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NEWSLETTER



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WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scripture

(Matthew 3:1-12) In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to

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INITIAL LETTER FOR COVENANT PROCESS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

One of our strongest characteristics at St. Boniface Parish and Westside Catholic School is our family atmosphere. As tours are given to prospective families, the parents often comment on our family atmosphere and the politeness of our students. Our students are very friendly and easily engage with new children.

In order to build upon this strength, beginning with the 2026-2027 School year, St. Boniface Parish is calling all families to engage in a partnership entitled, "A Call To Participation." Before enrolling your children in school, you are required to attend one of the parent meetings on either Tuesday, Jan 13 beginning at 5:30 p.m. or Jan. 22 beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you can not attend either of these meetings, you can contact Father Christopher, Jamie Wicks or Sister Catherine to schedule an individual appointment. Your child will not be enrolled in the school year 2026-2027 until this requirement is met.

The meetings will be held in the Saint Agnes gymnasium.
Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns.

Blessings,
Father Christopher
Jamie Wicks
Sister Catherine



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come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham for our father”, for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

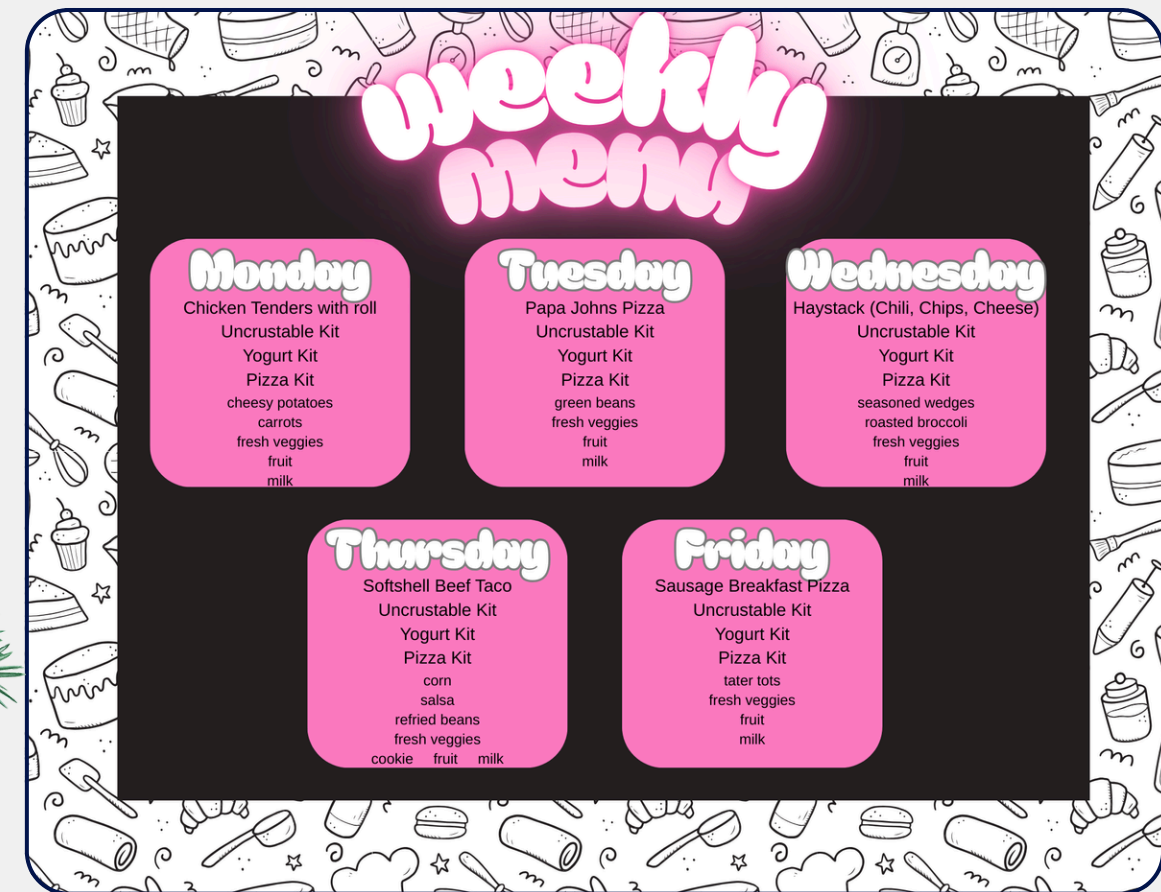
Reflection

John fulfills the words of the prophet Isaiah, who told of a voice crying out in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. During this Advent season, we are also preparing the way of the Lord. We are called to repentance.

