



HAPPENINGS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

(For days of Nov. 15, 2021 through Nov. 19, 2021)

Gabriel De Marcelo, Gr. 1, was recognized for working extra hard on his printing and showing improvement. He has the best stories to tell his classmates and he has a kind heart. Keep working hard, Gabriel!

Jolon Grana, Gr. 4, was recognized for always being on task and doing his best on all assignments. Keep up the great work, Jolon!

Vanessa Perry, Gr. 7, was recognized for her outstanding volunteerism; her willingness to help her classmates; and, for her cheerful attitude! Keep up the great attitude, Vanessa!

WELL DONE!!

“Immaculate Conception” School Mass

(This is a Holy Day of Obligation)

Tomorrow, Dec. 8th, the entire school (TK thru 8th grade) will attend the 8:30 am Mass to celebrate the “Feast of the Immaculate Conception”.

Please be sure your child(ren) are in proper Mass uniform tomorrow. For both boys and girls this means ties and NO SHORTS.

If your child(ren) does/do not have the proper Mass attire because you are still waiting on a back order from Dennis Uniforms, your child(ren) just need to wear a white button down shirt or the school polo shirt and navy pants (for boys) and a skort/skirt (for girls) for Mass days.

All are welcome to attend!



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Special Dates of Interest:

- Fri., Dec. 17th
Noon Dismissal/ NO DAYCARE
(Christmas/New Year’s break begins)
- Mon., Dec. 20th, thru Fri., Dec. 31st
No School (Christmas/New Year’s Holiday)
- Mon., Jan. 3rd
School Resumes
- Mon., Jan. 17th
NO SCHOOL (MLK, Jr. Holiday)
- Tues., Jan. 25th
2nd Trimester Deficiency Notices Go Home
- Fri., Jan. 28th
“Move-a-Thon” Fundraiser Day
- Sun., Jan. 30th
School’s “Open House”
11:00 am—1:00 pm (All Classrooms)

Important to Remember..

CHRISTMAS PARTY

ATTENTION ROOM PARENTS

Christmas Party money is now available for pick up at the school office.

The parties will take place on Friday, Dec. 17th, at 11:15 a.m. Please arrive for set up at 10:30 a.m. The children will be getting a pizza treat at the party! Thank you!

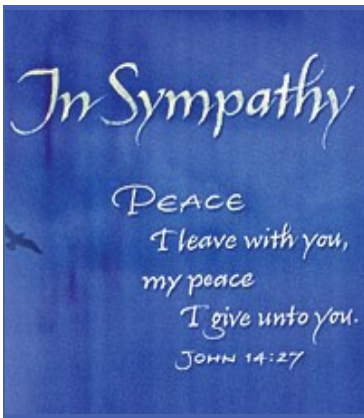
SCHOOL FINANCE MESSAGE...

As a reminder, tuition and fees showing on your SMART account are due this Friday, December 10th by 9:00 p.m. PST.

Any payments received after 9:00 p.m. on the 10th will incur a \$60 late fee.



<https://www.bizjournals.com/orlando/blog/2015>



Prayers for Deceased

Please pray for the following who recently passed away:

- Manuel Santa Cruz, grandfather of Alexandra Rodriguez (Gr. 8)

May he rest in peace.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

Words of the Week:

Advent

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Hope

Peace

Joy

Love



https://school.stpaulanarbor.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=6

Scrip News... A Friendly Reminder:

The last day to order Scrip for 2021 is this Monday, December 13th. We will not be placing Scrip orders during Christmas vacation however you may still place orders for Reload and ScripNow during the break.

Our regular Scrip order schedule will resume in January. The first order for 2022 will be Monday, January 3rd, and those orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, January 7th.

**Do you still need to sign up for parent volunteer hours?
There are two opportunities that we need your help with!**

Alumni Committee

Are you an alum or St. Louise and keep in contact with some of your classmates? We are looking for some volunteers to join our alumni committee. The alumni committee meets about four times per year. We are currently working on obtaining email addresses for alumni. In addition, we would like to schedule and hold some class reunions. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Mrs. Ossa at principal@stlouisedm.org.



Parent Volunteer Opportunities

https://www.ricardoid.us/information/pareParent_Volunteer_Opptnt_volunteer_opportunities

Did You Know...

St. Louise de Marillac School presents

A North Pole Christmas

Pack your scarves and blankets - you're invited to a Christmas under the stars!

