



December 12, 2025

Dear St. Anne School Families,

The end of November and beginning of December always seem to usher in the first signs of winter weather. Over the past few weeks, we have already had our first snow day, and on Thursday we experienced our first two-hour delay. Please note that the first **three** snow days will be treated as traditional snow days. **Any snow days beyond the third will be designated as Flexible Instruction Days.** On those days, the announcement will read:

**"SCHOOL CLOSED – FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY."**

We want to take a moment to celebrate a very special milestone in our students' faith journeys. On Saturday, December 6, 22 of our students received First Penance. We are so proud of our students for reaching this important sacrament, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to our St. Anne Director of Religious Education Amy Lisson and everyone that was involved for their dedication, guidance, and preparation. We are looking forward to celebrating First Holy Communion with these students on April 25.

Earlier in the week, we held a school penance service on Tuesday, December 9, in the church. Seven priests, including Father Mongiello, were present to hear confessions, giving our students a meaningful opportunity for reflection, reconciliation, and spiritual growth.

We also have a big week coming up! On Wednesday, December 17, our preschool and kindergarten students will present the ABC's of Christmas from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Community Center, performing for their families. Then, on Thursday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m., our Christmas Concert will be held in St. Anne Church, featuring students in Grades 1–3, the Advanced Band, the St. Anne School Choir, and the St. Anne School Ringers Choir. These special events are wonderful opportunities to celebrate the talents of our students and the joy of the Christmas season!

As we move closer to Christmas, we are reminded of the blessings of our school family - students, families, and staff - coming together to celebrate faith, community, and the joy of the season. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We hope the coming days of Advent bring peace, love, and special moments to your homes.

With prayers and appreciation,

*Gregory J. Fries*

Dr. Fries  
St. Anne, Pray for Us!

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# CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

3-5 SUGGESTED DONATION

FOR THE WEEK TO BENEFIT ST. ANNE GIVING TREE

## MONDAY

Red and Green dress down day! Wear red, green or both!

## TUESDAY

It's ugly sweater day! Wear your favorite ugly sweater!

## WEDNESDAY

Wear your favorite Christmas pajama pants!

## THURSDAY

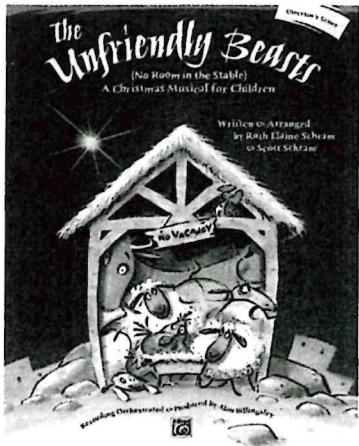
It's a Grinch vs. Santa day! Dress up like the Grinch, like Santa, or wear the colors that match your team.

## FRIDAY

Wear your favorite Christmas accessories! Santa hats, Christmas socks, and necklaces!



PLEASE FOLLOW DRESS CODE RULES AND WEAR APPROPRIATE SHOES FOR PAJAMA DAY AND MAKE SURE YOUR ACCESSORIES FOR FRIDAY ARE REMOVABLE FOR MASS THANK YOU



*St. Anne School  
Christmas Concert and Musical  
Thursday, December 18, 2025*

*6:30-7:30pm*

*St. Anne Church*

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Our St. Anne Christmas Concert and Musical will be held **Thursday, December 18 at 6:30pm** in the church. Performing groups will include the Advanced Band, Singers Choir, Ringers Handchime Choir, Grades 1-3 and the Musical Cast.

**All students should report to the Community Center at 6:00pm on December 18**

At the conclusion of the concert, students will return to the Community Center to collect their belongings. Parents, please meet your child in the Community Center.

**Concert Attire and Costume Information**

**Grades 1-3 Students-** Christmas church best. Students will be wearing "animal" headbands (provided), so please plan hair and accessories to accommodate a headband.

**Singers-** Christmas church best. Singers will accessorize with a red scarf (provided).

**Ringers-** Christmas church best.

**Advanced Band-** Christmas church best.

**Musical Cast-**

**Narrators-** Christmas church best.

**Animals-** pants, long sleeve shirt to complement the colors of your animal.

**Mary, Joseph, Innkeeper-** pants/skirt to complement costume (provided).

Please enter the church quietly and maintain a quiet and respectful atmosphere throughout the entire performance. For your convenience, a cry room and restroom are available at the back of the church.

