

St. Joseph Religious Education

Calendar

Updates and Reminders

December 1 **St Nicholas Festival
6:00pm in church**

December 3 **Religious Education
8th Grade
Confirmation
Assignments Due
Regarding Sponsors**

December 10 **Religious Education**

December 17 **Religious Education
Family Mass, 10am**

December 24 **No Classes
Christmas Break**

Advent is just around the corner!

One way to watch for Jesus' coming is to look for and take advantage of chances to do His work; there'll be lots of opportunities this month:

Celebrate **St. Nicholas** on Friday, December 1st at 6pm in church. Before you head over to the tree lighting and Holiday Lights, start your evening with us. Our celebration will be filled with singing Christmas Carols; the story of St. Nicholas, and enjoy a special visitor! Like the tradition of St. Nicholas, kids will leave their shoes at the back of church and receive a special holiday gift in them! After the celebration, a trolley will take you to Irwin Park for the tree lighting ceremony. Also, let's pay St. Nicholas' generosity forward by bringing a new unwrapped toy for Respond Now.

Food Drive Please donate non-perishable items for Catholic Charities on December 10. There will be cars parked in front of church to collect your donations but your children can also put them in collection boxes at the school main office.

Each year during advent we send home a flyer stapled to a sandwich bag for collecting spare change for the **St. Vincent De Paul Society**. It'll be neon pink, you can't miss it. Please take the time to read the prayer on that flyer with your family. This year, we are asking that you bring your spare change to Family Mass on December 17th, the third day of Advent which is Joyful Sunday! We light the rose or pink candle on the advent wreath. Get into the spirit and wear something with rose or pink colors to Family Mass!

Thank you for your generosity in helping to spread goodwill. Wishing you a joyous and peaceful advent and Christmas.



DATE

CHANGE:

Family Mass is on the 17th not the 10th as listed on the original calendar.

5th graders will proclaim the word!

Blessing of the crèche immediately following, don't miss it.