Eat, drink, and be merry as our little elves jingle all the way to the big screen during our Drive-in Christmas Concert

See you there!

Check out all the details for this fun event below!

1720 E Covina Blvd | December 16, 2021 | 6:30pm

Christmas Concert Guidelines

1. The show will go on if weather permits. If there is rain, we will share the link with families to view at home.
2. Families may begin arriving at 6:00 p.m. The show starts at 6:30 p.m.
3. A special visitor from the North Pole will be available for a visit and picture between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
4. There are two options for viewing:
 - a. There will be a section for those that wish to watch the show from lawn chairs directly in front of the screen. Bring blankets and wear warm clothing!
 - b. There will be approximately 65 spaces available for those who would like to view from their car. Larger vehicles will be directed to park in the back row.
5. If you are watching from your chair, we ask that you please park on the street
6. If you are watching from your car, please only one vehicle per family.
7. Staff will be available to direct traffic that evening. Please listen to the direction of staff members.
8. If you are parking on the street, please enter the campus through the Bonnie Cove exit or the driveway between the church and parish offices.
9. Light refreshments will be available that evening
10. We ask all families to stay for the duration of the show, which will be approximately one hour.
11. Students should sit with their families throughout the event. There will be no student supervision available that evening since students will be in the care of their families.
12. At the end of the evening, **PLEASE**, exit the lot carefully and take care to watch for pedestrians.

AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, ENJOY THE CONCERT—THIS SPECIAL GIFT FROM YOUR—CHILD(REN)!

Did You Know..

McKinley Children's Center "Christmas Gift Drive"

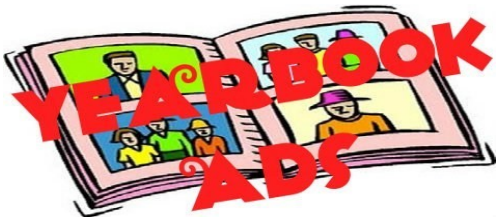
For the children in the care of McKinley Children's Center, most have never celebrated a holiday or know what it's like to receive a gift from someone who cares. All of us can be that someone!

The church has the names of over 450 children who requested gift cards in the amounts of \$10 thru \$20. This year, the school has again been asked to participate in this giving program. One hundred "ornaments" with the children's names & requests will be on a "Christmas Giving" tree in the school office beginning next Monday, Dec. 7th.

Because these gift cards are like cash, we ask that you return your gifts before **Wednesday, December 15th, to the **SCHOOL OFFICE ONLY**.**

Each year we receive such an overwhelming response and an outpouring of generosity from the St. Louis community. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

Support their efforts and make a child happy!



<https://www.wayne-local.com/district-news/entry/senior->

The yearbook dedications link is now open. Please note that: Dedication ads must be created and paid online through Jostens by going to the following online link:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/jcom/router.mvc?affiliateId=1003697>

We are offering **two** sizes of yearbook dedications, **1/8 page** and **1/4-page dedication ads**. All dedication ads (PDA's) are full color and include images and text. You can customize the PDA by selecting your text/image layout and choice of fonts. The cost

for the ads is as follows:

From Nov. 1st thru January 9th
1/8-page ads are \$30
¼ page ads are \$50

From January 10th – February 10th
1/8-page ads are \$35
¼ page ads are \$55

Our yearbook staff reserves the right to edit all ads to fit our yearbook layout constraints and therefore, your ad may differ slightly from what is viewed in the final yearbook.

Final deadline to order is Thursday, Feb 10th. There are absolutely no exceptions this year.
Please be sure to order early so as to not miss these strict deadlines!

PARENTS of Students with Food Allergies:

Be aware that on Friday, Dec. 17th, are the Class Christmas parties. The Room Parents will be distributing class treats and there will be pizza for all the students.

If your child(ren) has special dietary requirements due to allergies, please make appropriate arrangements for your child(ren).

Young Knights of Frassati Club presents

ADVENTURE HIKE

Through the eyes of St. Joseph

The year of St. Joseph is coming to a close. Last year, Pope Francis declared a year dedicated to the Patron of the Universal Church. During this Advent season as we await the coming of our King, join the Young Knights of Frassati club on an ADVENTure hike as we reflect on St. Joseph's joys and sorrows of life. The hike is about 3 miles and we will stop periodically to reflect. While the club is only open to boys in 6th-8th grade, this hike is open to all St. Louise boys and their dads. Dads must chaperone their son or coordinate with another family who is attending.

