

November 8, 2017

Dear Parents,

This is the time of year when we begin to reflect on all of the blessings we have to be thankful for. One huge blessing that I'm counting this year is for the preschoolers and their families in our program. Our teachers have spent the last week telling me how much they appreciated each of the parents coming in to conference about their child. When parents and teachers work together as a team we can make a huge difference in each child's learning and development.

Our coffee sale ends this Friday. If you haven't already turned in your orders, please do so. Remember online sales are also available. If you need any further information, please see your child's teacher.

The preschool is collecting items for the food pantry at Sylvania Area Family Services. Please consider donating any non-perishable foods to this worthy cause. If possible, we'd like your children to shop for or choose some items so that they might be able to experience some of the "giving spirit". Please have any donations turned in by **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you in advance for your generosity for less fortunate families to enjoy the upcoming holiday season!

Miss Alexa will be leaving our program and we wish her well in her new endeavors. We're happy to welcome Miss Megan Geldien to the position. She recently graduated with her bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Ohio University and is eager to join us after the Thanksgiving holiday in the Extended Day Enrichment Program. Miss Megan actually went to school here at St. Joseph and has been a longtime parishioner. An interesting tidbit of information about Miss Megan is that during her college career she spent a summer in Bangkok, Thailand as an English language teacher. Please welcome her to our program.

We have a Facebook page that preschool parents have created to keep up with all of the latest news in our program. If you would like to join the group please send a request to this address:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/1536210859939161>

Our Annual Pilgrim Picnic is Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, in the Family Center on the east campus, 11:30-1:00. There is no preschool that day. If you are planning to attend the picnic please remember to R.S.V.P. We just like to have an idea of how many friends will be there. This is always a wonderful time to get together and have lunch with our friends and families. The children will be teaching everyone some songs and saying a prayer at around 11:30.

There will also be no preschool November 22-24 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We would like to wish your family a very safe and happy Thanksgiving. We are all giving thanks to God for the wonderful families we have in our preschool program.

Sincerely,

Nancy Okuley, Director