October 25, 2023

# Crusader Chronicles

## Good Shepherd Catholic School

Each of us probably recalls the parable of the Good Samaritan, the story of a man robbed while travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho. Among the passersby, it was only the foreigner, the Samaritan, disdained by the Jews, who stopped to assist the injured man. “He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him (Luke 10:34).”

What does cleansing and binding wounds, carrying a wounded person and waiting on him imply? The ability to look at someone else’s pain and brokenness, to share in his or her disfigurement, to “get messy,” to become weighted down by his or her sorrow, and to disrupt one’s own life for the other’s needs.Daily Prayer 2023

This Gospel selection and the description of extending comfort to one in need reinforces the second Beatitude. We touch the sorrow of sin when we get in the middle of a challenging situation and do what is right and just. When we take on the sacrifices required to meet the needs of another, then we become comfort bearers to the one who is hurting. Here’s the invitation for us this week – to bring comfort to a person who feels hopeless or helpless in some way.

***Let Us Build the Kingdom of God***



## Our Lady of the Rosary

Thank you to our 8th Grade for leading the rosary on Friday! It was a beautiful way to end the week.

## Conferences

This Thursday and Friday,October 26th and 27th, we will have noon dismissals so that there is an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss student progress. There will be no hot lunch on these days, so if your child is in aftercare, please pack him/her a lunch.





## Potluck Lunch for GSCS Teachers & Staff

Thank you to everyone that signed up to donate something for the potluck lunches this week for our teachers and staff during conference days. Please bring your items to school by noon on the day you have signed up.

## Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace

Pope Francis called for this Friday, October 27th to be a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the Holy Land. Our classes will be attending 9:00 Mass and staying for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We hope you will join us!

## Bishop Koenig’s Visit

Bishop Koenig will be coming to visit the school and celebrate Mass on **November 8th**. All are invited to join us!

## Dias de los Muertos

Students have been learning about the Dias de los Muertos celebrations in Spanish and the artistic styles of the celebration in Art. For the month of November, we will be praying for those who have gone before us to enjoy the rewards of eternal life. Students are asked to bring in a picture of a loved one that they would like to pray for on the Dias de los Muertos altar. Please put the name of the person in the picture as well as the student’s name on the back so that we can return the pictures at the end of the month.

## Halloween Party

Boo! The school Halloween party will be on Saturday, **October 28th** from 6:00-8:00. Please register for the party using the link. Halloween Party registration Registration is required and will close today October 26th. We will need your help to make the party a success. Please sign up to help. This is also a great opportunity for junior high service hours.
Halloween Party Sign Up Genius

## Halloween Tag Day

On Tuesday, October 31st, we will have an **orange** and **black** Halloween tag day. Please check the handbook for the rules for tag day dress.

## Christmas Bazaar

Santa Claus is coming to town (soon)! Save the date for our annual Christmas Bazaar-November 17th and 18th. We need vendors and volunteers as well as donations for the Basket wheel. Please see the attached flier and click here to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for junior high and parent service hours. Christmas Bazaar Volunteer Sign Up

Students will be caroling each night of the bazaar. Students who are singing should wear jeans and a red or green shirt. Students may wear a Santa hat or Christmas headband. Participating students will get a tag day slip. Please see the attached flier for songs to practice.

### A Moment to Chuckle:

Q: What do ghosts wear when their eyesight gets blurred?
A. Spooktacles.

Q. How do you fix a broken pumpkin? A. With a pumpkin patch

## All Saints Day- Nov. 1st

We will be celebrating this holy day of obligation with Mass at 9:00. Pre-K, K, 1st, and 2nd graders will be dressing up as saints for the November 1st Mass. Details are coming home in the Wednesday envelope.

Students are asked to bring $1 for the collection.

This will also be a socks for solemnities day. Students can wear socks of choice with their uniform on this day.

## Thanksgiving Pie Sale

The complete Thanksgiving feast is finished off with pie. Order your pies by going to www.goodshepherdschool.net/pieorder by November 9th to ensure you have the complete feast.
If you could send in cans of apple pie filling, bags of white all purpose flour, and shortening that would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up here for pie day.

