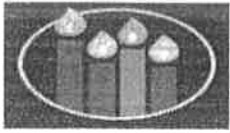


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Celebrating Advent with Your Family

As Christians, we celebrate the arrival of a new liturgical year differently. The new year that begins on the first Sunday of Advent is a quiet one. In the readings for the four Sundays of Advent, we remember the time when people waited in anticipation for the coming of the Messiah. And while we know that the Messiah has come in Jesus Christ, and we have remembered his life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension many times, we can still reflect on and celebrate the newness of his coming once again.

What is great about celebrating the coming of Jesus with our children is that they help us approach the season with fresh eyes and insight. They present us with a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge they present is the way they soak up the values of the culture that has had them anticipating Christmas since the beginning of November. The opportunity they present is that we can introduce them to the timeless rituals celebrating the coming of the Messiah that will add depth to their spiritual lives.

There are a number of ways we can celebrate the season of Advent with our families:

- Make an Advent Wreath or purchase one to light the candles representing the light coming into the world as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth.
- Keep an Advent Calendar that you can share a special time with your family, opening one each day revealing a surprise.
- Put up a Jesse Tree - Each day of Advent, read a Bible story about someone on Jesus's family tree and hang an ornament symbolizing the story on your Jesse Tree. As you decorate your tree, you'll see how God prepared for Jesus to be born through many generations.

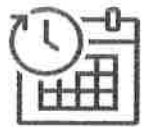
The Season of Giving, Gratefulness, and Gifts

It is unbelievable that 2021 is coming to a close already! Wow how time flies! As we near our Christmas break and reflect on all the activities and wonderful gifts here at St. Patrick, I want to wish you and your family a blessed holiday season. I'm grateful for a wonderful and amazing school where students can come to learn and grow daily. The gift of a terrific staff and incredible teachers who give many, many countless hours of their day to provide students a quality instructional experience that will guide them towards a successful future. The gift of extremely supportive parents who care and support the efforts of our school and parish. The gift of a heartfelt community who has partnered and volunteers to assist us as needed. Also, the gift of a dynamic Priest and dedicated secretary who share in leading our school on a path to academic success and the development of the whole child. On behalf of all of the staff here at St. Patrick Catholic School, I would like to wish all families in our community a blessed Advent full of hope, a Merry Christmas full of peace and love and a happy and healthy New Year!

With you in Christ,
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Inclement Weather and Transportation

With the winter season fast approaching, we would like to remind you of cancellation procedures. Occasionally, because of inclement weather school may have to be cancelled. Our automated calling system is the primary way cancellations are communicated. Information regarding school cancellation information announcements can also be obtained by listening to the following radio stations or watching the following television stations and following social media: KLKC radio, KOAM, KODE, and KSN and our Facebook pages.



December & January

Wednesday, Dec. 1st – Religious Article Sale
Thursday, Dec. 2nd – Girls 1st BB game @ Thayer 5pm
Monday, Dec. 6th – Girls BB **home game** VS. Bartlett 5pm – St. Nicholas Feast Day
Wednesday, Dec. 8th – **No School/Daycare** – Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception
Thursday, Dec. 9th – Girls BB @ Chetopa 5pm
Saturday, Dec. 11th - Little League Basketball @ **St. Pat's** vs. Oswego - 4th Boys @9am, 5th Boys @10am, 4th Girls @11am
Wednesday, Dec. 15th – Raffle Tickets Due
Thursday, Dec. 16th – Girls BB **home game** VS. Mound Valley @ 5pm
Friday, Dec. 17th – Drawing for the WAGYU Beef
Saturday Dec. 18th - Little League Basketball @ Altamont - 5th Boys @9am, 4th Girls @10am
Tuesday, Dec. 21st – Classroom Christmas Parties/Christmas Concert at the Parsons Municipal Auditorium 7pm
Wednesday, Dec. 22nd – **No School/Daycare** - Christmas Break Begins
Tuesday, Jan. 4th – **Daycare Open**
Thursday, Jan. 6th – Students return to school -Girls BB @ St. Paul 5pm
Saturday, Jan. 8th - Little League Basketball @ Bartlett - 4th Boys @9am, 4th Girls @10am
Monday, Jan. 10th – Girls BB **home game** VS. Oswego @ 5pm
Thursday, Jan. 13th – Girls BB @ Altamont 5pm
Saturday, Jan. 15th - Little League Basketball @ Meadow View - 4th Boys @9am, 5th Boys @10am, 4th Girls @11am, 5th Girls @12pm
Monday, Jan. 17th – **No School/Daycare** – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Thursday, Jan. 20th – Girls BB **home game** VS. Meadow View 5pm
Saturday, Jan. 22nd - Little League Basketball @ Mound Valley - 4th Boys @ 9am, 4th Girls @10am, 5th Girls @ 11am
Monday, Jan. 24th – Girls BB @ Altoona 5pm
Thursday, Jan. 27th – Girls BB **home game** VS. Elk Valley 5pm
Saturday, Jan. 29th - Little League Basketball @ **St. Pat's** vs. Erie - 5th Boys @9am, 4th Girls @10am
Monday, Jan. 31st – Girls BB @ Edna 5pm

Thank you

Giving back means to go beyond oneself and support others who are less fortunate, and there is no better time to teach this invaluable lesson to your children other than now! A HUGE thank you to all that gave to our Food Drive and Undergarment Collection! We were able to donate a large number of items to the Parsons Youth Crisis Center and Labette County Emergency Assistance Center.