



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

*Roman Catholic since 1914 - Home of the Falcons*



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*Ms. Lori Hodder, Principal*

November 21, 2024

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

Our roof project is finished, and the cafeteria project is well underway. We are hoping to resume full use of the cafeteria in the next few weeks. We are also very excited to welcome Father Paul Michalowski, who has joined our parish community. He is taking on the parochial administrative responsibilities, and will be working closely with Father John as Father Ken continues to recover. There are so many wonderful things happening at our school and parish, and we are very blessed!

Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

- Nov 24 Children's Mass 9:00 AM
- Nov 27 9:30 AM Mass/Student Council Inductions  
**11:50 AM Dismissal/NO AFTERCARE**
- Nov 28-29 **SCHOOL CLOSED/Thanksgiving Break**
- Dec 1 Christmas Tree Lighting 6:30 PM
- Dec 4 **11:50 AM Dismissal**
- Dec 5 Life Touch Photo retakes/group pictures
- Dec 6 9:30 AM Mass/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ring Ceremony  
St. Nicholas' Day
- Dec 8 9:00 AM Children's Mass  
HSA Christmas Bazaar
- Dec 9 9:30 AM Mass/Immaculate Conception
- Dec 11 Jesse Tree Ceremony
- Dec 12 \$3.00 Out-of-Uniform Day/Christmas colors
- Dec 13 HSA Movie Night

We have a lot going on during the weeks leading up to Christmas vacation. Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner, and we greatly appreciate your donations that help make this event great.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving. I am very grateful for all of you! May God bless you, always.

Warmest Regards,

Lori Hodder  
Principal

*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*

MATTHEW 19:14



# ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA CHURCH

*Roman Catholic since 1914 - Sjednoczeni w Jezusie Chrystusie*

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*Rev. Kenneth R. Murphy, Pastor    Rev. Paul Michalowski, Administrator*



14 November 2024

Dear Family and Friends of St. Stan's Church and School,

It was last Advent that I had begun assisting here at St. Stanislaus Kostka parish. With Fr. Ken's health situation becoming more complicated, Bishop Checchio had officially appointed me the temporary Parish Administrator on August 6, 2024. Things have been very busy and it continues to be a privilege for me to serve here. I had agreed to this assignment with the understanding that it would be "temporary" and that I would return to my retirement sooner rather than later. Striving to hold to this even while Fr. Ken remains on medical leave, the bishop has assigned another priest to take on the parochial administrative responsibilities. He has however asked that I continue on as a pastoral mentor while assisting at the school and overseeing the completion of the current major repair and reconstruction projects.

I am delighted to introduce to you and our community **Rev. Paul (Pawel) Michalowski**. His assignment is effective as of today, November 14. Fr. Paul was born in Poland near Czestochowa. After finishing high school, he joined the religious congregation of the Salesians of Don Bosco and applied to be a missionary in Africa. He spent 22 years in Southern Africa, including theology studies in Nairobi, Kenya. Ministering to the youth on the streets, he also worked in juvenile prisons, in the slums, and in impoverished areas. Fr. Paul worked in the youth center running faith-based programs combating the HIV/AIDS pandemic. He also served as a parish priest in the missions of Lesotho and South Africa. From 2020 until the present, he worked in the diocese of Metuchen in the parishes of Immaculate Conception, Somerville and Blessed Sacrament, Martinsville. Fr. Paul was recently incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Metuchen by Bishop Checchio.

May we extend a warm welcome to Fr. Paul and offer him our prayerful support. As you had so graciously opened your hearts to me, may we do so for him. I am grateful for his service, dedication and priestly



presence. We continue to pray for Fr. Ken and for the physical and spiritual health of this community. Proudly, yet humbly, we stand upon the firm foundation of faith of those who built this incredible parish 110 years ago. May we now continue to grow it strong! Thank you for your dedication and generous support of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish. It is our Church, our Home and a piece of the Kingdom here and now.

