

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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### At a Glance:

Dec. 4-6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Craft Faire 9 am to 3 pm  
Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**8:30 am Mass** (Not 8:00 a.m. as showed in error ...

calendar sorry)

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Spelling Bee in hall 8:30 am

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> FIST Mtg. 7:30 am

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program at St.

Teresa 7 pm

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> **Staff Christmas Luncheon NO PM EDP**

**PRESCHOOL CLOSING AT NOON**

A note from Mrs. Wordelman ...

During Advent (or coming), we wait in anticipation of the coming of Christ. We are reminded by the gospels of recent weeks that Christ will come again at the end of the world, though no one knows the time or day. We are also reminded around us everywhere that Christ came to us, to be our example, at Christmas 2000 years ago. Many times we forget, though, that Christ comes to us each and every day. He comes to us in the form of other people. We meet him in the blessed presence of others. Do we remember that we bring Christ to others, too?

We mark our days of waiting and preparation in prayer and repentance. The parish of St. Teresa of Avila is helping the community prepare through a series of Advent retreats led by Father Thomas Bonacci, a Passionist priest who is very popular in the diocese in this regard. Please join our community on the evenings of December 3, 10, and 16 at 7:00 in the church. The communal penance service is set for Tuesday, December 15. The parish of St. Joseph will be celebrating the communal penance service on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00. Our students will also have the opportunity to meet Christ in reconciliation before the Christmas break.

Thank you to EVERYONE in the community who supported this year's gala! It was a great success. We are still waiting to collect funds from some persons, but we are close to meeting our goal of \$65,000.

Take advantage of the beautiful Christmas tradition that is "St. Joseph": the Christmas Craft Faire! This event has become a staple around our community in preparing for the holidays. Thank you to Micelle Whalley, who has outdone herself again in coordinating this event.

Once again, the team that parents and teachers form makes our students successful. Your involvement with teachers is so critical! If you have ANY questions or

concerns, do not hesitate to bring them to your teacher. I welcome your communication as well.

In this season of waiting, I wish you peace,

Mrs. Wordelman

**Baked Goods/Soda:** The Christmas Faire really needs donations of home baked cookies, brownies, cakes, pies etc. and soda donations – 2 liter bottles. Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you!

**An Occasional Paper Trail:** The following three informational flyers were sent home today on paper with your children. Please ask to see them if they forget to give them to you.

- **Christmas Nativity Reenactment:** All 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested should meet in the church on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. Please call Judy Jones at 823-7122 if you have any questions.
- **Christmas Caroling Schedule:** Once again the Circle of Friends Ministry will be caroling at nursing homes in the area. St. Joseph students are invited to join them. Please see the schedule of dates, times and locations. The schedule went home to students in grades 1-4, but Liturgy Committee members, FIST members, Student Council members, etc are invited to sing along as well! Please call Barbara Freuler at 889-2254 if you have any questions.
- **Baby Pictures Needed:** As you know, the yearbook contains the "baby picture" section of our soon to be graduates. Baby pictures of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders (only) are needed by December 18<sup>th</sup>. Good news ... our yearbook is going digital this year, so all pictures will be returned! See Mr. Socik if you have questions.

**EDP News:** Tomorrow is the first day of the Craft Faire. If you plan on leaving your child in EDP, you must be registered. Registration fees and hours must be purchased in advance when students stay in EDP. In addition, Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> is a minimum day with dismissal at 11:45 a.m. This is the last day of school before Christmas vacation and also the staff Christmas luncheon. **THERE WILL BE NO AFTERNOON EDP ON THIS DAY SO ALL STAFF CAN ATTEND THE LUNCHEON. PRESCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON THIS DAY AS WELL. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS AND MAKE CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS.**  
Thank you for your understanding.