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Grand Knight's Corner



Brothers, I hope this finds you well.

1. **Winter Coat & Layette Drives:** For the weekends of November 8th and 15th, the Knights will be collecting winter coats and baby/mother layette items outside mass for the Knights' annual Coat and Layette Drive.

2. **Happy Veterans Day**! My thanks to my brother Knights who served!



VETERANS' PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited: Holy Family School is hosting its annual prayer service to honor the men and women who serve or who have served in the U.S. military. Families of veterans are also welcome to attend.

This special event will be:
Tuesday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Community Center

Please Respond to Leslie Smearden at leslie.smearden@hfsj.org. by this Monday, November 2nd. They are also doing a special slideshow to honor veterans from our school and parish communities. Please contact Leslie for more information on what is needed for the slideshow

On being a Catholic Gentlemen who served:

I recall an article in the student newspaper while I was going through ROTC during my college years at Santa Clara. The author claimed having an ROTC unit on campus was counter to the Jesuit values the University espoused. While the ROTC unit at SCU was Army and my Navy unit was across the Bay at Cal Berkeley, there I was, a cradle Catholic with my shaved head being given the message that some felt I didn't belong at SCU. I remember being quite disturbed by this, not because I hadn't heard this before. Cal Berkeley was famous for dealing with student protests over ROTC on campus. I remember being cautious on drill days when visiting Cal, but, SCU had always been a quieter and safer place and it was "my" campus. Now here was someone questioning whether I belonged. I simply couldn't afford to continue at Santa Clara without my Navy scholarship. I wondered how the school administration would respond.

Grand Knight's Corner
(Cont.)

Luckily for me, a member of the Jesuit community responded to the school newspaper with a rebuttal article. He saw no automatic contradiction between Ignatian values and serving in the military. Rather, he mentioned the importance of these ROTC scholarships to many of the students on campus. More importantly, he stressed the importance of having a cadre of folks serve in the Armed Forces who had been shaped by Ignatian values. He claimed that he felt much better knowing there were Catholic gentlemen and ladies serving who could temper the military culture and help ensure the Armed Forces remained honorable and good. I was always grateful to that Jesuit priest for defending us (me).

So, Happy Veteran's Day to all you Catholic Gentlemen who also answered the call to honorably serve the Armed Forces. God Bless America!

David Smearden, Grand Knight
St. Ignatius of Loyola Council 12853

Second Collections & Post-Mass Snacks in November

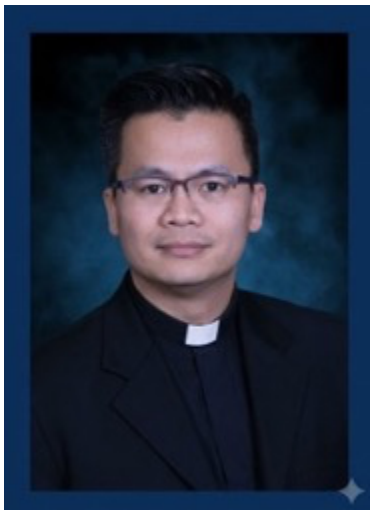
November 8th - Building & Grounds
November 15th – Community Center & Youth Hall
November 22nd – Campaign for Human Development
November 29th – St. Vincent de Paul

OLG Burrito Sale on November 11th after all masses

Coffee & Donuts on November 8th and 15th after 8:00 & 9:30 masses.

Chicken Pho on November 22nd after masses

Chaplain's Message



Why Purgatory?

A few months ago, while attending a friend's engagement party, a gentleman recognized me as a priest and approached me with a sincere question: *"Why do Catholics believe in purgatory? If God paid for all our sins through the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ, why would anyone still need to spend time in purgatory?"*

His question brought to mind a situation I once witnessed firsthand. A relative of mine was deeply spoiled by his mother. She never allowed him to face the consequences of his actions; whenever he got into a fight at school or caused an accident, she immediately stepped in to cover for him and absorb the fallout. Today, even well into adulthood, he continues to live recklessly because he was conditioned to believe someone else will always clean up his mess.

God could certainly absorb and pardon our sins outright. But would simply wiping a slate clean truly transform our hearts? Consider our final moments on earth: can any of us claim that our hearts and minds will be completely free of jealousy, pride, selfishness, or lingering resentment? Heaven is a realm of absolute holiness where nothing disordered or defiled can dwell.

