



Dear Parents,

As we continue to move through the Advent season, our calendars and hearts are full! It is so rewarding to me and our John Paul II staff to see our children develop a true understanding of the importance of this season. Our students and their families continue with their generosity by donating baby gifts to the Shower Christ's Little Ones. Each of our parishes has these items delivered to them each Wednesday or Friday. The participation at our Advent masses, Advent activities, Christmas concerts, and the future Birthday Party for Jesus, adds to the excitement and truly makes the season special for all staff and students.

Our third through sixth grade students have been busy working on their upcoming Christmas concert. Please join us on Monday, December 14 at the Senior High School Auditorium

at 7:00pm for this special performance.

To continue our students' preparation for Christmas, John Paul II's third through sixth grade students will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 16. Father Andrew and Father Larry will both hear confessions in the morning at Holy Spirit Church beginning at 9:00am.

I would like to invite all to our final mass before Christmas break on December 18. Mrs. Owens's Preschool II students and Mrs. Cahoy's Second Grade class will be presenting a Christmas meditation after communion called Alphabet Christmas. Mrs. Yahne's third grade class and Mrs. Heisinger's fifth grade class will plan the liturgy.

The Student Council will have Ice Cream Day on Friday, December 18. Please send fifty cents with your child by Wednesday, December 16 if they would like some vanilla ice cream as a snack on Friday afternoon. Future Ice Creams Days will have chocolate and strawberry flavors!

The last date for special order SCRIP cards is December 14. Any SCRIP ordered will be here within 2-3 days. Please purchase your Christmas SCRIP as soon as possible!

Finally, on Friday, December 18 our second graders will be hosting our December FUNdraiser. A huge thank you to **Papa Murphy's** for hosting this FUNdraiser **all day long!** Please come and /or phone in your order for a pizza and John Paul II School will receive a percentage of your purchase price!

### **Schedule for December 11-18**

Friday, December 11	No School Mass; Preschool II will go to Prairie Crossing, 10:00am
Sunday, December 13	Children's Choir, 9:00am at HS; SCRIP sold at Holy Family after Masses
Monday, December 14	3-6 Christmas Concert; Practice 12:00 noon, Concert 7:00pm
Tuesday, December 15	
Wednesday, December 16	Advent Confessions, 3-6 beginning at 9:00am
Thursday, December 17	Spirit Day - Hat and Sunglasses Day; Preschool II, III Christmas Program, 5:30 in MPR
Friday, December 18	School Mass, 3Y and 5H – Second grade and Preschool perform Alphabet Christmas after Communion; Pep Rally for Carnival Raffle, 2:30pm in Gym; FUNdraiser at Papa Murphy's – ALL DAY!; Ice Cream Day

Have an awesome week!

Michelle Ommen, Principal