It is an opportunity to think about the times when we have not got things quite right. The times when our actions have hurt others or had negative consequences – whether for the people closest to us, for our community or our world.

We reflect today on the times when we have placed our needs over the rights of our sisters and brothers living in poverty. The times when we have prioritized convenience over protecting the environment.

Repenting is not just about saying sorry. It is about changing our ways and trying to live differently. We are called to straighten paths, by looking at what is crooked and unjust in our world and playing our part in transforming these systems and situations for the good of all.



YOUTH FIRST PARENT AND CAREGIVER RESILIENCY RESOURCES



Youth First is empowering parents with monthly talks

December 2025

How to Talk to Your Kids About Grief and Loss

Read the full article [here](#)



STEVE RICKETTS
GYM & HEALTH

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Ricketts is almost halfway through his 34th year here at Westside Catholic. He has not been here quite as long as the school buildings have, but he did spend time teaching at the Sacred Heart building and in the old gym at Saint Agnes. He teaches K-8 physical education and health.

He and his wife, Kristi, are members of Saint Boniface parish. His sons, Easton and Cooper are graduates of WCS. He has a daughter, Jessica, who recently started an accounting job in New York City.

Most everyone knows his amazing “shadow,” Willie. Willie is our trained and certified therapy dog that absolutely loves everyone at Westside Catholic!

Most of the fliers are “clickable” on the PDF version and will direct you to a larger image of the flier, the associated website, or the forms that are needed.

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Dear Families,

The Office of Marriage, Family & Life is excited to share an upcoming opportunity for students in our Catholic schools. As part of our mission to strengthen family life and support the “domestic church,” students, grade three through high school seniors, will soon be invited to take a brief survey during school hours.

This survey will help the Diocese better understand how we can accompany families in deepening faith, prayer, and opportunities for service in both home and parish life. Your child’s input will provide valuable insight into how we can serve families more effectively throughout the Diocese.

About the survey:

- **Purpose:** To help identify the real needs and strengths of families so that we can develop practical ways to support them.
- **Format:** A short and age-appropriate Google Form completed during class time.
- **Anonymity:** Responses will remain anonymous. Students will only indicate their grade level and school. (High school students may optionally provide an email address if they would like to receive follow-up information or resources.)
- **Parent survey:** A separate survey for parents will be available at a later date.

Participation is voluntary, and families may choose to decline their child’s participation if they wish. Details about how to opt out will be provided by your school.

By listening to the experiences of our young people, we hope to learn how our parishes and schools can better nurture faith and service in family life. Thank you for your support as we work together to strengthen the domestic church—the family—as the heart of our Catholic community.

In addition to the student survey, you will also be invited to participate in the **parents and adult parishioners** companion survey. This survey is designed to help us better understand the needs, hopes, and challenges adults and families are experiencing today. Your honest feedback will guide our efforts as we develop resources, programs, and parish support that strengthen the domestic church, your home.

This survey will also be **anonymous**, and you will only be contacted if you request additional information and choose to share your name or email address. By sharing your perspective, you help us understand how our parishes and schools can more effectively support faith, prayer, communication, and family life.

When the survey becomes available, we encourage you to take a few minutes to complete it. Your voice is vital, and we are grateful for your willingness to help us accompany families across our Diocese.

If you would like to talk about any of your responses or receive additional support, please reach out to your pastor, parish office, school principal, or to me directly at mfamily@evdio.org. We are here to support you in your relationship with God and in your vocation as a family of faith.