We look forward to seeing you at the concert. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Riggins, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Carbone

St. Anne School Bethlehem

# **Food Drive**

**St. Anne Third grade and Eighth grade in correlation with the Knights of Columbus are conducting a food drive from November 24<sup>th</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>. Each grade is asked to bring in a specific item or items. Items needed are listed below.**

## **Pre-K**

**Cereal and Powdered Milk**

## **Kindergarten**

**Pancake Mix and Syrup**

## **First Grade**

**Oatmeal, Coffee and Tea**

## **Second Grade**

**Rice, Boxed Potatoes and Stuffing**

## **Third Grade**

**Canned Veggies**

## **Fourth Grade**

**Peanut Butter and Jelly**

## **Fifth Grade**

**Canned Soups and Dry beans**

## **Sixth Grade**

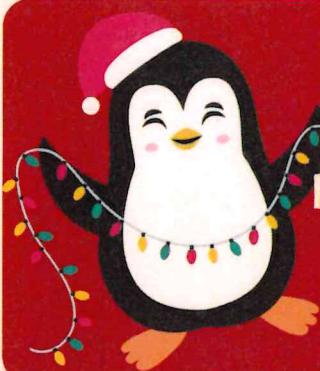
**Canned Tuna Fish and Chicken**

## **Seventh Grade**

**Dry Pasta and Sauce**

## **Eighth Grade**

**Canned Veggies and Stuffing Mix**



**NEXT MEETING:  
MONDAY DECEMBER 15TH  
6PM AT THE CONVENT**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JANUARY 25-30**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK  
AND BOOK FAIR**

**PSA**

# **DECEMBER UPDATE**

**TEACHER APPRECIATION**  
THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES  
WHOSE DONATIONS MAKE OUR  
TEACHERS FEEL CHERISHED.

TO HELP SIGN UP HERE:  
[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C0E4CA8AD28A7F4CF8-59482889-TEACHER?usefullsite=true#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CA8AD28A7F4CF8-59482889-TEACHER?usefullsite=true#/)

## **SANTA SHOP**

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO  
HELPED OUR STUDENTS SHOP AND  
WRAP PRESENTS FOR THEIR  
FAMILIES. THIS IS A MAGICAL EVENT!

**JOIN US FOR  
GINGERBREAD  
DECORATING**

**MONDAY  
22  
DECEMBER  
6-7PM**

SEE FLYER  
FOR DETAILS  
AND TO RSVP



Family  
**Gingerbread Decorating**

**December 22nd 6-7pm  
Community Center**

**RSVP required by 12/18**

To RSVP for your family please use link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4BADAFF94-60675132-family>

- Candy decorations, icing and hot chocolate provided





If you and your family would like to participate in the beautiful ritual of the lighting of the Advent Wreath for this coming Advent, please contact Fidelia Akabogu, Coordinator of Spiritual Activities, at 610-867-5039 X14. You may reserve the Mass you would like to participate in. The Advent season is a time of preparation for the birth of the Christ child. What a wonderful gift you would give to Him by your participation.

#### **FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

Saturday, November 29, 2025	4:30 PM
Sunday, November 30, 2025	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 Noon

#### **SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**

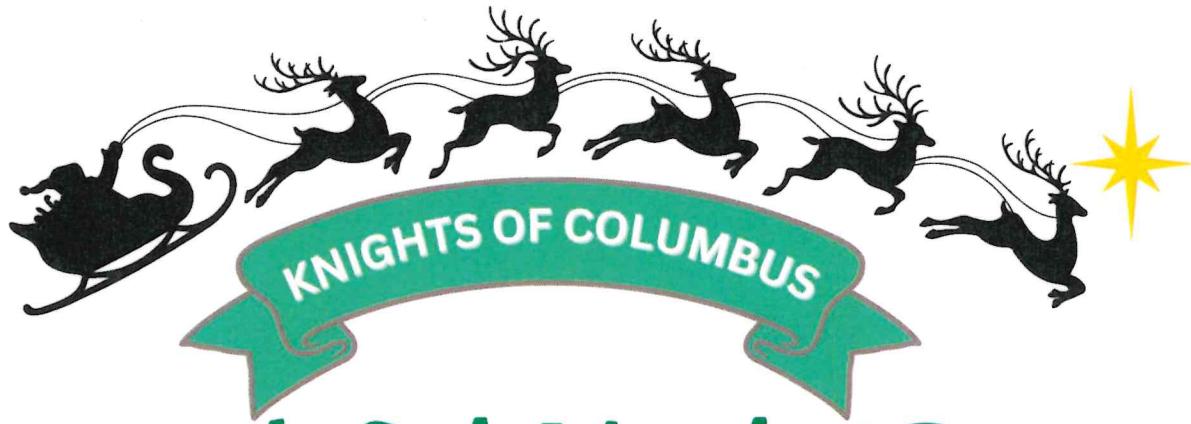
Saturday, December 6, 2025	4:30 PM
Sunday, December 7, 2025	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 Noon