### Upcoming Dates & Events

Parent-Teacher Conferences-Oct. 26th
Parent-Teacher Conferences-Oct. 27th
Halloween Party- Oct. 28th
All Saints Day- Nov 1st
All Souls Day- Nov. 2nd
Vocation Awareness Week- Nov 6-10
Bishop Koenig's Visit- Nov. 8th
Vocation Prayer Service- Nov. 10th
Pie Day- Nov. 11th
Picture Retakes- Nov. 16th
Professional Day (No School)- Nov. 17th
Christmas Bazaar- Nov. 17th
Christmas Bazaar- Nov. 18th
Geography Bee- Nov. 20th
End of T1- Nov. 21st
Thanksgiving Lunch- Nov. 21st
Thanksgiving Break- Nov. 22nd - Nov. 24th

*Good Shepherd Catholic School develops successful students with the support of the entire community. Our students reach their maximum academic and personal potential in a safe and nurturing environment, leading them to be people of faith, socialization, and character through study and service.*

# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL'S ANNUAL

# HALLOWEEN PARTY

## OCTOBER 28, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00

Registration is $5.00 per person, plus a donation (see class list below). If you have multiple children, if possible, please donate for all applicable grades. Children 3 and under are free. This includes all activities and 1 hotdog or 1 slice of pizza per person (add'l hotdog/slice available for $2). Registration money will not be taken the night of the party, so please send your registration and $$ in advance. All children attending the party MUST be accompanied by an adult. This party is for Good Shepherd students and their immediate families only.

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| **PreK & K** | juice boxes *send in as soon as possible* |
| **1st & 2nd** | case of water bottles (full size) * send in as soon as possible* |
| **3rd & 4th** | hotdog buns * send in on Thursday, October 26th or Friday October 27th |
| **5th** | homemade sweet snacks/desserts (finger foods only) Send in on Friday, October 27th |
| **6th & 7th** | packs of hotdogs *send in as soon as possible* |
| **8th** | salty/savory snacks and finger foods (chips, pretzels, pigs-in-blanket, mini pizzas, etc.) Send in on Friday, October 27th |

**Please complete the registration form by October 25t h so we have an accurate count. Registrations will not be accepted at the door.**




**SCAN HERE FOR PARTY REGISTRATION**

# Thanksgiving

## Pie Fundraiser

Homemade Take and Bake Frozen Pies

Apple Pumpkin Cherry Blueberry

$10 each

Order by November 9th

www.goodshepherdschool.net/pieorder



Good Shepherd Catholic School
and St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

# THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming quickly. There are many families in the community, who struggle to even put food on the table. Each year Good Shepherd School hosts a food drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that they can make these folks' holidays special too. We have until November 16th to collect as much as we can – and if years past are any indicator, our stage will soon be full of our school families' donations. Please be as generous as possible!

## We Are Collecting The Following Items:

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| Pre K: Canned Green Beans | 4th: Stuffing |
| K: Stuffing | 5th: Turkey gravy |
| 1st: Instant Potatoes | 6th: Canned Corn |
| 2nd: Instant Potatoes | 7th: Cranberry Sauce |
| 3rd: Canned Green Beans | 8th: Canned Yams |

**Items Will Be Collected**

**NOVEMBER 1-16**

**Drop Off Location**
Auditorium at Good Shepherd

# 2023

## Good Shepherd Parish 60th Annual Christmas Bazaar

# Basket Wheel



**The Annual Christmas Bazaar is being held November 17th and 18th.**

Each class will be responsible for filling a themed gift basket. Every basket will be used at the basket wheel and we are asking each child to bring in a new item to be used in filling the baskets.
Below is a list of the classes and the themes of their basket.
Donations from parishioners are also welcome to fill each basket.



**All items should be turned in no later than November 10th.**

**Let's Get Creative! (Pre-K/Kindergarten)**

(Paper, crayons, markers, paints, pens, paint brushes, glue sticks, stickers, scissors, glitter- anything arts & crafts)

**Recess Time! (Grades 1 & 2)**

(Chalk, jump rope, balls, bubbles, Frisbee, jacks, toy cars/trucks, dolls, figurines- fun things to share on the playground)

**What's in a Box? (Grades 3 & 4)**

(Anything fun in a box-- games, cards, blocks, puzzles, popcorn, Christmas jewelry, ornaments, candle, mug, -- think outside the box!)

**Santa's Little Helper! (Grades 5 & 6):**

(Bows, gift wrap/boxes/bags/tags, ribbon, tape, scissors, cookie tins, cookie cutters, hot chocolate, candy canes, cake molds, etc.)

**Road Trip! (Grades 7 & 8)**

(Books, magazines, crossword puzzles, Mad Libs, travel games, travel mugs, snacks, sunglasses, fun things to have & stay entertained on road trips)

**If you have any questions, please contact:**
**Kristin Massey at kamassey908gmail.com**

# Good Shepherd's
# Christmas Bazaar

## Join us this

## November 17th and 18th

### to get into the Christmas spirit through song!

Students will meet in the specials classroom at **5:45** and perform at **6:00**. Students should wear jeans and a red or green school-appropriate shirt to earn a free tag day. Students may wear a Santa hat or headband that is Christmas-themed.

**We appreciate your support!!**

**Please practice the following songs with your child(ren) to help us prepare.**

- **Jingle Bells**
- **Santa Claus is Coming to Town**
- **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**
- **Silent Night**
- **Frosty the Snowman**
- **Deck the Halls**
- **Away in a Manger**
- **We wish you a Merry Christmas**

