

Dear Sacred Heart Parents,

Christmas is truly a time of giving and sharing. Please share with the children why we give and receive gifts at Christmas.

Jesus is the greatest gift we have received from God, sent to earth to bring us the gift of everlasting life. He came to bring us the gifts of peace, joy, and love. The material gifts that we give and receive from our families, friends, and relatives are symbols of the great things that God has given to us.

During the season of Advent as we prepare for the coming of Jesus, let us all take the time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

The students and staff have been busy preparing for the season. Each classroom is busy practicing their parts for the Christmas program, making decorations for the tree that will be on display in the gym after the program in the church, and donating coins for the Coin Drive to help purchase needed items for the Food Bank.

Please join us in the many activities that have been planned for Sacred Heart Catholic School students during this busy, blessed time of year. Each Monday morning the Student Council leads morning prayer beginning with singing *Soon and Very Soon* followed by the Advent reading of the day. Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and we will have Mass at 8:15 am. Grades three through eight will help with the Christmas basket preparation in the gym December 14-16.

The annual Sacred Heart School Christmas program will be on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 pm in the church! Yes...in the church. This is a change from past years and Fr. Nelson has graciously agreed to let us give it a try this year. But we need your help. The church is to be a reverent place at all times. We will need parents of little ones to use the cry room if necessary and all voices should be kept to minimum. We are hoping that the sound system and the warm church will make our Christmas program extra special. After the program in the church, refreshments (don't forget the two dozen cookies!) will be served in the gym. From what I understand there will be a guest from the North Pole waiting in the gym to hand out goodie bags and listen to the children's Christmas wishes...all making a great opportunity for treasured photos.

Make a Christmas promise today to be holy and do something nice each day for someone, especially those who are less fortunate. May forgiveness and reconciliation be the gifts we give this Christmas!

Doing this for God,

Lucy Shawn, Principal