



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Dec. 4 Mercy McAuley
Christmas Show
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Conception Mass 10:30
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Closed

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Weekly Bulletin

December 1, 2023

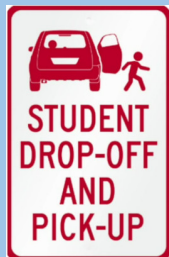


The Little Shoppers Shoppe will open Wednesday December 6th and run until Friday the 8th. The success of the shop is reliant on Safe Parish Registered volunteers and the school's Buddy system to help our students navigate their shopping experience. Sign up link below!

Students will receive a budget envelope Later this week - This will help your student and our volunteers simplify the shopping process. Please return the envelope with your child in order to participate in the shopping experience. Gifts are priced from approximately \$0.25 to \$12.00, with most between \$3.00 to \$7.00. This is NOT a fundraiser for school and prices are set according to the vendor.



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Here are a couple reminders to help us work together for **OUR** kids:

*No one should be parking in the lot by the priest's house closest to Galbraith Rd. All parents must get in the car lines.

* Please follow the exit/entrance directions. It is dangerous to go in and out the wrong way.

*Everyone must be patient. The rows are dismissed as all parents have their children in the cars.

*Grades 4-8 Students who are not picked up on time will leave as a walker. Please make sure your student knows where you want them to walk (library, park, etc.)



Kathy's Angels is closed on December 12. Please contact Sherry Daniels with questions. Thank you

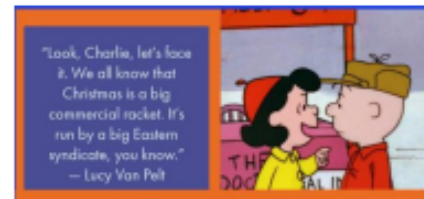


Tis' the Season! *But Which Season?*

Advent is Coming to Town, We Need a Little Advent, Have Yourself a Merry Little Advent, I'll Be Home for Advent, It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Advent, Advent Time is Here – I love those songs – I could go on and on. But wait you say, those titles aren't right! You put in the word Advent where the word Christmas belongs. Oh, you're right. There are, after all, 9,274 just on the subject of Christmas. (I looked it up) And that's just the tip of the iceberg. More are written every year. *But what about poor Advent?*

Sometimes that holy season gets lost amid the *Black Friday* and *Cyber Monday* sales. We hear Christmas songs playing immediately after Halloween. All right - Turkey Day is over – finish your pumpkin pie – *we've got to get those lights up!* It makes me think - tis' the season for *what?* What are these so-called "season's greetings" all about anyway? Are they about *shopping, or buying, or selling more and more stuff?* Well, it's nothing new. It's actually been going on for quite some time now. But before there was *Wal-Mart* or *Amazon* or *Target* or *Black Friday*, and before Frosty and Rudolph appeared on the scene, there was the Child Jesus and the Nativity scene – and a holy season called Advent – a time to prepare for the coming of the Christ-Child. But we can get distracted, can't we?

Take Thanksgiving, for example. It's a time to give thanks to God and family, two rare commodities in today's society. Thanksgiving is a sweet moment. Christmas is a wonderful holiday. These are moments in our lives that – with all the rushing around - can become sour over time. Instead of being special moments for reflecting on God and resting with friends and family, they can turn into all-night shopping sprees. *And has anyone taken the time to prepare His way?*



Shoppers wait anxiously for hours outside in the bitter cold for bargains and deals, and oh, what some people will do for a deal! But oh, what we will *not do* for the Lord! And we miss these are *sacred moments* that in our modern society have turned into something else – something *very commercial*. But in truth, these moments belong to Christianity! We own them! And over the course of centuries, we have allowed their purpose and meaning to be stolen - *hijacked* - and turned into commercials and sales. And while they did it, we didn't put up a fight. *In fact, we joined in.* It's not easy for Christ to compete with all this! The same as it's not easy to convince parents that their child's first communion outfit is not as important as the Eucharist itself – or to convince brides and grooms that their vows are more important than their reception! Even baptisms have become a very expensive affair. We can't compete - but we *can* do simple things. Nothing complicated. For example, set up a Christmas crib scene in your home. Put Christ in the center and Frosty and Rudolph over on the side. Wouldn't it be beautiful if all Christians, one way or another, identified themselves with the season?



"They will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown!

Instead of merely saying "Season's Greetings," greet people by saying "Merry Christmas" or "Have a wonderful Christmas with your family." Make an Advent wreath the centerpiece to your dinner table. Don't waste hours and hours a day shopping. Buy Christmas gifts that have meaning. Make room for the needy by contributing to a parish toy drive or giving to the *Saint Vincent de Paul Society*. Take a day with members of your family to go down to the soup kitchen to help serve a meal. Don't let shopping, glitz, and advertising become more important than the reason we are really celebrating. Ask your kids if they want to donate their used toys to a drive for kids who won't get toys this Christmas. Take a tag from a Christmas *Giving Tree*. Pray together before your Christmas breakfast or dinner. Finally, read to your children true and authentic Christmas stories. Watch family movies that are rich in virtue, respectful of family and faith.

Let's keep Christ in the holidays and the beauty and sweetness of God and life from ever becoming commercial in our own lives this Advent and Christmas season. And – *most importantly* – as we begin to celebrate these holidays – *go to church together* – and may the love of Christ fill your hearts and your homes this year! Advent begins this Sunday. So, have yourself a merry little Advent! **Blessings! Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG**



Our Lady of Grace School will follow Northwest Local District plans for any weather related school closings or delays. School closings and delays will be communicated by phone using the telephone number you reported to Option C. Any changes to your phone number should be changed by the parent in Option C and updated with your new information. OLG will not announce an early

dismissal for snow. No students will be released to district transportation operating on an early dismissal for fear there will be no supervision at home when they arrive.

2 HOUR DELAY

There will be no AM buses to OLG from any district opening on time when OLG is on a 2 hour delay. In this situation, parents will have to provide their own transportation to school to accommodate the 10:00 a.m. start time.

- There will be AM buses to OLG from any district also opening on a 2 HOUR DELAY.
- There will be PM busing from all districts who are open (regardless of their start time)
- There will be no AM or PM busing from any district that is CLOSED.

Please contact your child care provider (including YMCA) to determine their policies and procedures for inclement weather.

CLOSED

- No school and no child care.

* Parents and guardians are the determinants of whether or not it is safe to transport students in their charge. Please exercise your own good judgment when determining if, when or how students will be transported in the event of inclement weather.



EAGLE WALK SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Needs your help!



The Eagle Walk Sponsorship committee assists in locating potential Corporate Monetary Donations for the upcoming Eagle Walk.

The goal is to reduce burden on families by involving our Corporate friends / neighbors in support of the students and our goals for next year! The Sponsors will have the option to advertise on the

School's Eagle Walk shirt!!! It's a win win! Plus we will do our best to continue to support those in our community that support our school. Know a business that may be interested or Own a business?

Let us know! We hope to mail sponsorship requests by end of December!



SAFE PARISH REGISTRATION

It's never too late to register. Sign up today. Already active? Stay active by completing training as needed.

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ST JAMES CHURCH HALL
3671 HUBBLE RD.

FAITHFUL FEUD

Come On Down!

FOR GRADES 7 & 8

DECEMBER 6



6:30 - 8pm

Sweet & Salty Snacks
& Hot Chocolate Provided
IF YOU CAN DONATE, PLEASE

R.S.V.P.

PBEVINGTON@STJAMESWHITEOAK.COM
BY 4pm FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1