Chaplain's Message
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That is how Purgatory makes sense for me. Purgatory exists not as an arbitrary punishment, but as a merciful purification that frees our souls from these lingering attachments, perfecting us for the fullness of heaven.

What the Church Teaches

The core doctrine is articulated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 1030–1032). Those who die in God's grace and friendship, yet are still imperfectly purified, are assured of their eternal salvation. However, they undergo a post-mortem purification to attain the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. Purgatory is neither a second chance nor an intermediate realm between heaven and hell; it is the final, refining stage of grace for those who are already saved.

Biblical Foundations

- **Matthew 5:25–26:** Christ speaks of settling accounts before being handed over to prison, warning that one will not be released until having paid "the last penny"—a classic scriptural image of temporary, purifying restitution.
- **Revelation 21:27 & Hebrews 12:14:** Scripture affirms that *"nothing unclean will enter"* the heavenly Jerusalem, and that without holiness *"no one will see the Lord."*
- **Hebrews 12:23:** St. Paul explicitly speaks of an assembly in the heavenly Jerusalem that includes *"the spirits of the righteous made perfect,"* pointing directly to a process by which the righteous are brought to completion.

Living in the Light of Divine Truth

To understand the spiritual life, we have to rely on Sacred Scripture, Apostolic Tradition, and the collective wisdom of the saints. These truths are revealed not merely for theological curiosity, but to ground our lives in God's wisdom, strengthen our pursuit of holiness, and encourage us to support one another both spiritually and materially. They remind us that our earthly pilgrimage is brief and that our ultimate aim must remain fixed on eternity.

In the month of November, let us remain faithful in praying for the holy souls in purgatory, entrusting our departed loved ones to the loving embrace of God's mercy. In turn, may their prayers assist us on our earthly journey, so that we may live honorably, do good works, and one day receive the eternal crown of life from our merciful Lord.

Fraternally yours,

Fr. Dat Lương
Chaplain
St. Ignatius of Loyola Council

FOR ALL MEN OF HOLY FAMILY PARISH AND SCHOOL, JOIN IN "COR" THIS MONTH



If you haven't considered attending one of our Cor gatherings yet, you are encouraged to do so. The parish normally has two monthly meetings announced in the Parish Bulletin. This month space unavailability resulted in just a single gathering on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Previous attendance isn't needed to attend. Meetings start at 9 a.m., are only one hour, and are open for all men in the parish, so feel free to bring someone. *Donuts and a Keurig coffee machine and pods are provided*. **;-)**

COLUMBIETTES UPDATE

Delana Romero and Denise Brennan served as Columbiettes Honor Guards at a welcoming mass for Cardinal Peitro Parolin, Secretary of the State of Vatican City. This honor took place at Our Lady of La Vang Parish in San Jose.





SAVE THE DATE:

The Columbiettes are hosting a community Friendsgiving Potluck event on Nov. 15, at 1:00 p.m., in the Community Center. Just bring an item to share for the meal. We will have a dessert auction and most importantly, we will be televising the 49er/Cowboys game! Come and join friends and share good food and fun.



The Columbiettes in their sponsored booth at the Holy Family Ministry Fair.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

At our October Business meeting **Chris Schmitz was recognized as September's Knight of the Month.**

Brother Chris was very busy in September as he coordinated the Festival set up ad tear down . He even served in the extra busy Beer Booth all three days. Chris also serves as Hospitality Minter and a Eucharistic Minster on Sundays.. He is also a Sacristan for Some Sunday Mass times,



PGK Eric Bateman presents the Knight of the Month recognition to Chris Schmitz

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

September	Chris Schmitz
August	John Bosco
July	David Gomez
June	Jeff Stone
May	John Bosco
April	Frank Vasquez
March	Bob Oliver
February	Toby Laufer
January	David Gomez
December	Gil Gruber
November	Oliver Eke
October	John Lourdusamy

Knight of the Year 2025-2026
Robert Chubb

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

At our October Business meeting the **John & Sandy Hesler Family was recognized as September's Family of the Month.** Brother John was our guest Lecturer last month. He helped with Festival Set up as well as helped the school's drop off/pick up site on Pearl Avenue during the festival. He serves on the Building & Grounds Committee and as a Eucharistic Minister at Sunday mass. Sandy is an Instructional Aide at Holy Family Education Center for the 2nd grade.



