

# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

"Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage." Saint John XXIII

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"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences."

Audre Lorde, *Our Dead Behind Us: Poems*

December 1, 2016

Dear St. Stan's Families:

Our differences are an amazing blessing to our St. Stan's family as well as a joy to witness. Each day we look to recognize and celebrate our differences. It is sometimes a difficult lesson for children and adults alike but one worth the struggle. Our December goals are filled with looking to help those in need. I want to thank all of the students, teachers and HSA for participating yesterday in our dress down day fund raiser for Sgt. Perry's family. We were able to raise over \$800.00 for his widow and children.

Over the next four weeks we will be participating in three unique giving opportunities. I encourage you and hope that you will participate in all of them or at least one. First, we will be selling Christmas cards for the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen. Your donation will be made in honor of someone on your gift list and you will receive a card designed by students in our Catholic schools. This is an organization very close to Bishop Checchio's heart and one that helps so many in need around our community. Please contact the office to make your donation and receive your card. We will be collecting new toys and baby items for the Ozanam Family Shelter in Edison, a Catholic charities organization. Please see the flyer sent home today. Finally, as we do each year, we have sent home mite boxes and envelopes for the Mission Childhood Association (MCA) which is the Pope's charitable organization for children in developing countries. I know this seems like so much; but if each of us gave just \$5.00 to each we would make the world of difference in people's lives, who have so much less than we do.

Some up coming events to mark your calendar with are the Christmas bazaar on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, our Jesse Tree ceremony during opening exercises on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> (which you are invited to attend) and our annual Christmas Performance on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. December 23<sup>rd</sup> is a 12 noon dismissal with no after care available. We are scheduled to return from Christmas break on January 3, 2017.

In His Peace,

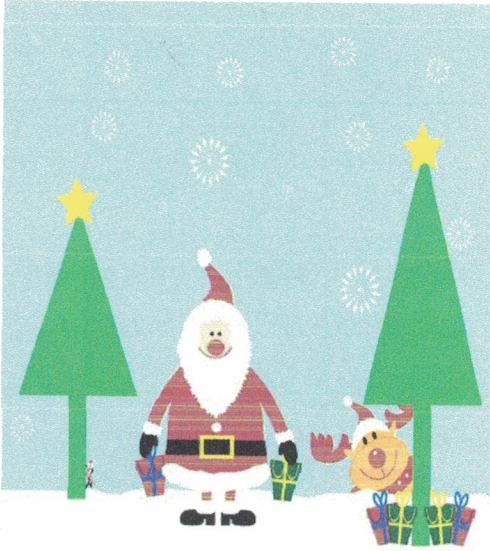
  
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# Ozanam Family Shelter

## Toy Drive

Catholic Charities

Diocese of Metuchen



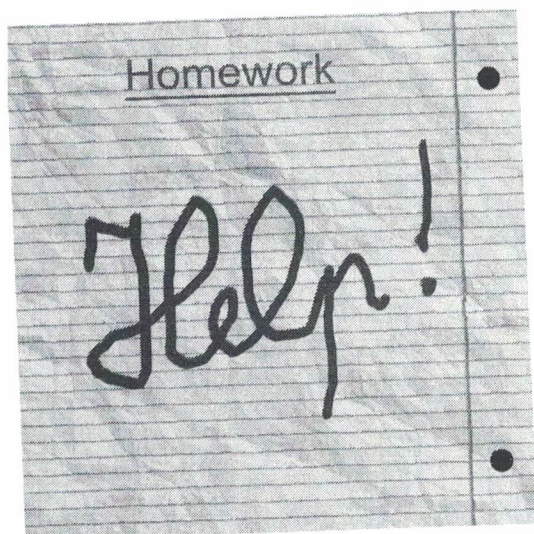
The Ozanam Family Shelter in Edison is a safe place for homeless families and single women. This home provides temporary and emergency lodging, meals, physical and mental health assessments, crisis counseling, assistance with housing, employment and children's educational placement, case management and referrals.

Our school will be having a collection for toys for the children and items that are needed at the shelter such as diapers, wipes, and clothes for children ranging in age from newborn to sixteen. If you would like to donate, please send in your item(s) by Monday, December 19th to the attention of Mrs. Grover. Only new toys can be accepted.

Thank you for your generous support during the most wonderful time of the year - when we celebrate giving in honor of God's gift of His only son.

*Sponsored by the Religion Club*





Is your child frustrated by homework?

Is it an all night process that is draining you and your child?

Are you wondering what the benefits of homework actually are?

Do you feel like you cannot offer your child help with homework content?

As busy parents, we struggle to balance the importance of homework with the day to day activities are families and children are involved in, join us on Monday, January 9,2017 at 6:45 pm to gain some insight and help with the homework monster!

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I will be attending this **parent** informational session.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s Names \_\_\_\_\_