God Bless,
Megan Knies

**CORPUS CHRISTI
UGLY
CHRISTMAS
SWEATER
DANCE**

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2025
7:00PM - 9:00PM**

**5530 Hogue Road
DANCE ID REQUIRED
\$5 ADMISSION**

**PIZZA, CHIPS,
FROZEN HOT CHOCOLATE,
& BOTTLED WATER
WILL BE SOLD**

Wear your favorite Christmas shirt & accessories with jeans or khaki pants!

**★ WANTED ★
VOLUNTEERS**

REWARD
Help our your child's school!
Get to know other parents, students and the teachers!

There are many opportunities available for help!
Please ensure your CMG Connect Safe Environment training is up to date. If you need assistance, contact either campus.

ALL YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

★ [WCS Volunteer Link](#) ★

APPLY NOW

The online application for the 2026-27 school year is now open!

[Materdeiwildcats.com](https://materdeiwildcats.com) click “Apply” at the top

Or scan the code

**BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**12/12 FRIDAY
5:00 & 6:00**

**12/13 SATURDAY
1:00, 2:00 & 4:00**

FOUR PEOPLE FOR EACH GAME

SIGN UP LINK

We are in great need of volunteers to help cover cafeteria and/or recess duties at both campuses on Wednesday, December 17, during our staff Christmas lunches. This allows all of our staff members to enjoy a meal together—a small but meaningful way to show appreciation for all they do. We are just over two weeks away, and **Saint Agnes still has no volunteers signed up, while Saint Boniface has two remaining spots to fill.** All shifts fall in the middle of the day, which we understand can be challenging for those who work outside the home, but each shift is only **90 minutes** long. Anyone with **up-to-date Safe Environment training** is welcome to help. This is also a wonderful opportunity for families who were unable to complete their Fall Festival shifts to support the school. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and commitment to our school community!

-PTO

MADE FOR MORE

with **CHRISTOPHER WEST & MIKE MANGIONE**

Brought to you by Holy Redeemer and St. Boniface Parishes & The Theology of The Body Institute

February 5, 2026

7-9:30 PM

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Want to be inspired by beauty and the wisdom of the Church? Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Tickets are on sale now and are limited! Grab your tickets today in the parish office or online at <https://aftontickets.com/M4MIN>. Tickets are \$25.



Please contact Amy Schroeder at jimandamyschroeder@gmail.com

or Abby Zenthoefer at abbyzenthoefer@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Check out the promo video at the link below

<https://vimeo.com/251850893>



Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 pm at St. Boniface Church

5:00 pm at St. Agnes Church

10:00 pm at St. Boniface Church

Christmas Day Mass

7:30 am at Sacred Heart

9:00 am at St. Boniface Church

9:30 am at Sacred Heart Church (Latin Mass)



Mass Times

Wednesday, December 31, 5:30 pm at St. Boniface

Wednesday, January 1, 8:00 am at St. Agnes



**SAINT AGNES
CHURCH**

THURSDAY - 8:00 AM
SATURDAY - 4:30 PM

SCHOOL MASSES



**SAINT BONIFACE
CHURCH**

TUESDAY - 8:00 AM
WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM
SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

GROTTO

SATURDAY - 8:00 AM



**SACRED HEART
CHURCH**

MONDAY - 7:30 PM
FRIDAY - 7:30 AM
SUNDAY - 7:30 AM

LATIN MASS

SUNDAY - 12:00 PM

ADORATION TIMES

MONDAY - 6:30 PM SACRED HEART
FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00
AM - 5:00 PM - SACRED HEART

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UPCOMING DATES:

- WCS Family Fun Time - December 14 from 2:00-4:00
- 7th grade field trip to Isaiah House - December 15
- Saint Boniface Bowling party - December 19
- Saint Agnes Christmas parties - December 19
- Christmas Break - December 22-January 2
- Classes resume - January 5
- Come & See Night - January 29



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Mr. Harris - 1
- Zayne Weinzapfel - 2
- Mr. Alles - 3
- Alita Taylor - 14
- Annabelle Barnett - 16
- Kameron Harris - 16
- Ross Resing - 19
- Kala Butler - 22
- Aubree Wolfe - 22
- Scarlett Clark - 28
- Magnolia Clark - 28
- Andrew Craig - 29
- Mr. Ricketts - 30



ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE.