

January 11, 2018



# Friday Notes

St. Mary's Catholic School, David City, NE

## Midway Homework Recap

As we clear the halfway point of the year, it is worth reminding you that the best way, in addition to the homework assigned by the teacher, is to help your children improve their grades is to practice reading and math facts. Sometimes the simplest activities are the most effective.

- ✓ **Reading a story for 15 minutes**
- ✓ **4-5 minutes of math flashcards** There are many apps that you can use for reading and math practice. (We are fond of *Math Duel* since you can set one side to multiplication and one to addition and let siblings challenge each other.) A set of math cards from the dollar store works just as well.
- ✓ **Phonograms flashcards (K-2)** Practicing phonograms cards and then having children find their tricky phonograms in their story helps them to put them in context.
- ✓ **Real Face Time:** the biggest way to fight anxiety, depression, etc. in children is to give them face-to-face interactions without technology. Just asking "what did you do today to make someone else's day better?" or "who made you smile today?" may change their mood and brighten their demeanor. It can't hurt, right?

*God's blessings on your families and "homework time,"*  
Mrs. Zook



✚ **Thank you for all the donations!! We gave over 100 pounds of food and paper products to local charities and over 400 pairs of gloves and hats as well. Our donations went to Blue Valley, the local food pantry, Catholic Social Services, and the Matt Talbot soup kitchen.**

## Upcoming Events

**Sat., Jan. 12, Traveling Choir, 5 PM (4:30), at Shelby-Sacred Heart, all are welcome**

**7-5:30, St. Mary's Robotics teams compete in Columbus, Columbus Middle School**

**Tue., Jan. 15, 6 PM, 1st Reconciliation for 2nd graders at St. Mary's**

**Jan. 14-18, DIBELS testing grades K-4**

**Jan. 24, 7:30-7:50 AM, Banking in Schools**

**Jan. 25, Spirit Day**

## VIRTUES IN PRACTICE

### 2018-19 Year of Hope

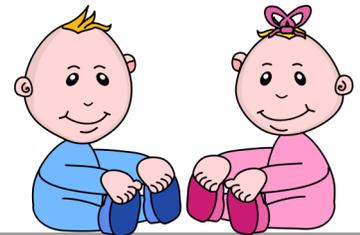
**Jan. Diligence:** doing your best and working hard until you're finished

K-2: St. Andre Bessette

3-5: St. Francis de Sales

*Recommended Grade K-5 Homework can be turned in 1/28-31*

**\*Big Idea This Month: Complete a hard puzzle or task. How did you feel when you finished?**



## PRAYERS AND THANK YOU'S

~ Welcome baby Noah to Kirk and Kristin Scheele, Emma (1), and Sam (Preschool)

~ Welcome baby Emalynn to Paul and Angie Krivanek, Marcus (6), Mason (4), Emerson (2), Brecken (K), and Ella.

~ For students making their **first confessions** this month

~ For the loss of **Richard Wachal**, grandfather to Allen and Drew (4th)

~ For the generosity of our St. Mary's families in December

## A Note from the St. Mary's Spirit Club Spiritual Coordinator

### Happy New Year



2019

Welcome back to school! After the busy and fun of Christmas and New Years lots of people make new year's resolutions—goals to do something better this new year than they did last year. Often these goals have to do with eating healthy, exercising or spending less time on social media. But what if you made a resolution to love God more every day?! Two popular saints, St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, lived by the idea that “God does not call us to be successful, He calls us to be faithful.” That means that sometimes what God wants us to do in our lives isn't something big or fancy. Often it's something small and quiet. Not everyone can feed hundreds of hungry people! Sit in a quiet place this weekend and ask God what he wants you to do for Him this year, then really sit still and listen for His answer. It may be something really simple – like be nicer to your little brother or sister– but if you are doing it for God, it is always important. And remember, even if you fail at it today what God wants is for you to get up tomorrow and try again! This little prayer might help, “**Lord, teach me to be faithful like you.**”

Dear Parents,

This past Monday at St. Mary's and Aquinas we began offering the daily Mass *ad orientem*. Ad orientem is Latin for “towards the East”, the direction from which our Lord will return in His Second Coming. This simply means that the priest, especially during the Eucharistic Liturgy, is facing the same direction as the people. It is not a “compass east” that is necessary, but a “liturgical east” whereby everyone is facing the same direction.

There are many reasons why we decided to make this change, but ultimately it is to help us better put our focus on God, and not the face of the priest, during Mass. When we all face the same direction, with the priest leading everyone in the offering of Christ's sacrifice to the Father, it can be a help to prayer.

Some of our parishes in the David City Deanery have begun doing this, so it will not be completely foreign to some of our students. Last December, the priests began instructing the students on the Mass *ad orientem*, and will continue to do so throughout the next two weeks. It will seem different at first, and take some time to get used to, but in the end, I think it will help all of us go deeper into the mystery of Christ's sacrifice and love for us in the Mass.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Timmerman



## BOXTOPS BULLETIN JAN/FEB



### COLLECTED THIS YEAR:

\$ 1110.40 box tops

\$ 48.60 app

Total: \$1159.00

December- \$171.90

**Top Class- Mrs. Rachel (320)**  
**SCHOOL CONTEST- RAISE \$200**  
**AND ENTIRE SCHOOL GETS**  
**BOXTOP BALLER SPIRIT DAY**  
**ON 03/1/19**  
**WEAR BASKETBALL**  
**JERSEY/SHIRT WITH JEANS**



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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:  
CLIP ALL THE BOX TOPS

WE ARE  
COMBINING  
JAN/FEB DUE TO  
WINTER BREAK!  
SUBMISSION  
DEADLINE:  
FRIDAY, 02/22/19

CHANGING CLASS  
CONTEST RULES TO  
COMBINE CLASSES  
AND THE TROPHY  
WILL GO TO  
HIGHEST CLASS IN  
WINNING GRADE!