PGK Eric Bateman presents the Family of the Month recognition to the Hesler Family

FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

September	John & Sandy Hesler
August	Ernie & Blessie La Scola
July	David & Michelle Troutman
June	George & Donna Romero
May	Gary & Jeanette Miskimon
April	David & Leslie Smearden
March	Robert & Jade Chubb
February	Eugene & Josephine Okafor
January	Michel & Tracy Rodrigues
December	Ernie & Blessie La Scola
November	Chuck & Rosella Blalock
October	John & Alvira Chargin

Family of the Year 2025 - 2026
Ernie & Blessie La Scola

SAN JOSE CHAPTER'S SEPTEMBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The San Jose Chapter of the Knights of Columbus selected the La Scola family as the Chapter's Family of the month. Ernie served at the reception and ticket sales table at the monthly breakfast, led a mystery at the monthly rosary, and was a speaker at the recent Degree Exemplification. Both serve in the Children's liturgy of the word and OCIA. The La Scolas are also on the Family Camp committee.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Rev. Peter Phan	11/1
David Silveira	11/2
Uzoma Amuchie *	11/5
Ernie LaScola	11/5
Joseph Salamida	11/6
Amir Gil	11/10
Bradley Vandehey	11/12
Mauro Valcazar	11/21
John Backes	11/26
Jeffrey Stone	11/29
Rev. Joseph Tran	11/29

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may aways be put to the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



PARISH COAT DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Holy Family's Annual Coat Drive following masses on November 9 and 16. Coats will be provided to Santa Maria Shelter which will distribute them to San Jose homeless men, women and children in need of warm clothing this winter. We ask parishioners and families to join us in donating new and very gently used coats on these weekends.

Under Supreme's "Coats for Kids" program, your Council has also purchased two cartons of 24 new coats for girls and boys.

GREAT REASONS TO PARTICIPATE:

- You can help people in need to stay warm throughout winter.
- You can get together with neighbors and help them recycle very gently used coats from their closets.
- Parents or grandparents can work with their children and grandchildren to show them how to give back to your community.
- You can help clothe those in need, who lack basic shelter from the weather and the security that includes.
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WHO CAN DO THIS?

Everyone!

OPPORTUNITIES

November 8th and 15th, we will be conducting our annual Coat and Layette drives after all Masses. Sign up at the Business Meeting or just SHOW UP before and after your mass!!

FRATERNAL TEAM?

Our Council has set up a team of brother Knights who may be contacting you by phone two or three times each year. Members of the Team are: James Lucarotti, Eric Bateman, Robert Chubb, and David Gomez. Their purpose is to determine members who may need prayers for themselves or family, see if we can assist brothers in attending our meetings, and confirm your address, email/ snail mail, or phone number should be revised. If you aren't receiving the Columbia Magazine, that usually means your Knights address has changed since you first joined.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI PILGRIMAGE!

On Oct 23rd Holy Family's priests led 100 members to the Shrine of St. Francis in San Francisco. We also went to the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption to view Assisi-related masterpieces and relics, with lunch at Pier 39.



Knights & Columbiettes who attended

KNIGHT'S ROSARY & HOLY HOUR



Our next parish Rosary & Adoration date is November 18th. Rosary & Adoration is on the third Wednesday every month. Consider coming at least one evening each month to pray the Rosary with your family and friends. Take advantage of this evening opportunity, after finishing your work and a meal, to come to Holy Family to share in the Rosary Prayer and for brief Adoration of the Precious Body of Christ. Moe than 40 folks joined last month's Rosary & Adoration gathering.

