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*Dear OLSS Parishioners,*

*As we begin Advent and prepare ourselves for “the coming of the Messiah”, I want to outline some things that we will be doing here in the parish for which I ask your help and support. Advent is a season of preparation for deepening awareness and response to the miracle of the Incarnation, when our God became one of us, that through Jesus, we might become one with God.*

*Being one with God is a pretty tall order and it is only possible because of His love and grace. To encourage and foster that grace, we are providing copies of a Scott Hahn book that outlines the characters who play such a large part in the Christmas story. It is my hope that you will read this book and reflect upon the meaning that each person brings to our lives, as well as to the first Christmas event. Perhaps you could give yourself some time during Adoration on Tuesdays in the Historic Church to read and reflect, but wherever you can, I hope you will give yourself the chance to come to know God more deeply through this easy-to-read book.*

*During Advent, we will be using the Confiteor prayer for the Penitential Rite at Mass for a change of pace, with the hope that the change will help us reflect on how we might see things we need to leave behind us on our journey to be one with God. We will celebrate our **Parish Penance Service** on Tuesday evening, December 19, at 7pm in the Parish Church. There will be many priests there to expedite our participation in the Sacrament.*

*We will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on the 8th, Tuba Christmas on the 17th and regular opportunities for Mass and confessions will be offered throughout the month.*



*On behalf of all of us who serve you here at Our Lady, Star of the Sea, I want to wish you all the very best of Advents and prayers for a Holy, Happy and Merry Christmas. I thank you for whatever you may be able to share with the Parish this Christmas as we continue to meet the needs of our School and help others in this Season.*

*We are blessed to know the love of God and His willingness to become one with us.*

*Sincerely,*

*Msgr. Michael Wilson, Pastor*

### ***Schedule for Advent and Christmas:***

*December 7: **Vigil Mass** for Immaculate Conception, Parish Church, 7pm*

*December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Historic Church, Masses at 7am, 8:15am and Noon*

*December 8: "Blue Christmas" celebration at Asbury Solomons at 3pm, all are welcome*

*December 8: Spaghetti Dinner in the Providence Room, 5:30pm*

*December 14: School Christmas Concert, 6:30pm*

*December 16-17 Bethlehem Olive Wood vendors after Masses*

*December 17: Tuba Christmas Concert, Parish Church, 4pm*

*December 19: Parish Penance Service, Parish Church, 7pm*

*December 23: Confessions, Parish Church, from 2pm to 3:45pm*

*December 23: 4pm Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent*

*December 24th: 8am and 10:45 Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent*

*December 24th: Christmas Eve Masses, Parish Church at 4pm, 7pm and in the Historic Church at Midnight, with music starting at 11:30 pm*

*December 25th: Christmas Day Mass, Historic Church, 10am*

*January 1st: This year is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but we will offer Mass at 8am and 10:45am in the Historic Church to begin the New Year in His Grace.*

