

St. Joseph Catholic School Newsletter

December 5, 2017

Growing in faith and knowledge to serve God and community.

St. Joseph Catholic School Mission



Early Dismissal This Wednesday, December 6, our students will be dismissed along with public school students at 2:15. Buses will run at this time. If your student does not ride the bus, please make arrangements to pick them up at 2:15.

Program Our Christmas Program will be held this Wednesday, December 6, beginning at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Students in K-6 will be presenting the program and should come dressed in their Sunday best. Students are to arrive by 6:45 and gather at the east end of the Parish Center.

In holding with tradition, we ask each family to bring a finger food to enjoy after the program. Following the program, all are welcome to enjoy the treats and fellowship.

Vocations Crucifix Thanks to the Jill and Branden Ritchie family for hosting the vocations crucifix this week. The Jennifer and Scott Klepper family will host the crucifix for the coming week.

Lunches The cooks will be sending home notices for those who have overdue lunch accounts. If you are not current in your payment for your child's lunches, please take care of payment by December 15. If you have been paying lunches on a regular basis, December lunch money is now due. Lunches are \$57 per month and extra milks are \$8.

Holy Day This Friday, December 8, we will not have school to honor the feast day of the Immaculate Conception. This is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be offered on December 7 in Claflin at 7:00pm and on December 8 in Ellinwood at 7:00pm.

Gift As we have done in the past, we will be collecting donations towards a Christmas gift for Father Klein. Please send your donation to school by December 7.

Basketball The Catholic League Tournament will be held this weekend, December 9/10 here in Ellinwood. Saturday's schedule is as follows:

10:00am ó B Girls - POP vs Sacred Heart

11:00am ó B Girls ó St. John vs SJS

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1:00pm ó B Boys ó SJS vs St. John

2:00pm ó A Girls ó St. John vs SJS

3:15pm ó A Boys ó POP vs Sacred Heart

4:30pm ó A Boys ó SJS vs St. John

All games are at the EHS gym. Use the east entrance by the library.

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Angels Students, faculty, and staff are enjoying acting as Secret Advent Angels to one another. When we reveal our identities to each other, we share a special card or craft that we have made together in class. If your child would like to add a small candy treat, that is fine, but please do not purchase a gift. This activity is not meant to be a gift exchange. When some students receive gifts and others do not, it makes it difficult for students to understand why some are getting gifts and others not ó especially the younger students.

Amazon Before you begin your Christmas shopping online, remember to purchase Amazon gift cards and shop through Amazon Smile. This is a simple way to earn cash for SJCS throughout the Christmas season.

Weekend Mass Weekend mass times are at 5:00pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday. This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. Press the CTRL key then click on this link to find the scripture readings for this weekend. <http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/inspiration.htm>

Father will read from the Gospel of Mark 1:1-8 ó he will baptize you with the holy Spirit.ö How can I help my children remain focused on the true meaning of the season of Advent?