PRESIDENTIAL QUOTES TO LIVE BY
{I did not dream these up!}

"The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office." *President Dwight Eisenhower*

"A brave man is a man who dares to look the Devil in the face and tell him he is a Devil." *President James Garfield*

"The political lesson of Watergate is this: Never again must America allow an arrogant, elite guard of political adolescents to bypass the regular party organization and dictate the terms of a national election." *President Gerald Ford*

"Because power corrupts, society's demands for moral authority and character increase as the importance of the position increases." *President John Adams.*

If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy.
James Madison

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS ON THESE DAYS

Nov. 1 Rev. Andrew V. Nguyen
Nov. 2 Mr. Quizzer Besinio, 4th year/Configuration *
Nov. 3 Mr. Fortunatus Nnadi, 3rd Year Configuration
Nov. 4 Mr. Innocent Zirhumanana, Pastoral year *
Nov. 5 Mr. Michael Silva, 2nd Year/Configuration
Nov. 6 Mr. Joseph Nguyen, 2nd year/Discipleship *
Nov. 7 Mr. Lorenzo Caruso, 1st year/Discipleship *
Nov. 8 Rev. Dat Lương
Nov. 9 Mr. Preston Venenciano, 1st year/Discipleship *
Nov. 10 Marco Heredia, , Propaedeutic Year *
Nov. 11 Mr. Quizzer Besinio, 4th year/Configuration *
Nov. 12 Mr. Fortunatus Nnadi, 3rd Year Configuration
Nov. 13 Mr. Innocent Zirhumanana, Pastoral year *
Nov. 14 Mr. Michael Silva, 2nd Year/Configuration
Nov. 15 Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, S.T.D
Nov. 16 Mr. Joseph Nguyen, 2nd year/Discipleship *
Nov. 17 Mr. Lorenzo Caruso, 1st year/Discipleship *
Nov. 18 Mr. Preston Venenciano, 1st year/Discipleship *
Nov. 19 Marco Heredia, , Propaedeutic Year *
Nov. 20 Mr. Quizzer Besinio, 4th year/Configuration *
Nov. 21 Mr. Fortunatus Nnadi, 3rd Year Configuration
Nov. 22 Rev. Eric Piczon, Vocation Director
Nov. 23 Mr. Innocent Zirhumanana, Pastoral year *
Nov. 24 Mr. Michael Silva, 2nd Year/Configuration
Nov. 25 Mr. Joseph Nguyen, 2nd year/Discipleship *
Nov. 26 Mr. Lorenzo Caruso, 1st year/Discipleship *
Nov. 27 Mr. Preston Venenciano, 1st year/Discipleship *
Nov. 28 Marco Heredia, , Propaedeutic Year *
Nov. 29 Dcn Ray Gans
Nov. 30 Mr. Quizzer Besinio, 4th year/Configuration *

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SEMINARY PROPAEDEUTIC YEARS
(At Mount Angel Seminary)
Lorenzo Caruso
Preston Venenciano
Marco Heredia

November Notable Days and Birthdays

Nov. 1, 1776: Mission San Juan Capistrano founded. Each year, the swallows of Capistrano leave their nests around St. John's Day (Oct. 23rd) and return the following year near St. Joseph's Day (Mar. 19th)

Nov. 19, 1868: New Jersey suffragists attempted to vote in the presidential election to test the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which states, "no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States." 172 suffragists were turned away and cast their votes in a women's ballot box overseen by 84-year-old Quaker Margaret Pryer.

Nov. 3, 1903: Panama declared its independence of Colombia following a revolt engineered by the U.S

November 11 – Veterans Day/Remembrance Day

November 9, 1965 – The Great Blackout of the Northeast began as a tripped circuit breaker at a power plant on the Niagara River caused a chain reaction knocking out power companies down the East Coast. The blackout affected one-sixth of the entire U.S. population. Electricity also failed in Ontario and Quebec

November Birthdays: Presidents James K. Polk,, Zachary Taylor, Franklin Pierce, James A. Garfield, Warren G. Harding, and Joe Biden. Others Colin Kapernick, John Phailllip Sousa, George S. Patton, Jimmie Kimmel, Kennesaw Mountain Landis, Tina Turner, Emma Stone, and Scarlett Johansson.

Papal Birthdays: John XXIII, Benedict XV, Pius VIII, Nicholas V, and Clement IV.

WE WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MILITARY SERVICES

IN NOVEMBER, IT IS THE U.S. MARINE CORPS

On November 10, 1775, only five months after establishing the Army, the Continental Congress established two battalions of Marines to fight for independence at sea and on shore, marking the official formation of the “Continental Marines." Two battalions formed in Philadelphia as infantry forces.

