



# Children's Formation Happenings

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*Children are a gift  
from the Lord...*

## Christmas Pageant is coming... Dec. 20 @ 5pm...

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be held **Saturday, Dec. 20 at 5 pm** followed by a Chili Dinner. ALL ages are invited to participate, and everyone is welcome to dinner afterwards. It's also a great time to invite friends for a show and free dinner. Let them experience St. Dunstan's in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Sarah Notaro will be our dinner coordinator this year.

Ross Slaughter will be our director.

Page 3 of this newsletter includes a questionnaire asking for your family's participation. (children & adults)

We keep speaking lines down to a minimum for our leads, and narrators read from their script.

If you could complete the form and then return it to the bulletin board it would help us immensely in our planning.

Practices are once again kept to the bare minimum and attendance is crucial so please try to be there. We have 4-

*Nov. 30th—singing during Sunday school*

*Dec 7 & 14— 9 am to 10 am*

*Dec. 20th 9:30 am -11am*

Please be here by 4:15 for our show at 5 on Dec. 20th

And as usual NO AGE limit on who can participate! Any youth who would like to take part as a narrator, actor, scene director, or stage crew is ALWAYS welcome.



## Sunday School News

Nov. 2008

### Special points of interest:

- Please fill out the enclosed pageant questionnaire
- Sunday School changes inside
- Advent resources available
- Can't make the pageant but like to act? Ask Bettianne about being a magi or attendant on Jan. 11, 2009

## All Saints Day

What a wonderful day we had on Nov. 2, 2008. Five saints came back to visit the children to tell them about their lives.

St. Dunstan (Fred Smoak)

Thomas Becket (John Wyss)

St. Francis of Assisi (Chris Hemus)

Queen Margaret (Marietta Falzgraf)

St. Patrick (Mike Grace)



*Our Saints on All Saint's day  
Becket, Francis, Dunstan, Margaret & Patrick*

After the saints told their stories, the children made lanyards with beads representing each saint.

Finally the saints led us into the church for Eucharist.

Thank you everyone for a fun and creative learning opportunity.

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**Pageant Sign up *Please return this sheet to Bettianne or folder on bulletin board...***

**Pageant Date – SAT. Dec. 20, 2008**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of role preferred; circle all you would consider -

\_\_\_\_ Lead (Who?? Roles see list below) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Narrator (reads script – no memorization needed)

\_\_\_\_ Angel

\_\_\_\_ Shepherd

\_\_\_\_ Animal what ? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Behind the scenes – how? Lights, working with kids?

Roles played in previous years – Circle ones that apply

Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, Innkeeper / wife, Narrator, Lead Angel, Angel, Shepherd, Isaiah, Sheep, Donkey, Cattle

\_\_\_\_ \*\* I'd like to be a magi or attendant on Jan. 11, 2009

**Our practice schedule is below.**

Sun. Nov. 30 from 10 – 11 (Sunday School time) Singing in the Parish Hall

Sun. Dec. 7 from 9 – 10 (BEFORE Sunday School)

Sun. Dec 14 from 9 – 10 practice then *costume distribution during Sunday School time from 10–11*

Sat. Dec 20 from 9:30 – 11 \*Pageant arrival time will be 4:15 for a 5 pm show.

Realizing that we need many people to help the performance flow smoothly and that we are all volunteers in a very busy time of year, we need every family's support.

**This support comes through –**

**Getting to as many practices as possible**

**Coming to practices on time**

**... and helping with the pageant in some way. Below is a list of opportunities.**

**Please rank your top choices and we will try to assign you to one or two of them.**

\_\_\_\_ Helping chaperone children during practice 12/7, 12/14, 12/20

\_\_\_\_ Sitting with the children during the production

\_\_\_\_ Helping with the dinner afterwards (Sarah Notaro coordinator)

\_\_\_\_ Help sort and distribute costumes on Dec. 14 (with Beth Cohn)

\_\_\_\_ Help with props – finding, repairing, as needed

\_\_\_\_ Setting up the church on Dec. 20 at 9 am – Church &/or Meal area

\_\_\_\_ Cleaning up the church after the pageant

\_\_\_\_ Taking still pictures of the pageant and giving Bettianne a copy /cd

\_\_\_\_ Taking a video of the pageant and giving Bettianne a copy

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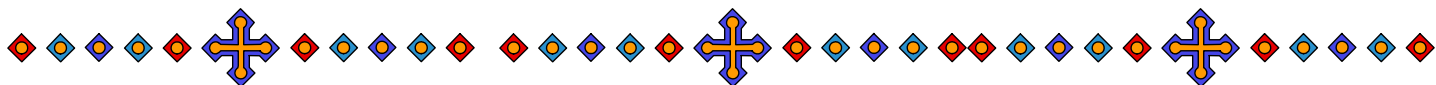
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Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

**Check out our photo album on our web page**  
**StDunstansBethesda.org**



**REMEMBER...**  
**At St. Dunstan's**

*Children learn the importance of family, caring, respect, community, & responsibility by bringing to life the teachings of Jesus.*

*We want parents & friends to consider us as partners in helping children to grow in Christ's love. We'd like to be a resource for your Christian Home.*

Children's Formation Brochure  
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## Terrific Tuesday ...

Looking for a chance to ..

1. Make Advent crafts or a wreath?
2. Have a guided meditation time to start the Advent season?
3. Eat as a family and not have to cook?
4. Eat with friends and not have to cook?

Then TERRIFIC TUESDAY

...is for you. Join us on **Nov. 25** for some food, fun, & fellowship as we share dinner together at 6 pm and then have a variety of programs at 7pm.

*STARTING JANUARY 13, 2009*  
*THERE WILL BE A 4 WEEK SESSION*  
*ON PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL LIFE*  
*FOR CHILDREN*



On the Bulletin Board at church.

See you then...

**Answers to Fact or Folklore:**  
Odd questions are FOLKLORE  
Even questions are from the Bible—Matthew & Luke