



December 7, 2021

Dear OLSS Families,

One of the many blessings of a Catholic school is that students are allowed to celebrate the Christmas season and are given the opportunity to prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent. Their wonder and delight is a reminder of the blessing the season of Advent is to us. Catholic schools make celebrating the season of Advent a priority and help our children to understand that the real reason for our expectant joy leading up to Christmas is not hope of the presents under the tree, but rather the hope and gift of Jesus Christ — the light of the world coming to transform us so that we can transform our families and our world.

Our students reflect as they light the candles of Advent wreaths in their classrooms and hang ornaments on our Jesse Tree every morning to remember Jesus' entry into the world. They give of themselves in service to others by contributing to our Advent charities to reflect Christ's gift of himself to us and to remember our responsibility to share the light of Christ with the world. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The Church never tires of singing of the glory of this night." May we never tire of opening our hearts to the gift of God's love.

Grace and Peace,

*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*

Principal

## NEWS & REMINDERS:

**CHRISTMAS TAG DAY:** We will have a Christmas-themed clothing Tag Day on **Fri, Dec. 17**. Children should bring a \$1 donation for a charity that our Student Council will select.

**REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023:** We will open re-registration for existing families for the 2022-2023 school year in January, and registration for new families in February. We will send the dates and more information out in early January.

**LUNCH HELP:** We need volunteers to help with lunch for the rest of December. Please sign up [here](#) if you can help.

**CHRISTMAS BREAK:** Friday, Dec. 17 is a 12:30pm dismissal, and Christmas Break is Dec. 20-31. We return to school on Monday, Jan. 3.

**ADVENT CHARITIES:** Each class has selected a local charity to sponsor this Advent season. Teachers have sent home info on what donations are needed for each charity and the deadlines to send donations in.



Click [HERE](#) for OLSS Parish's Advent schedule of events

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- **Dec. 17:** 12:30pm Dismissal / Tag Day
- **Dec. 20-31:** No School - Xmas Break

### JANUARY

- **Jan. 3:** School Resumes
- **Jan. 14:** End of 2nd Quarter
- **Jan. 17:** No School - MLK Day
- **Jan. 30-Feb. 4:** Catholic Schools Week