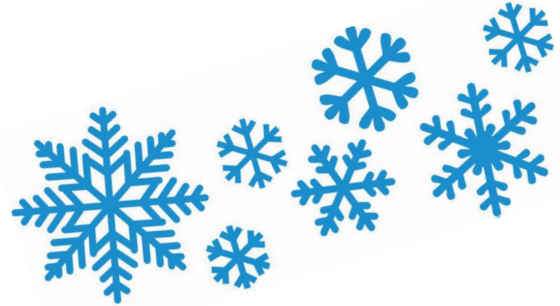
**16 - 2Q Report Cards Sent Home**

**19 - MLK Holiday- No School & K of C Free Throw Contest**

**20 - Rosary at 6PM & Board Of Education Mtg at 6:30PM**

**23 - Father Daughter Dance**

**25 - CSW Begins. Open House 9:30-Noon. 26-27 registration Opens**



## Run For Ryan Rosary

Please join us in praying for those who are sick and in need in our community.

**Monday, December 15th at 3:15 PM**

**Tuesday, January 20th 6PM**





a magical night with your  
special someone

# Snowflake Ball

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD  
7:00PM - 9:00 PM

girls can bring dad or other special guest



LINK:

ANY QUESTIONS TEXT: 314-640-0669

PLEASE REGISTER BY MONDAY, JANUARY 19

INCLUDES DJ, REFRESHMENTS,  
PHOTO BOOTH AND MORE!



Sponsored by:  
Knights of Columbus



Lots of Toys for Good  
Girls and Boys

**Breakfast and Photo Ops with Santa**  
**Sunday, December 14th—7:00-10:30am**  
**St. Catherine Laboure Cafeteria**  
**Carry Outs Available**

All You Can Eat Breakfast  
Best Tasting Pancakes Around Town  
Featuring Four Types of Pancakes  
Plain, Pecan, Blueberry and Chocolate Chip  
Scrambled Eggs and Sausage  
Flaky Biscuits and Gravy, Tater Tots  
Fresh Fruit  
Beverages- White Milk, Coffee, Orange Juice, Hot Chocolate



**Kids 6 & Under**  
**Free**  
**Kids aged 7-12**  
**\$5.00**  
**Adults**  
**\$10.00**



# Enrollment for 26/27 School Year

Enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year will open on  
Sunday, January 25th, during our Open House.  
Open House hours are 9:30 AM–12:00 PM.

Service

Community



Partnership

Educate

Chromebooks will be available for families to complete registration in the Parish Hall.  
If you are unable to attend, online registration is  
available at [sclschool.org](http://sclschool.org) under Admissions.

## Required Documents for Kindergarten & New Families

- State-issued birth certificate
- Baptismal certificate

Prayer

Faith

An email will be sent to the primary parent after applying to complete  
the enrollment process.

The online enrollment packet requires a physical and a list of immunizations.

## Important Dates for Incoming Kindergarten Students

Families may sign up for a screening date and time during the Open House.

Kindergarten Screening will take place on:

Monday, March 30 - Tuesday, March 31 - Wednesday, April 1

## New Students to SCL

New students (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) schedule a shadow day and assessments  
by contacting the school office.

Curriculum

Structured

## School Tours

Families are welcome to schedule a personal tour by calling the  
school office at 314-843-2819.

We look forward to welcoming new families to our community!  
Returning families complete registration by February 26th.

Challenge

Friendship

Technology



SCL YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS



# LUKE 18

## JAN 2-4, 2026



A RETREAT FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

# 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE REGISTRATION



STEP 1: CHECK YOUR CALENDAR

STEP 2: REGISTER HERE

[SCLYM.ORG/LUKE](https://sclym.org/luke)

STEP 3: PAY 80\$ (link found on  
above site)

WE CAN'T WAIT  
TO SEE YOU  
THERE!

\*AVAILABILITY FOR THOSE WHO  
REGISTER AFTER 11/21/25 IS  
BASED UPON CAPACITY. T-SHIRT  
AND OTHER MATERIALS ARE  
NOT GUARANTEED.

ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED  
FOR THE ENTIRE RETREAT.  
TEENS WILL BE SPENDING  
THE NIGHT AT PARISH  
SLEEPHOUSES.