Please RSVP to Mr. Ebner-Gavit at marke@stlouisedm.org to receive more information.



DATE: Saturday, December 18, 2021

TIME: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Marshall Canyon Regional Park

park and meet at:

6516 Stephens Ranch Rd.

La Verne, CA 91750

FYI...

SLS Weekly Sports Schedule



Teams will be finalized this week and further emails will only be sent to players & their parents.

Weekly Sports Schedule Dec 6th – Dec 12th

Monday, Dec 6th

No Practices

Tuesday, Dec 7th

'A' level Boys Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

'A' level Girls Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

'B' level Boys Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

'B' level Girls Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

Wednesday, Dec 8th

'A' level Boys Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

'B' level Girls Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

Thursday, Dec 9th

'A' level Boys Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

'A' level Girls Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

'B' level Boys Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

'B' level Girls Basketball – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

Friday, Dec 10th No practices

Saturday, Dec 11th

'A' Boys Basketball – St Paul Tourney / TBA

Sunday, Dec 12th

'A' Boys Basketball – St Paul Tourney / TBA

GO VIKINGS!



Congrats... to Week 3 & 4 Football Mania winners!

Week #3: Camille Jauregui \$25

Week #4: Leo Gonzalez \$25

Good luck to all on the upcoming games and thank you for supporting our Booster Club & athletes!

Clipper News...

SAVE THE DATE!

Clipper Night for our
Varsity Boys & Girls
Basketball Team Games

will be on

Wednesday, March 9th! (corrected date)

All are invited to join them!

Los Angeles Clippers

Mark Your Calendars Now!

More Details Later!

vs.
the
Washington



Special Scrip Order Calendar for November/December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 14	Nov 15 Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Fri., Nov. 19th	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19 Pick up order from Mon., Nov. 15th after 2 pm	Nov 20
Nov 21	Nov 22 No Scrip Orders This Week	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25 Happy Thanksgiving!	Nov 26	Nov 27
Nov 28	Nov 29 Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Fri., Dec. 3rd	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2 Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Wed., Dec. 8th	Dec 3 Pick up order from Mon., Nov. 29th after 2 pm	Dec 4
Dec 5	Dec 6 Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Fri., Dec. 10 th	Dec 7	Dec 8 Pick up order from Thurs., Dec. 2 nd after 2 pm	Dec 9 Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Wed., Dec. 15 th	Dec 10 Pick up order from Mon., Dec. 6 th after 2 pm	Dec 11
Dec 12	Dec 13 **Last Day to order scrip for 2021** Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Fri., Dec. 17 th	Dec 14	Dec 15 Pick up order from Thurs., Dec. 9 th after 2 pm	Dec 16	Dec 17 Pick up order from Mon., Dec. 13 th after 12 pm	Dec 18

Regular scrip schedule resumes on January 3rd.

Orders in by 8:30 am, January 3rd will be ready for pick up on Fri., January 7th after 2 pm

SPIRITUALITY AND ENRICHMENT

Advent



Finally, Advent is here! Advent is the season of hope. The first candle lit on the Advent wreath is lit for the virtue of Hope. We hope by the end of this Advent, we will have seen the worst of the Pandemic. After almost two years of living with the scourge of Covid-19, hope is what we must cling to.

Why should we be hopeful? In our Gospel of last week, Jesus, himself tells us that "...they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Lk 21:27-28)

In the Old Testament reading of last week, we hear the prophesy, "The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise..." (Jer 33:14) When God fulfills the promise made in the First Covenant to the people of Israel, it will be made in the Second Covenant through the body of Jesus Christ. We need to keep that hope alive.

Advent is also the time for waiting and anticipating. I love watching children during this time. They are so excited about the coming of Christmas. They are thinking about toys, of course, but we should take a page from their book and get excited about the coming of Christ! "Advent," says Pope Francis, "is a journey toward the horizon of hope." The hope of Advent, the pope says, "does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!"

The hope of Advent is not hope that Jesus will come back into the world at Christmas. Jesus already came into the world, two thousand years ago—God-made-man, Word made flesh, in Bethlehem. This is a historical fact. Our hope is rooted in the present, and our future.

Hope is the knowledge that our lives have meaning—that each day that we live matters, and that we matter, because we are beloved by God and because he has a plan for our lives. Hope gives us freedom to live for what really matters. "The one who has hope lives differently," Pope Benedict wrote. "The one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life."

