

DECEMBER

NEWS

December 4, 2018

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are preparing for Christmas. December is busy month, I hope you are able to find time for peace filled waiting and Advent stillness. Perhaps just five minutes a day to gather around the Advent Wreath or Advent Calendar to set the tone for your joyful anticipation of Christmas. Let us remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Advent is an especially lovely season and we can make great use of it. With the beginning of the season of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. Advent comes from the Latin word for an "arrival" or a "coming". Advent means that the Lord is coming. Jesus Christ, our brother in our humanity and our God in His divinity is about to arrive. But He comes to us in different ways. First, Jesus came to us at a specific point in history at Bethlehem about 2000 years ago. But in the Church's great feast of Christmas He mystically comes again. Second, the Lord, Alpha and Omega, will come to judge the living and the dead in the Second Coming. Third, the Redeemer comes to us in grace. He speaks to us in our consciences; he comes to us in the Eucharist and in the Word of God proclaimed. He arrives in the person of the beggar, the needy, the suffering, and the oppressed. We must be ready to receive and welcome Him when He comes, however He comes.

Report Cards will be on Thursday, December 13th. Please read the attached letter.

Please mark your calendar:

Wednesday, December 5 th	Picture Retakes
Thursday, December 6 th	St. Nicholas Day
Friday, December 7 th	9am Mass
Saturday, December 8 th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception- Holy Day
Monday, December 10 th	Christmas Shoppe
Tuesday, December 11 th	Christmas Shoppe
Wednesday, December 12 th	Confessions Grades 3 - 8
Friday, December 14 th	Craft Day
Thursday, December 20 th	Spirit Wear Day
	Christmas Pageant in Church 7pm
	Christmas Holidays begin

Dates are also available on the calendar sent home in the communication envelope and on the MSP calendar.

May the joy and expectation of this Advent Season be yours. Our prayer is that the Christ Child will bring peace to your heart and to your home. Let us pray for each other during this Holy Season.

Gratefully,
Sister Helen

