



November 2023

WE ARE ONE—ONE DAY OF GIVING



Our **One Day of Giving** will be on **November 8**.

This year's *One Day of Giving* should be as entertaining as the previous year's, with Facebook Live video streams throughout the day announcing our updated donation totals, as well

as being heard on live on WMSA from 9am-12pm. Once again, we have generous anonymous donors who have offered to match your donations at \$10,000. So when we hit \$10,000, it doubles to \$20,000 automatically! This will be a great start to our \$60,000 goal!

You can donate this year in three ways **on November 8**, or *ANY* time **during the 2023-2024 year**: 1) bring a check or credit card to the school at 188 Main Street. 2) call the school office to give your credit card donation over the phone, or 3) click the DONATE button on our website! Please make a note that this is for the One Day of Giving, or Annual fund, so we can apply your donation correctly. Check the school's Facebook page frequently on that day to get a fun glimpse of students LIVE as they bring results to you!

Why the One Day of Giving? Maintaining a building complex is an expense that has been overlooked the past few years. Our buildings are in need of electrical upgrades and additional security. The school should be handicap accessible. Windows need to be replaced so they are reliably functional and safe. Painting and plastering needs to be done as well as plumbing repairs on the inside and paving on the outside.

Trinity Catholic School has served many students and families over many years, and while TCS is celebrating its 40th - the main building itself is much older and is showing its age. We want our beloved school to see many more birthdays with updated classrooms full of children who are ready to learn about God as well as the skills they must master for a changing world. Our buildings also need to change and grow right along with our students' needs.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/1 **All Saints Day**
Noon Mass
- 11/2 **All Souls Day**
Take Time Thursday 6-7pm
- 11/3 **Wreath orders due!**
- 11/5 **Daylight Savings Ends "fall back"**
Super Sunday 9am, St. Mary's
- 11/7 **Morning Prayer - 8:45am**
Veterans Day Prayer Service
- 11/7 **Photo Retakes**
- 11/8 **ONE DAY OF GIVING**
End of marking period
- 11/9 **NO SCHOOL Staff Day**
- 11/10 **NO SCHOOL Veterans Day**
- 11/13 **Morning Prayer - 8:45am**
Mrs. Doe's 1st Grade leads
- 11/15 **Youth Choir Practice 3:15-4pm**
Advisory Council 5:30pm
- 11/17 **Noon Mass**
- 11/19 **Youth Choir at 9:30am Mass**
- 11/20 **Early Dismissal, 11:30am**
Bussing available, NO Aftercare
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/21 **Morning Prayer - 8:45am**
Bussing available, NO Aftercare
Early Dismissal, 11:30am
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/23-11/24 **NO SCHOOL** Thanksgiving break
- 11/28 **Morning Prayer - 8:45am**
Mrs. Stone's Kinder leads
- 11/30 **Trinity Trailer 8am-5pm**

Looking Ahead

- 12/3 Advent begins
Super Sunday 9am St. Mary's
- 12/7 JK-1st Grade Christmas Concert
9am
- 12/8 Noon Mass - 5th Grade
Immaculate Conception
- 12/14 Grades 2-6 Christmas Concert
1:30pm/6:30pm
- 12/15 PTC Holiday Event
- 12/19 PreK Christmas Concert 9am
- 12/20 Classroom Parties PM
Youth Choir Practice 3:15-4pm
- 12/21 Advent Prayer Service and
Caroling
- 12/22-1/1 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break
School Resumes January 2, 2024

SNOW DAYS



You should receive a call to let you know if we have delays or snow days. But, please remember that you can also check our Facebook, Instagram, Class Dojo or check WMSA Radio or Channel 7 News to confirm. (If you do not receive the Sunday Night call each week at 6pm, please let us know!)

VETERAN'S DAY



On **Monday, November 6**, please have your child(ren) dress in red, white and blue school clothes (no jeans) to honor the veterans who will be remembered at our Veteran's Day Prayer Service.



PICTURE RETAKES



November 7th is picture retake day. If your student was *absent* on picture day, please request a paper photo form to order your package. If you would like your student's picture *retaken*, please send their whole photo package back to school on November 7th.

