

Merry Christmas! The Christmas season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is on January 8, 2017. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. May you receive many blessings in 2017!

On Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> the American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive and bone marrow registry at St. Clare. It will run from 1:30-7:30. Appointments can be made at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) sponsor code stclare13. For questions please contact Tamara Smith, 313.779.9282

If you wish to be on field trips, picnics, drive to events, help with the play, etc. you need to have the Protecting God's Children Workshop. Please register on line at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) or visit the school website: [www.stclareschool.net](http://www.stclareschool.net) and click on the link for Protecting God's Children.

On Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> there will be no school for students in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. This will be a great day to participate in a family service project.

Catholic Schools Week Mass will be on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the 4:00 mass. We need school families to be present at this mass. We also will be sending home a slip for choir members to sing. All families who are registered at St. Clare need to attend this mass. We also will need parent greeters/hospitality. Contact Mr. Fisher or Jen Durham for more information.

Our Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January 29 from 2:00-4:00. Plan now to invite someone to attend with you.

January 13<sup>th</sup> marks the end of our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Parents are encouraged to view their child's progress on PowerSchool. If you do not have internet access at home, the computer lab will be opened from 3:30-4:00 on Wednesdays to check PowerSchool. Just check into the office.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00.

January 26<sup>th</sup> will be a half day of school, with Dismissal at 12:00. Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> there will be no school.

**Parking Lot Update:** Thank you to those who are following our parking lot safety rules. A reminder that nobody should drive past the orange cones or pull into spaces past the orange cones, even if the weather is wet. When dropping off or picking up children ALL cars should pull into a space. The parking lot also has a speed limit of 15 MPH. Parking is ONLY in the back two rows by Mack or in the alley. NO cars should be in the area in front of where the teachers park. This is for the safety of all students.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please continue to keep in your prayers: Sr. Kathy, Mrs. McCreedy's husband, and all of those who are sick or healing in our school and parish community.

### **Sacramental Preparation:**

Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 9:00 Mass is the Rite of Acceptance for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

January 30<sup>th</sup> there is a parent, student, and sponsor meeting for Confirmation from 6:30-8:00.