#### **THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

Saturday, December 13, 2025	4:30 PM
Sunday, December 14, 2025	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 Noon

#### **FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT**

Saturday, December 20, 2025	4:30 PM
Sunday, December 21, 2025	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 Noon



# BREAKFAST With Santa!



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 8 - 11:30 AM**

**10+ YRS**

**\$10**

## **BREAKFAST MENU**

**EGGS, BACON, PANCAKES,  
WAFFLES, HASHBROWNS**

**Free photo with Santa!**

**5-9 YRS**

**NOW ONLY \$5!**

**~~\$8~~**

THANKS TO A  
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A GENEROUS  
PARISHONER!

**Under 5 FREE!**

St. Anne's Community Center - Proceeds will benefit St. Anne's PSA

Please RSVP to Anthony Garguilo at [GarguiloAnthony@gmail.com](mailto:GarguiloAnthony@gmail.com)  
(not required but appreciated!)

*Thank you for your continued support!*



# WE WANT **YOU** TO GET YOUR **CLEARANCES!**

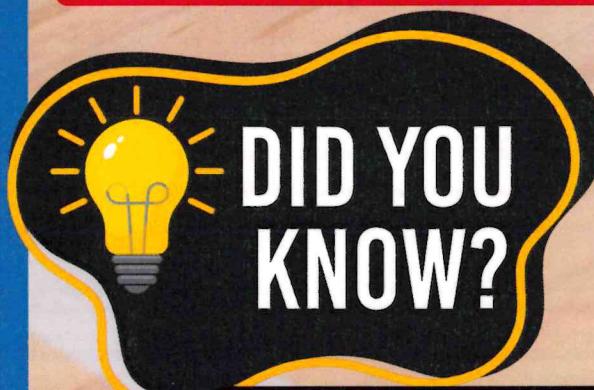


**CYO NEEDS VOLUNTEERS  
FOR THE UPCOMING  
BASKETBALL SEASON!**



**Volunteers are VITAL to St. Anne CYO's success!  
ALL volunteers MUST have clearances!!**

**THIS INCLUDES ALL SNACK STAND VOLUNTEERS, SCOREBOARD, AND BOOKKEEPERS!**



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

Visit **StAnneBethlehemCYO.com**  
to get started TODAY!



Email **ebrida@stannebethlehem.org**  
with questions

Recent studies have shown that students whose parents volunteer at their school tend to have better school attendance and behavior, get better grades, and even demonstrate better social skills.

When parents volunteer, it can naturally help foster trust, communication, and stronger relationships with their child's school community.



Volunteering models the values of teamwork and community engagement.

Volunteering can help children feel more valued and supported in the school environment which can have a positive impact on a child's self-esteem, motivation, and school engagement.



# BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FEATURING THE BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC BAND  
& CHORAL PERFORMANCES



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2025**  
**7:00 PM | FREE ADMISSION**



BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC AUDITORIUM



Followed by the First Annual  
**GOLDEN HAWK CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION  
& TREE LIGHTING!**

Family and friends are welcome!  
Join us after the concert for Christmas cookies  
& hot chocolate, caroling, and the  
lighting of our community Christmas Tree.  
Stop by our Christmas card workshop  
to make a card for a local  
nursing home resident.

Guests are invited to bring a small dessert to share.

Please reach out to [hmaigur@becahi.org](mailto:hmaigur@becahi.org)  
with any questions.



# BASEBALL WINTER HITTING CAMP

Email  
[bcbbaseballcamp@gmail.com](mailto:bcbbaseballcamp@gmail.com)  
to reserve your spot!



## AGES:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## COST:

\$200.00

## 8 WEEKS

Every Sunday in January  
and February

All skill levels welcome

HitTrax is redefining training by measuring  
the batters Exit Velo, Launch Angle,  
Distance, Point of Impact, Play Outcome,  
Strike Zone Analysis and High Speed Video  
with integrated metrics.

Players will receive immediate hitting feedback  
on our HitTrax machine!

## 1 Hour Sessions

1:30pm - 2:30pm

2:30pm - 3:30pm

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Space is LIMITED

12 players per  
session!!



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