Jesus promised his apostles that his father's house "has many dwelling places." We, his followers, are going to be in one of those rooms. When Jesus left us, he promised we would be reunited. He said "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." (JN 14:2-3)

So, let's get excited about the birth of Christ, once again. Let's get excited about our futures. Let us be filled with hope and see where that takes us. And let us do that together, here at St. Louise de Marillac Church in Covina, California.

Pastor



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 7th Immaculate Conception
7:00 PM Vigil Mass
- December 8th Immaculate Conception
8:30 AM
7:00 PM
- December 11th Our Lady of Guadalupe
Celebration
5:30 AM Rosary
6:30 AM Mass
Reception afterwards in
Hall
- December 18th Simbang Gabi
4:30 PM Mass
- December 24th Christmas Eve Vigil
Children's Mass
4:30 PM Church
4:45 PM Mass in Hall
6:30 PM
Midnight
- December 25th Christmas Day Masses
6:30 AM,
8:00 AM,
10:00 AM,
12:00 PM

There will be no evening Mass

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day celebration is on Saturday, **December 11th** with:

5:30 am Rosary in the Patio

6:30 am Holy Mass

Breakfast Reception after Mass in the Msgr. Pierce Hall. Mariachi's will perform at both the Mass and the breakfast.

Each December 12th, the Catholic community celebrates the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year we are celebrating it on December 11th. This celebration commemorates the appearance of Mary to the Mexican peasant, Juan Diego, in 1531. The feast day is an important holiday in Mexico. Please join us!



Advent Penance Services

St. Dorothy's, Glendora
Monday, December 20th
7:00 PM

Sacred Heart, Covina
Tuesday, December 21st
7:00 PM

St. Louise de Marillac
Wednesday, December 22nd
7:00 PM

Individual Confessions
Wednesdays 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM
Saturdays 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM



Advent
WEEK 2

PARISH NEWS...

St. Louise de Marillac presents



Las Posadas

An Advent & Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 17, 2021; 6-8:30PM @ the Multi-Purpose Rm Patio

Doors open @ 6PM; Rosary begins @ 6:30PM

Fellowship immediately following

Join us as we travel to several locations looking for room at the inn. When we find room, we will celebrate with fellowship with our St. Louise family!

Please bring your flashlights!

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Can you imagine a better way to celebrate the exhilarating joy and radiance of Christmas than with poinsettias?

These cheery flowering ornamental plants are celebrated during this special season for their brightly colored foliage. With their openness and flowers, they embrace life in all its blessed richness.

At St. Louise de Marillac, let us remember those nearest & dearest to us, whether living or deceased, with these brightest of all flowers in preparation of the birth of Jesus Christ, who is the reason for this season. Through the ages, poinsettias have been given as gifts, and in this season of giving, let us honor God's only begotten Son, the greatest gift of all.

So please join us and bring your poinsettias to the Msgr. Pierce Hall patio or Parish Center on Monday, December 6th through Sunday, December 19th in time for inclusion at our Christmas Masses.



CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTIONS

As we have done for the past several years, St. Louise de Marillac has the opportunity to make the Christmas holiday better for our incarcerated brothers at the Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic and at the California Institute for Men in Chino.

Just the simple act of providing Christmas Cards and postage will make it possible for these men to stay connected with their families and loved ones during a difficult time of the year.

Because of the security requirements of these facilities, we're asking that all of us donate new, unopened boxes of Christmas Cards and separate stamps. The Catholic Chaplain at Chino has requested the cards for that institution have religious themes.

Donations will be accepted from November 15th to December 5th. Collection boxes for the cards will be in the Parish Center and in the church for your convenience. The separate postage stamps should be brought to the Parish Center office. Our deacons will coordinate their delivery to Castaic and Chino.

Thank you in advance for your support of this program.

DID YOU KNOW?

Start paying attention to TikTok

Keeping tabs on how our children are using social media can seem quite daunting, even for parents who know their way around social media. But if you're not paying attention to TikTok, the newest and most popular platform on the scene, it is time to do so. Check in with children who are old enough to use the platform, and if possible, consider limiting or even eliminating their access. Talk to your children about responsible searching and sharing on all online platforms.

For more information about TikTok, read "Not paying attention to TikTok? It is way past time to do so," by Charles Camosy for Angelus News, <https://angelusnews.com/voices/not-paying-attention-to-tiktok-it-is-way-past-time-to-do-so/>.

For more information on other ways to keep kids safe, contact Linda Filkins, the Parish Safeguard Committee Chairperson at