The modern United States Marine Corps (USMC) provides power projection from the sea, using the mobility of the U.S. Navy to deliver combined-arms task forces. The Marine Corps is one of the six branches in the Department of Defense and is one of our eight uniformed services.

The Marine Corps has been a component of the Navy since 1834, working closely for training, transport, and logistics. USMC operates bases on land and around the world, and several Marine aviation squadrons are embedded in Navy carrier wings. The USMC role has grown and evolved, expanding to aerial warfare and earning popularized titles as "America's third air force" and "second land army".

Its ability to rapidly respond to expeditionary crises gives it a strong role in the execution of American foreign policy. The USMC has around 172,300 active duty members and less than 32,500 reserve Marines as of 2025.

Brother Knights who served in the US Marine Corps:
Charles Fouts



49er Watch Party

We hosted this livestreamed football game with the undefeated San Francisco 49rs vs the Seattle Seahawks on Oct 11. This was a purely social event and even a Seahawk fan was permitted to join the camaraderie! *(A real DEI event.)* Catered Tri-tip, BBQ chicken, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Sausages and more were plentiful for all. And of course, our Niners remained undefeated.

See you at the next social event of our Council!



BIG screen TV!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR KNIGHTS, COLUMBIETTES, AND FAMILIES

RIGHT NOW OPPORTUNITIES

Sun. Nov 1st - Pancake Breakfast from 7 am to 12:15 pm. All knights are welcome to come and help out, free training so Knights who can help out with serving food or with the setup and cleanup process. Come at any time and stay as long as you can, your family can help if they wish to volunteer.

ONE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Sun, Nov. 8th & 15th – **After all Masses, collect coat and Layette donations** before and after the mass you attend.

Wed. November 18th – 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. Volunteer to **lead a single decade during the Knights rosary** (arrive by 6:45 pm). Bring your family.

TIS THE SEASON TO FALL BACK??

Your warning from your Council to take all necessary actions Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 a.m. Change your clocks BACKWARD to 1:00 a.m. **No excuses arriving late for mass on Sunday -** or at work late the following Monday saying that your 'not so smart' watch had the wrong time. If it's pitch black when you wake, it's time to go to Mass (unless it's Monday and you should head to work!)

MAJOR OPPORTUNITY

Elections are Tuesday, Nov 3 Get Out and Vote!

Tuesday, November 3rd, is Election Day. Knights should exercise their civil right and vote in national, state and local elections. Confirm your registration AND encourage eligible family members and friends to do the same. Regrettably, not all citizens exercise this civil liberty, privilege, and right.

Voter turnout rates have ranged from 50 to 60 percent. As patriotic Catholics, we are grateful to live in a country where we have the right to vote – and the freedom to encourage all around us to vote as well.

Brother Knights can assist eligible voters to ensure all may freely cast their ballot by referring them to nonpartisan resources, whether voting by mail, absentee ballot or at a polling place. Working together, Knights can make history by improving voter participation in their communities because ***Every. Vote. Matters.***



SAVE THE DATES:

ELECTION DAY
November 3

COAT DRIVES
November 8 & 15

COR MEETING
November 21

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 1
Parish Breakfast
After 8:00 and 9:30- Masses

Tuesday, November 3
ELECTION DAY

Thursday, November 5
Business Meeting
Youth Hall, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 8
Coat/Layette Drive - all masses

Sunday, November 15
Coat/Layette - all masses

Wednesday, November 18
Rosary/Adoration
7–8:00 pm, Church

Thursday, November 19
Officer's Meeting CHANGED
Charity Conference Room

Saturday, November 21
Cor Gathering for Men
9:00 am, Charity Room

Thursday, December 3
Business Meeting
Youth Hall, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 6
Parish Breakfast
After 8:00 and 9:30- Masses

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---------- PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS ----------

Al Abrahamsohn	4/16/17
Jose Artigas	3/7/25
Federico Cortez	7/2/24
***Eladio Cruz**	**1/26/26**
Howard Davis	1/11/16
Patrick Dempsey	4/30/22
Richard Domenici	4/21/13
Wayne Dorn	3/7/22
Joseph Frankina II	7/20/23
Kenneth J. Goyeau	5/21/04
Alex Guiang	2/7/25
Charles Hogate	2/22/05
Richard Infantino	9/26/07
Thomas C. Lancaster	2/21/22



