



GOD'S LOVE NEVER ENDS
From the desk of Sister Margaret Hartman, SND
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THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Mrs. Montagna and her volunteers for organizing the Santa Shop for our students. Hope you all enjoy your special gifts on Christmas morning.

TASTE OF KINDERGARTEN

Congratulations to the Formanski family. They were the winners the of raffle for a free 2018-2019 Registration Fee. Please call the school office, if you have not yet registered for Kindergarten for our 2018-19 academic year.

HOPE TRAIN

Thank you for supplying items for the homeless. Anne Kline, President of Little Annie's Hope Train will pick up items Thursday, December 7th. As always thank you for your support.

LUNCH WITH SANTA

Lunch with Santa is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 3304 at the St. Helen's Cafeteria, Saturday December 2nd, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Lunch is just \$3.00 per person. Children 3 and under are free. A 5 X 7 photo with Santa is available for \$5.00. Cookie decorating, crafts and other fun activities will also take place. No reservations are needed. Any questions, please call Mike Grabowski (440) 487-3716.

WHOLE U WATER WEEK

Next week we are hosting a Water Week. We will be sharing different fruit infused waters Monday, Tuesday & Thursday. On Friday, bring your water bottle to school to fill up on your favorite water.

RECONCILIATION

On Tuesday, December 5th, students in Grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A parish evening of Reconciliation is scheduled for Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME BISHOP NELSON PEREZ

On Wednesday, December 6th, Bishop Nelson Perez will celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m., tour the school and enjoy lunch with the students of St. Helen School. All students will have a pizza lunch served in the gym. A special thanks to the parents who volunteered to help serve the pizza lunch.

JUICE BOX NEEDED

St, Helen School will provide a free pizza and salad lunch for all students on December 6th. We ask each family to provide juice boxes for this occasion. Please send in before December 6th. As always, thank you for your generosity.

A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

St. Nicholas, a bishop and saint known for generosity, will make a surprise visit to our school December 6th. St. Nicholas encourages all of us to be faithful especially during Advent and to stay close to Jesus. During Advent remember that you are in our prayers each morning as we meet for prayer around our traditional Advent log. You are welcome to join us at 7:45 a.m. each day.

VIRTUS Training Session:

There will be a Virtus training session here at St Helen on Wednesday Dec 6th at 6:30pm. Anyone who volunteers or works with children for 4 or more hours a month and who has never taken this class must take a Virtus session. This includes parents who help coach, assistant coaches, volunteers, aides etc... The class will be in the Parish Meeting room. Plan on being here for 3 hours. To register for the class please go to the parish website and click on Ministries and Protecting God's Children. Then click on the link that tells you how to register for a Virtus training session. You must register on-line. If you have questions please contact Maria Flauto at the parish office.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please join us for our Advent Log prayer at 7:45 a.m. or our parish community for Mass at 11:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION MEETING AND RITE OF ENROLLMENT

Sunday December 10th our 8th graders will participate in the 5:30pm Life Teen mass and have their Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation. This is their public "YES" to wanting to be confirmed in April. Parents, families and sponsors are encouraged to attend. Immediately following the mass there will be a meeting for Confirmandi and their parents (sponsors are welcome too!). We will conclude by 8:30pm. **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Wednesday, December 13th is our Dress Rehearsal. Please send your child's red/white costume in to school so they may leave them in their classrooms. We will be changing into them on Wednesday, December 13th for the Dress Rehearsal. Remember... JUST make it RED OR WHITE on top and black on bottom.

ON OUR WAY TO BETHLEHEM

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME! Well at least in music class it is! We have been hard at work beginning preparations for this year's Christmas play: *On Our Way to Bethlehem*. So be sure to SAVE THE DATE for Friday, December 15th. We are going to keep the costumes for K-3 pretty simple again this year but wanted to give you a heads up. K-1 will be in white tops and 2-3 will be red tops. ALL bottoms: black. Tops just need to be solid red or solid white, it doesn't matter short/long sleeve, button down/pullover, collar/no collar (just no writing on them...if so turn them inside out!). As for bottoms, as long as they are solid black they can be pants or skirts. The 4th grade will have special costumes and will be hearing about that soon! If you have any question just ask or email ahoulahan@sthelen.com. Thank you all in advance for making our show look amazing!

COOKIES NEEDED

Calling all parents! Our Christmas program will be held **Friday, Dec. 15th**. To celebrate the hard work the children have done to put on this program we are having a reception after the evening performance. We are asking that each family donate 2 dozen cookies. They do not have to be homemade! The children love them all! The cookies can be dropped off the day of the program, or those who are attending can bring them to the cafeteria when they drop the children off prior to the performance in the cafeteria. We appreciate everyone's help to make this extra special for the children. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS DINNER HELP

This year's Christmas dinner is December 19th at 12:00 noon. Many volunteers are needed to make this a special event. Please email Mary Suvak at Mary.suvak@gmail.com if you are willing to help on Monday for setup or Tuesday for serving the children and staff and/or cleanup.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We need children from Kindergarten through 8th grade to be a part of our choir and gospel play at the 6:00pm children's Christmas Eve mass. If your child would like to participate by acting in the play, reading at mass or singing in the choir please find forms in the Thursday folders or vestibule or email Maria Flauto (mflauto@sthelen.com) and she will send you a copy. The participation form needs to be returned by Monday, December 11th. Call Maria Flauto with any questions or, for more information, at 564-7125 ext. 211.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Did you know that Kohl's cares certificates purchased **ONLY** through St Helen's Certificate program can be applied toward any Kohl's charge account balance with no expiration on the cards & earn 1.5% in rebates. Gift card orders will be taken through December. Last day to order special order cards, if out of stock, is Dec. 18 with delivery Dec. 20 and ordering stock will resume on January 3, 2018. Any questions call Mary Beth Lyons 440-487-6360 or mbcoachlyons@msn.com Purchase your Giant Eagle cards here to take advantage of 10 cent off gas for purchase of gift cards and earn 2% in rebates on Giant Eagle cards.

SNOW ALERT ... ST. HELEN SKI CLUB

It's time to join the fun and register for St. Helen's Ski Club at Alpine Valley. Ski Club will meet every Friday from 4 - 8 pm. Everyone is invited to join: St. Helen students, families and friends. Register online at Alpinvalleyohio.com/club-program.html. For more information please call Kevin O'Reilly at 440-548-5292.