WINTER GEAR



Please make sure that your child has all appropriate winter gear at school each day. This includes a winter jacket, hat, gloves, snow pants and boots. AS we've seen, the weather is unpredictable, and it's important that the students get outside each day for recess and to get some fresh air. As long as the temperature and "feels like" temperature are above zero, and it's not raining, the students will go outside.

EARLY DISMISSALS



November is upon us and with it, **TWO** early dismissal days. Early dismissal for Parent Conferences will be: **Monday November 20, and Tuesday, November 21, BOTH at 11:30am! Busses will be available both days for arrival and dismissal.** All students will need some form of transportation to bring them home on these days as **after care will NOT be available on these days due to conferences.** Appointment confirmations for parent conferences will be sent soon notifying you of the date and time for your conference(s).

*Friday, November 17th will be a normal day of school. This is a change from dates previously published.

ADVENT SEASON

Advent is just around the corner, beginning November 27. The **PreK, and JK-1 grade** Christmas concerts will be quite entertaining and will certainly put all of us in the Christmas spirit! More information to come.

A Child Born to Us!

A children's Christmas musical
book and lyrics by Judy Lind
with music by Vicki Lynn Miller



Students in **Grades 2-6** will be presenting their Christmas program, "**A Child Born to Us: A Children's Christmas Musical**" Our students, and music teacher, Ms. Montroy have already started practicing! You won't want to miss this!

Most students in this concert will need white angel robes (without wings). We will supply colored collars in order to portray an angel choir. Angel robes can easily be made out of white sheets or ordered at Oriental Trading Company. More information to come. **If a student has a part in the musical they will be getting a letter home at a later date regarding costuming, and they may not need to purchase an angel costume.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS FROM

ST. PETER'S PARISH



Join us as we celebrate Super Sunday on **November 5th** at

St. Mary's Social Hall! It's a family event, parents (or grandparents) and children grades K-6 are welcome! Breakfast at 9:00am, age group breakout lessons for kids and adults at 9:30, and a family activity afterward! If you have any questions about faith formation, please contact the parish office at 315-769-2469.

FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST COMMUNION

Children in Grades 2-4. Sign your child up today for next Spring!

St. Peter's Parish is pleased to offer the children of our Parish materials for Sacramental Preparation. For First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion we will be using "Blessed" by Dynamic Catholic. "Blessed" is a series of videos and workbook activities designed with sacramental preparation in mind.

After working through the Blessed program, either at home with parents or as a student at Trinity School, in the Spring, Fr. Mark will begin meeting with the children to assess their progress and determine their readiness for First Reconciliation, and later First Communion.

For more information, or to sign up, please contact, John Schneider, Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, St. Peter's Parish at (315) 769-2469.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS CHRISTMAS



Letters were sent home on Friday, November 3rd regarding the Trinity Christmas Fund, asking for donations to be used for Trinity families that are in need, especially during the holiday season. Donations of any amount should be turned into the main office by Friday, December 8th, 2023.

WINTER FUNDRAISING RAFFLE



Our Winter Raffle fundraiser is very important **It is our largest parent-led fundraiser of the year, and has a HUGE impact on our school budget.** Families will be given *15 tickets to sell during parent-teacher conferences* later this month. *Each ticket is \$10 (15\$ CAD).* The drawing will be held on **Sunday, January 7** at St Mary's Church, after the 11am mass. **The prizes are: First Place: \$10,000, Second Place: \$1000, Third Place: \$500.**

AND the top selling family earns \$100, as well as the seller of the winning ticket!

**This fundraiser DOES count towards the yearly \$400 fundraising family obligation. You will earn 50% of your sales. (i.e. Sell \$50 worth of tickets, earn \$25 towards fundraising. More tickets are available if you sell the initial 15.*

BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL

Thank you to those who have donated to the annual Bishop's Fund appeal for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Through your generosity, nearly 200 students throughout the Diocese, *including 22 students right here at Trinity Catholic School,* received tuition assistance, funded by the Bishop's Fund.

The success of the Bishop's Fund is vital! Through the contributions made, many varied services are provided across our Diocese. Catholic Schools, through the aforementioned tuition assistance, are one of the major recipients of these funds.