*** Deceased during past 12 months**

Leroy (Bud) Larson	3/12/02
Marv Lewis	7/3/23
Robert W. Livingston	11/3/14
John Marks	6/20/21
Lyle Meacham	10/14/16
John Melani	3/30/24
Rev. Paul Mensah	8/2/21
Frank O'Donnell	11/12/16
Edward M. Olsen	8/23/15
Rocco (Rocky) Palladino	12/25/94
Charles Pori	9/4/15
Nick Scianna	9/20/22
Robert Smearden	6/3/14
Carrol (Bill) Spencer	9/1/10
Harry Lee Stanley	11/28/10
Mark R. Williams	11/7/22

St. Ignatius of Loyola Council Key dates and Service Program Events

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2027
Pancake Breakfast – 11/1 **Election Day – 11/3** Business Meeting - 11/5 **Veterans Day – 11/11** **Offices closed** Rosary – 11/18 Officer's Meeting - 11/19 **CHANGED** Parish COR gathering – 11/21 **Thanksgiving– Offices closed**	Business Meeting - 12/3 Parish COR gathering – 12/5 Pancake Breakfast – 12/6 **Christmas Party – 12/12, 6 p.m.** Rosary – 12/16 Parish COR gathering – 12/19 Officer's Meeting - **CANCELLED** **Christmas/New Years – Offices closed 12/24/26 to 1/1/27**	**New Years–Office closed-1/1/27** Pancake Breakfast – 1/3 Business Meeting - 1/7 Parish COR gathering – 1/9 **Clergy Appreciating Night – 1/12** Rosary – 1/20 Parish COR gathering – 1/23 Officer's Meeting – 1/28
FEBRUARY	**MARCH**	**APRIL**
Business Meeting - 2/4 Parish COR gathering – 2/6 Pancake Breakfast – 2/7 Rosary – 2/17 Parish COR gathering – 2/20 Officer's Meeting – 2/25	Business Meeting - 3/4 Parish COR gathering – 3/6 Pancake Breakfast – 3/7 Rosary – 3/17 Parish COR gathering – 3/20 **Officer's Meeting – 3/18 CHANGED**	Business Meeting - 4/1 Parish COR gathering – 4/3 Pancake Breakfast – 4/4 Parish COR gathering – 4/17 Rosary – 4/21 Officer's Meeting – 4/29

!!!! THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS ARE COMING !!!
BUY SCRIP AND SUPPORT HOLY FAMILY'S SCHOOL
WHILE SAVING YOUR MONEY !!!!





Gift Cards (AKA scrip - and NOT scrip**T**) are available for holiday planning needs and for gifting include: **Target**, **Safeway, Lucky (SaveMart), Lunardi's, Arco, Shell, Chevron, Amazon.com, Olive Garden, Chili's, Starbuck's, Jamba Juice, Home Depot, Lowe's** (and more!). Gift cards are always provided based solely on availability from the sponsoring stores. Contact Susan Kloczl at: susan.kloczl@hfsj.org for more information.

SCRIP IS ALWAYS A "WIN-WIN" FOR THE SCHOOL AND YOUR BUDGET! Some are excellent Christmas stocking stuffers or mailable gifts to friends/family living in areas or attending college where these companies also do business



ARE YOU A VET???

Then you should know that Honorably discharged Veterans can now shop the best brands, tax free, for LIFE by signing up at: "shopmyexchange.com" When the window opens, click on My Account and fill in the simple name, number, branch, last four, and service number if you had one of the old ones. Your eligibility will be checked and you will be contacted. Remember, no state/federal taxes. Use your benefits, just like the old days!!!

Happy Veterans' Day

There are more than 1.8 million Catholic servicemembers dispersed over 220 military installations in 29 countries. This total includes families, military academies and VA Hospitals/Clinics, served by only 204 priests

Happy (Catholic) Veterans' Day

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created by Pope Saint John Paul II to provide Catholic ministries and spiritual services to our military, plus, patients in 153 VA Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the USA in 134 countries. Active military and families are served by 204 priests and the VA by 242