Devotedly yours in the peace of Christ,

**Rev. John P. Alvarado**  
*Pastoral Mentor*

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*So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

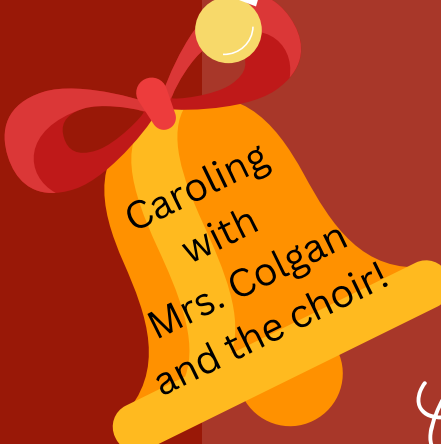
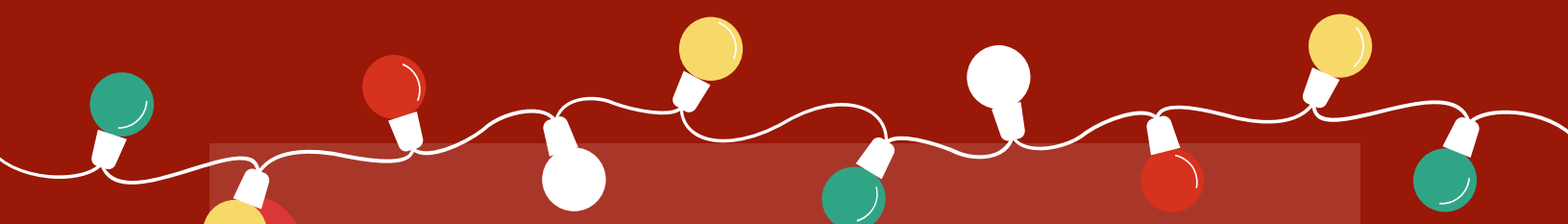


# DECEMBER 2024



## ST. STAN'S SCHOOL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																	
<b>1</b> 6:30pm Christmas Tree Lighting	<b>2</b> 2:00-3:00 Card Club & Chorus	<b>3</b> 2:00-3:00 Ambassadors	<b>4</b> 11:50 <i>Dismissal</i>	<b>5</b> Picture Re-takes & Group Pictures	<b>6</b> 9:30 Mass - 8th Grade Ring Ceremony  St. Nicholas Day	<b>7</b>																																																	
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# St. Stan's HSA

## *4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting*

All are invited to join the festivities!

Sunday, December 1st

6:30pm Front Patio



*Special thanks to our sponsor:  
The Castillo Family !*

# Bazaar Reminder To Do List

**Class Basket Donation**

**Cake Wheel Donation**

**50/50 Envelopes**

Your paragraph text

**Large/Medium Raffle Donation  
dedicated to love one**

**Any unused toys/goodies for the  
toy wheel**

*Naughty  
or  
Nice*

*Dear  
Santa*





★OFFICIAL★  
*Letter from the  
HSA*



Dear Parents:

On **Sunday, December 8th**, the St. Stan's HSA will be hosting our **Annual Christmas Bazaar**. This is one of our largest fundraisers and we need your help in making it a success! Included in this envelope is some very important information – please read through it carefully.

As part of your work bond commitment, each family is required to work ONE shift at the bazaar on Sunday December 8th:

(Shift #1: 10:30am-3pm) or  
(Shift #2: 2:30-7pm)

We need all the help we can get, so if you are available to contribute any additional time, please sign up! The set-up and clean-up shifts will count as ONE "other" towards your work bond.

Set-up (FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th: 9am-12pm)  
Set-up (FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th: 12-3pm)  
Clean-up (SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th 5:30-8:30pm)

(\*Please do not sign-up for the clean-up shift if you are working the mandatory shift #2, unless you have an additional person to report in your place as the times overlap)

The link below can be used to sign up. All spots will be available beginning November 4th.

<https://search.app/JcuBCQoqhrDno37U6>

Thank you in advance for helping make this year's Christmas Bazaar a huge success! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

St. Stan's HSA



Due by 11/18

# Christmas Bazaar

Dear Parents

Our annual tradition of creating themed baskets for grades PreK-8 will be done again this year.

We are collecting \$5.00 per student to be used toward the purchase of items for these baskets. This is an optional donation but is greatly appreciated and helps offset the cost!