For any questions please email  
[scliyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:scliyouthministry@gmail.com)



# OFF THE RAILS

Pinewood Derby Party for Adults  
Car Races - Games - Drinks - Fun



SAVE THE DATE:

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**  
7:00pm

Proceeds benefit Cub Scout Pack 646  
Registration opens in January



**SAVE-THE-DATE**

# CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

## Light of Life

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,  
"I am the light of the world; he who follows me  
will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
(JOHN 8: 12)



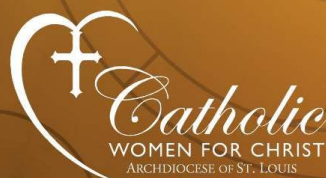
**February 7, 2026**  
9:00am-3:00pm  
SI Commons at SLUH  
4970 Oakland Ave

**SAVE-THE-DATE**

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**March 21, 2026**  
9:00am-3:00pm  
SI Commons at SLUH  
4970 Oakland Ave



# January

St. Catherine Laboure

FOOD IN  
FOCUS



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



## Did you know?

January 23 is National Pie Day which was established in 1986 to commemorate Crisco's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



1

2

Baked Macaroni & Cheese  
OR  
BLT Wrap with Broccoli with Dip  
Mandarin Oranges  
Cinnamon Goldfish

5

Mini Chicken Tacos  
OR  
Cheesy Quesadilla with Fiesta Rice  
Sweet Corn  
Mandarin Oranges

6

Toasted Beef Ravioli  
OR  
Bowtie Alfredo Pasta with Vegetable Medley with Dip  
Breadstick  
Mini Rice Krispies Treat

7

Crispy Nachos with Cheese  
OR  
Hot Dog on a Bun with Fresh Veggies with Dip  
Pineapple  
Vanilla Wafers

8

PAPA JOHNS PIZZA  
Cheese Pizza Only with Veggies & Dip  
Orange Slices  
Fresh Baked Cookie

9

Hamburger on a Bun  
OR  
Corn Dog with Ruffles Chips  
Garden Green Beans  
Chilled Peaches

12

Breaded Chicken Patty on Bun  
OR  
Cheesy Garlic Buttered Noodles with Corn  
Fresh Apple Slices  
Teddy Grahams

13

Hot Ham & Cheese Sliders  
OR  
Crispy Chicken Tenders with Ruffles Chips  
Fresh Veggies with Dip  
Pineapple Tidbits

14

Emoji Waffle  
OR  
French Toast Sticks with Sausage  
Yogurt  
Mini Blueberry Muffin

15

No School

16

No School



19

Cheesy Garlic Buttered Noodles  
OR  
Tony's Cheese Pizza with Fresh Veggies  
Orange Slices  
Teddy Grahams

20

Crispy Nachos with Cheese  
OR  
Hot Dog on a Bun with Fresh Veggies with Dip  
Pineapple  
Vanilla Wafers

21

Chicken Rings  
OR  
Cheese Stuffed Bosco Stick with Apple Slices  
Sweet Corn  
Sparkling Jell-O

22

PAPA JOHNS PIZZA  
Cheese Pizza Only with Veggies & Dip  
Orange Slices  
Fresh Baked Cookie

23

Carnival Corn Dog  
OR  
Cheeseburger with Bun with Smiley Face Potatoes  
Pears  
Cinnamon Goldfish

26

Walking Taco  
OR  
Cheese Quesadilla with Fiesta Rice  
Golden Corn  
Churro

27

Baked Macaroni & Cheese  
OR  
BLT Wrap with Fresh Veggies with Dip  
Mandarin Oranges  
Cinnamon Goldfish

28

Golden Grilled Cheese  
OR  
Chicken Rings with Ruffles Chips  
Applesauce  
Chilled Pudding

29

No School

30

PLATE LUNCH AND SALAD

OPTION PRICING

GRADE K-2ND: \$5.00

GRADE 3RD-8TH: \$5.35

EXTRA ENTRÉE: \$2.15

ALA CARTE MILK/8 OZ WATER: \$0.50

DAILY SALAD OPTION :

MONDAY: Chicken Caesar

TUESDAY: Taco Salad

WEDNESDAY: Chef Salad

THURSDAY: BLT Salad

FRIDAY: Apple Cranberry

HOT AND COLD ALA CARTE  
AVAILABLE DAILY

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MEAL  
MAGIC ACCOUNT

You can reach the Cafeteria  
Manager at  
507manager@foodserv.org

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Contact our dietitian at [lisa@foodserv.org](mailto:lisa@foodserv.org)  
for special dietary and allergy concerns.

For more information about FSC or  
employment opportunities, please go to  
[www.foodserviceconsultants.org](http://www.foodserviceconsultants.org)