



St. Ignatius of Loyola

## **PSR NEWSLETTER**

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Our theme for this year is: "We are Many Parts, We are all 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)

### **JANUARY 2019**

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 17- Parish Reconciliation Service in Church, 7 pm

December 19- 4<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Pageant in Church, 6:30 pm- All are welcome to attend.

December 23- Merry Christmas- NO CLASSES

December 25- Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

December 30- Happy New Year- NO CLASSES

January 1 – Octave of Christmas, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

January 6 – Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 6- Classes Resume; Teacher Appreciation Day

January 13- Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 13- Class

January 20- Class

January 27- Class

January 30 (Wed)- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Eucharist Family Meeting, 7 pm in Church (snow date-Feb 6)

February 3- Class

February 3- 5<sup>th</sup> grade ACRE assessment

February 3- Pulse of the PSR Parent Meeting and Social; 8:30 am

#### **A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR**

May God bless you and your families abundantly this Christmas season and in the New Year, 2019!

As the Advent season ends on Christmas, the new Christmas season begins! Continue to celebrate the gift that God gave us in his Son, Jesus, throughout the liturgical season of Christmas which extends through the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

As you make your New Year resolutions, may you resolve to spending more time together as a family in prayer. Ask your child(ren) to help lead your family in prayer. Go to Mass together with your children, and reserve your Sundays as a day to rest and recharge each week.

With the New Year, sometimes snow can be plentiful. Please review the Snow Policy listed later in this newsletter, and let us know of any updates to phone numbers so we can reach you should classes need to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

So many thanks for the tremendous outpouring of new and gently used toys for the Toy Drive! The seventh grade led this drive and set a lofty goal of collecting 215 toys, which through your generosity, was exceeded! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! The toys were delivered to McCreary County, KY and St. Leo's Parish here in Cincinnati, OH.

Congratulations to our Second Graders who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Dec. 1! A reminder to all that **the Parish is hosting a Reconciliation Service on December 17 at 7 pm in the Church.** Father Geoff is encouraging families to come to confession together. Confessions are scheduled weekly on Monday night from 7-7:30 pm; Wednesday morning from 10-10:30 am, and Saturday afternoon from 3-4 pm.

Our Advent Prayer Service was a lovely, prayerful time together to kick off the season. Special thanks to the Fronk Family for planning and practicing with our *awesome readers* (Thank you readers!), as well as helping out with our visitor- St. Nick. Thanks to Deacon Tim Helmick for leading the service in prayer and blessing, and to Mr. Tyler Menke for leading us in song.

Congratulations to Ben Wood who won the Nativity set. The money collected through the raffle and from your family envelopes will be used for gifts for

the priests and deacons. Thank you again for your generosity!

Let us continue to try to do good deeds all year long by visiting a nursing home, sending cards to neighbors, or by helping the elderly in your community shovel snow. Offer to pray or watch Mass with those who are shut-in. You can find many opportunities for volunteering in the weekly bulletin!

Please continue to 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. If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement from your family, she would really love it! Your child can give those cards or notes to their teacher and we will forward them to her.

Our next Pulse of the PSR/Parent Social is scheduled for Sunday, February 3. Please make plans to attend! We will start promptly at 8:35.

*Blessings!*

*Elaine Kroger, for Mary Ann Bosse*

### **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. As much as we want to see your children every Sunday morning, remember safety comes first!

### **FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILY MEETING**

Second grade parents, please mark your calendar for the First Eucharist Family Meeting on Wednesday, January 30 at 7 pm in Church. More information will come home with your child in January.

### **FIRST COMMUNION DONATIONS!**

If you are in search of a dress or suit for your child for their First Communion, please contact Kim Abele in the Parish Office at 389-3247 x2706 or email her at [saintipsr@gmail.com](mailto:saintipsr@gmail.com). Several outfits have been donated over the years and we are happy to pass them onto anyone who needs it.

### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Baptism is the Sacrament by which we are welcomed into the Church. We become children of God and heirs to eternal life with God in heaven. Our Baptism is a very

important day for us as the whole Church. This is a wonderful feast for a family celebration. Maybe you could gather information about the Baptism of each person in your family. Tell stories that you've heard or things you remember about your Baptism and share photographs of those special days. Especially focus on the day of your child's Baptism. Tell your child everything you can remember about the day: the parish, the priest or deacon who baptized your child, the celebration, and show them pictures. Most of all, share with your child the joy you experienced on that day. Help your child better understand the significance of this very special moment when he or she started a life in Christ that will last forever.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY-SHELTER HOUSE**

Every first Saturday of the month St. Ignatius Parish provides a meal to the homeless at the new Shelter House location in Queensgate. We need 4 cooks, at least 6-8 teen helpers and 3-4 parent drivers every month. Spaghetti, meatballs, sauce, and the pan to make the meal are provided and can be picked up from the Parish Office before 4:00 pm on the Friday before the first Saturday of each month. **We are always in need of volunteers.** On the website ([sainti.org](http://sainti.org)) under links, click Volunteer at Shelterhouse to sign up, or contact Mrs. Abele at 661-6565 x 2706. **VOLUNTEERS MUST SIGN UP THE WEEK BEFORE.** *Thank you for your help with this valuable ministry!*

*Merry Christmas and Happy  
New Year!*