Class parents will be coordinating the "theme" for their class.

Along with the bottom portion of this form, please include your contribution amount and return it to the school office no later than November 18th.



- Naughty
- Nice

*J. Claus*



Thank you  
from

*HSA*



**Due by 11/18**



## *St. Stan's Christmas Bazaar*

**Raffle Prize Donations / Sponsorship  
Sunday, December 8th**

**We are in need of donations to make our Annual Bazaar a success!**

Please consider donating items for our Tricky Tray; Medium Baskets; and/or Toy Wheel! NEW items only please! (Suggestions: toys, board games, dolls, candles, small appliances, holiday décor, etc!).

Please drop off your labeled donations to the school office  
by **November 18th!**

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### **Feeling Extra Joyous this Holiday Season?!**

Consider sponsoring a basket honoring a special person or perhaps in memory of a loved one!

If you are interested in sponsoring a medium or large raffle, the HSA will gladly accept monetary donations and create your sponsored basket for you!

**(Make checks payable to "St. Stan's HSA")**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Medium Raffle \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ Large Raffle \$100

(Choose one)

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Donated by \_\_\_\_\_





Due by 11/18

# CHRISTMAS Bazaar



## *Teacher's Cake Stand Donations*

We are in need of cakes or other baked goods for our  
**Teacher's Cake Stand**  
on Sunday December 8th

Please fill out the information below if you are  
willing to donate an item for this traditional  
wheel of chance!



Drop-off: Saturday, December 7th (10am-12pm)  
Sunday, December 8th (8am-11am)

Please LABEL all donations and send this form back  
to the school office by 11/18!

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Cake \_\_\_ Cupcakes  
\_\_\_ Pie \_\_\_ Cookies \_\_\_ Brownies  
\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



DECEMBER

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DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
MOVIE STARTS AT 7PM



St. Stan's HSA  
presents

\$5

PER PERSON  
\*CASH ONLY EVENT

elf

•SNACKS  
for sale

•PIZZA

•BYOB  
(Bring your own Blanket/Chair)

WEAR YOUR MOST  
COMFY PAJAMAS



Movie  
Night



ALL PROCEEDS GO  
TOWARDS ST. STAN'S HSA

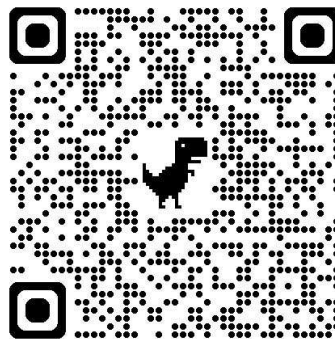
This event is made  
possible thanks to the  
generosity of the  
HOLOVAGO FAMILY!

# Christmas Card Nominations

Know someone who has experienced a loss, is battling an illness, or could otherwise use some extra cheer this year? St. Stan's Card Club is looking for addresses to send cards to.

Use the QR code below to nominate friends, family members, or neighbors. We can't wait to cheer them up with some cards!

Please email Mrs. Pagnotta, [kpagnotta@skschool.org](mailto:kpagnotta@skschool.org) or Mrs. Sobin, [asobin@skschool.org](mailto:asobin@skschool.org) with any questions.





## **Spread Joy this Christmas for Families in Need**

For 39 years Life Choices Resource Center in Metuchen has been faithfully serving mothers and families who are faced with difficult or unplanned pregnancies. Since 1985 they have helped thousands of women choose life for their babies by providing them with practical, emotional, spiritual and material support.

Through community donations, the ministry is able to supply the families with clothing, formula, diapers, wipes, car seats, cribs, strollers, etc. As you can imagine, most of these parents cannot afford to purchase presents for their children during this time of the year.

Our school and parish will be helping out the ministry again this year. We will be collecting monetary donations that will be used to purchase gift cards for families in need.

We are asking for a donation of \$10.00 per family, but of course any amount is appreciated.

If you would like to donate, please send in your donation by Friday, December 6th to the attention of *Ms. Grover, Life Choices Donation*. Checks can be made out to St. Stan's School.

*Thank you for your generous support  
during the most wonderful time of the year -  
when we celebrate giving in honor of God's gift of His only son.*

