

# Catholic Gazette

St. Anne's School

December 2008

Greetings from St. Anne's Technology!

We all have many blessings to be thankful for, especially during this spiritual and precious holiday season! For me, I am thankful and blessed with a fantastic fifth grade class! As you turn the following pages you will find the quality time and effort each student has put towards the newspaper over the last month and a half. They really stepped up to make this edition fantastic!

As many of you may have already heard, I will be leaving my position at St. Anne's for the second half of the year due to having to complete my capstone experience for my master's in education degree. I have been placed at Minnesota New Country School, which I won't be far from school. I'm sad to leave the students and staff as each one has a special place in my heart. After Christmas break, my brother, Ben Wilson, will be taking my place and I know he is very much looking forward to being with the kids and apart of the St. Anne's community.

I would also like to send another congratulations out to the kindergarten and fifth grade class for their hard work and wonderful performance with the Christmas program. Also, a congratulations to first, second, third and fourth graders for their vocal talents and contributions in making this year's program terrific! Mrs. Virginia Miller is so very talented and as our music teacher we are very blessed to have her! Thank you Mrs. Miller!

On behalf of myself the fifth grade class and St. Anne's staff we wish you and your family the very best of Christmas' and may the New Year be filled with love, compassion and good health! May God bless you always!

Merry Christmas!  
Ms. Wilson

# Preparing for Christmas

By: Mikayla Reinhardt

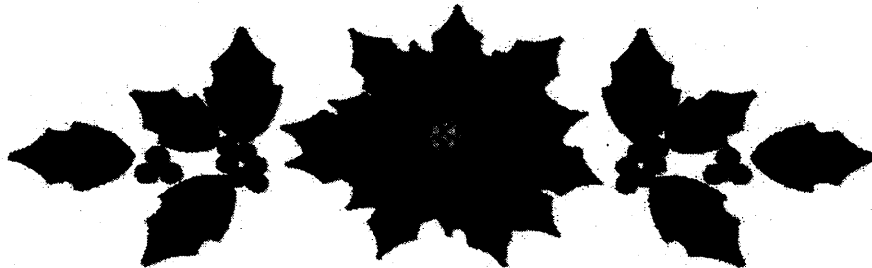
## 10 ways to get prepared

*Christmas is coming so get prepared and remember Christmas comes only once a year!*

1. Send out Christmas cards to your friends and family.
2. Get a Christmas tree and place it in your house, yard or wherever else you want to put it.
3. Decorate your tree, house, and yard.
4. Make Christmas cookies with your family.
5. Buy and give presents! *Remember a good present doesn't have to be expensive.*
6. Walk around your neighborhood or town and sing Christmas carols.
7. Donate food, clothes or toys to your local food shelf or an organization for the poor.
8. Read Christmas stories about the birth of Jesus and about Santa Claus.
9. Plan a Christmas party with your family and friends.
10. Have fun, do things together as a family, sit around the fire and have a ball. Don't be overwhelmed with Christmas!

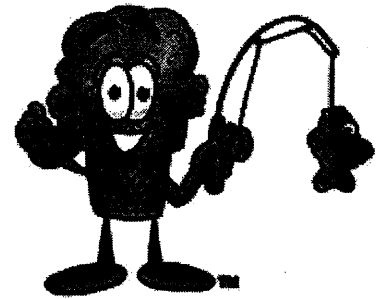
Christmas is in the air and the holiday rush is coming! Get ready for Christmas; because I have feeling it is coming sooner than you think. Everyone should be making his or her Christmas list or you might have already done that. My Christmas wish for you is that: I hope Christmas is fun and exciting, not a stressor!

***Merry Christmas to All and Have Fun!***



# Ice Fishing

By: JP Boelter



People right now are ice fishing for Walleye, Perch, Northern Pike, Musky, Bass and other fish. I will tell you tips on how to catch them, facts and where they are and what they look like. Lets start out with perch and sunfish. They will eat worms and grubs and small lures. They are at the bottom of the food chain and northern pike, bass, and musky will usually eat them, but it is a bit hard to fit a sunfish into their mouth. Now we can talk about bass and walleye. They are closer to the top of the food chain. They will eat fish but a bit smaller then northern and musky do. Bass will eat small minnows and big ones. Walleye will eat mostly leeches or worms. Let's start talking about northern and musky. The season for the northern and musky starts on May 27<sup>th</sup>. If you're ice fishing for northern pike you're going to have to be patient, sometimes it takes a week until you catch one. Once you catch one, be careful not to drop it back in the hole because they are slimy and very easy to drop. For lures, anglers usually use daredevils, which are spoons, minnows and other things that look like small fish. Muskies are a lot harder to find then northern. They will be by the weeds and hide like Northern, but there are fewer of them and they are a lot harder to catch. Muskies will usually only eat things that are alive. Northerns will eat dead things because they are like a scavenger and plain out just like to eat. Now I will tell you how to fish for the fish I have listed when ice fishing. Remember you need a drill and fishing poles to go ice fishing. If you want to fish for small game fish like walleye, perch, and sunfish just drill a hole and feed it worms or leeches. If your mom is afraid of leeches like my mom is just use worms. If you want to fish for Northern, Musky, and Bass use minnows, they work best. You could also use a tip up for the big game. When the flag goes up it means you got a fish. While waiting for the flag to go up, you can fish for small game. If you have more than one tip up, drill several holes so you might get more fish. That's all the information I have. Have fun fishing.