



St. Ignatius of Loyola

PSR NEWSLETTER

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Our theme for this year is: "We Are Many Parts, We Are One Body". Our scripture focus is: "As a body is one though it has many parts, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

DECEMBER 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 25 – Thanksgiving Break – No Class

December 1 – First Reconciliation in Church-Grade 2 at 1:00 p.m.

December 2 – Advent Prayer Service in Cafeteria at 9:40 a.m. First Sunday of Advent. Light one PURPLE candle on your advent wreath at home (we have extra advent wreaths if anyone needs one for their house)

December 2 – Visit from St. Nick-Nativity Raffle

December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent. Light two PURPLE candles on your Advent wreath.

December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent. Light two PURPLE and one PINK candle on your Advent wreath

December 17– Parish Reconciliation Service in Church, 7 p.m.

December 19 – Christmas Pageant in Church-Grade 4 at 6:30 p.m.

December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent. Light all four candles on your Advent wreath.

December 23 – Merry Christmas – No Class

December 30 – Happy New Year – No Class

January 1 – Happy New Year

January 6 – Classes Resume

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they make their First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 1, and also pray for our PSR Director Mary Ann Bosse, as she continues to recover from her illness. She misses everyone and hopes to be back to PSR on Sundays as soon as she can!

Our first Pulse of the PSR/Parent Social was a success. You will find meeting minutes along with this newsletter today. We are planning on meeting again after the New Year. You will find more information in next month's newsletter.

On Sunday, December 2nd, we begin the season of Advent. The First Sunday of Advent is not the beginning of the Christmas Season. Rather, it is the beginning of a preparation time when we focus on faithful anticipation. We anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth, when he came into the world as our Lord and Savior. And we anticipate the coming of Jesus in our walk of faith every day, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist and in our acts of love, charity and justice towards others. Throughout Advent, gather as a family for prayers at the dinner table. You can focus your efforts as a family on ways to offer your resources to others, such as participating in the Parish Giving Tree or volunteering your time together to help those in need. Watch the weekly bulletin for opportunities to share your time and talents with others in and out of our parish community. As we plan for the month of December, which is always very busy, make sure to take time to visit God and attend Mass each Sunday as a family.

Another friendly reminder that classes begin promptly at 8:30 on Sunday mornings. Please try your best to have your child arrive a few minutes early to prepare for class. If your child has to miss class for any reason, please email or call the PSR office to let us know. Finally, please see the information about Snow Procedures later in this newsletter.

*May you have a blessed month!
Elaine Kroger, for Mary Ann Bosse*

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

Please join us for our Advent Prayer Service on **Sunday, December 2nd at 9:40 a.m.** in the Cafeteria. The students will have class on that day

and their teachers will bring them to the Cafeteria for the Prayer Service. At the service, each child will receive an Advent Calendar to use during Advent. This is a great way for the family to gather once a day and reflect on the coming of Jesus. We will have extra Advent wreaths available at the prayer service if your family needs one.

ST. NICK VISIT

After the Prayer Service, St. Nick will visit and each child will receive a treat bag. The students will be dismissed from the Cafeteria so please check the bag for any allergy concerns.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Did you remember to send in your Christmas Raffle tickets? The Nativity set will be raffled at our Advent Prayer Service, and is displayed outside the Cafeteria doors. The chances are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Thank you to Deacon Tony Gagliarducci, who generously donated the beautiful handmade stable this year. The money we collect from this raffle is used to buy a gift for the priests for Christmas.

NEW/GENTLY USED TOY COLLECTION

Thank you for all the "New" or "Gently Used" Toys that were sent in. The new toys will be taken to McCreary County, Kentucky to be given to a child there and the gently used toys will be given to St. Leo's Parish for their Toy and Collection Drive in which the families can purchase the toys for a very reasonable price to be given to their children at Christmas. ***Thank you very much for your generosity. Thanks, too, to the seventh grade class and Mrs. Janet Wimberg who organized this event.***

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The second grade students will receive their First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 1st at 1:00 pm. This is a very exciting time in their life as they continue to prepare to make their First Holy Communion in the Spring. Special thanks to Mr. Rick Thomas for his efforts in preparing the children for this special event!

CONFESSIONS

St. Ignatius will have an Advent Reconciliation service on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 pm that we encourage you to attend as a family. Confessions are also available from 3:00-4:00 pm on Saturdays and 7:00-7:30 pm on Mondays at

Church every week. We encourage your entire family to frequent this Sacrament. The special graces that flow from Reconciliation will bless your whole family. Students will not be scheduled during class time for confessions this Advent.

SNOW PROCEDURES

If we cancel class due to poor weather conditions, you will be notified by your oldest child's teacher as soon as possible that morning, so please make sure that we have your current telephone number. Remember safety comes first!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m., all 4th Grade students are invited and encouraged to participate in the Annual Christmas Pageant. Information will be given to each 4th grade student. We hope to see some of our students show their talents!

CAROLING AT WEST PARK

Check the bulletin for information about caroling at West Park this year! Questions, please call Geri Tengler at 741-4758.

MERRY CHRISTMAS WISHES

Father Geoff Drew; Father Dave Kobak OFM; Deacon Tony Gagliarducci, Deacon Mike Erb, Deacon Butch Homoelle, Deacon Tim Helmick ; Sister Lucy Zintek, CDP; Kim Abele; Elaine Kroger, Mary Ann Bosse; Marlene Schirmer; Marlene Dole, Maureen Reis, Tyler Menke and the PSR Teachers: Christy Weber; Lori Fronk, Emily LaPorte, Rick Thomas; Carol Phillips; Kris Schoettmer, Samantha Mossing; Fred Hunt, Janet Wimberg and Tom Fronk would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year!

