



## **“Christ, my hope, has risen. Alleluia!” (Easter Sequence)**

Dear Families,

We have entered into the Liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparing for the arrival of the Messiah. The student body will participate in the lighting of the Advent Wreath each morning when they come to school. You are encouraged to do the same at home. It is a wonderful tradition to put a wreath on your kitchen or dining room table and say the simple prayer before your evening meal as part of your grace. There are handouts on the table in the front hall of the school, or you can visit <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-history-of-the-advent-wreath.html> to learn more about the history, prayers, and use of the wreath. Let us make the prayer of our hearts this Advent be: “Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come quickly.”

A shout out to Matt and Erin Konz and family who refurbished and set up our Nativity scene at the school entrance. Thanks so much.

--John Donohue

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR OUR SCHOOL MASSES-** Each Tuesday as we come together as a faith community at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we pray for many intentions in our world, diocese and local community. If you have a special intention, memorial or request and would like to have the Mass said for that intention, please contact Lori D'Argenio at [ldargenio@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:ldargenio@jp2catholicschool.org) to make a request. Intentions will be granted on a first contact basis. Thank you for your understanding and be assured of our constant general prayers for our SJPII community. Our Mass book will be open for intentions in November for the next Liturgical Year. The first Tuesday Mass in the new Liturgical Year is Tuesday, December 3rd.

**Aftercare is HIRING-** SJPII is currently hiring Aftercare Staff. Aftercare hours are Monday-Friday 2:15-6:00, but time can be shared. If you, or someone you know, are interested please contact Leann Felicetta at [lafelicetta@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:lafelicetta@jp2catholicschool.org) with questions or for an application.

**Angel Tree** Please consider supporting St. Anthony's Angel Tree Program to help Needy Families this Christmas, from December 2nd-13th. Stop by the Front Office and choose an ornament (ie. clothing, toy) from the Christmas Tree. Write your name and which ornament you chose. Purchase the item, bring it back to the SJPII Front Office wrapped with the ornament taped on the outside. Contact Renee Portfilio [rportfilio@earthlink.net](mailto:rportfilio@earthlink.net) if you have questions.

### **POSITIVITY PROJECT FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 8<sup>th</sup>: Humility**

**SCRIP** - Earn money for our school **AND** toward your tuition by purchasing scrip! For your convenience, orders for escrip can be processed online *at any time*. For information on how to participate, contact Erica Brower at [ericabrower@gmail.com](mailto:ericabrower@gmail.com). Order deadline for physical cards before Christmas is Monday, December 9th.

**LIFETOUCH** Please complete all picture orders **ONLINE**. **NO** orders or money will be taken in the school office. Sibling pictures are in the folders this week. Class pictures already went home. If you ordered a class picture but did not receive it please contact the main office.

**Piggy Banks for Pews-** Is a campaign that will begin December 2nd and end December 9th (The feast of San Juan Diego). The campaign will help the community at San Juan Diego parish celebrate God's love, family, and community through a donation for a pew. During this time we ask children to collect and bring in loose change to aid in the purchase of new pews. Please pray upon this lasting gift to the Mission of San Juan Diego, Fr. Javier's parish. He gave so much joy to our school last year and loves SJPII immensely. He would be grateful and humbled by our willingness to help the Mission. A flyer will be in next week's mailer including the specifics of the change drive.

**Christmas Pageant Grades 1-8-** The SJPII Christmas Pageant will be Thursday, December 5 at 6:00pm in the Activity Center. Please click the Sign Up Genius link below to donate supplies. If you volunteer to set-up before or serve/clean up after the event you can earn volunteer hours.

[Sign Up Genius for SJPII Christmas Pageant 2019](#)

### **THIS WEEK**

**Wed, Dec. 4-** Honk Jr. practice for cast and crew 3:00pm

**Thurs, Dec. 5-** Girls Basketball practice 6:30am; Mathcounts 7am; Christmas Pageant in the Activity Center 6:00pm

**Fri., Dec. 6-** Math tutoring 7:00am; Art Club 3:00pm

**Sat., Dec. 7-** Gift of Daisy in the Activity Center (Middle School Service Project) 1:00pm

### **UPCOMING**

**Tue, Dec. 10-** Mass 8:30-9:15am; Homework Club 3:00-4:30pm; LEGO 3:00-4:30pm

**Wed, Dec. 11-** Honk Jr. 3:00pm

**Thurs, Dec. 12-** Mathcounts 7:00am; 10am Bookmobile;

**Fri, Dec. 13-** Math tutoring 7:00am; Christmas Around the World PreK-1 9:30am; Art Club 3:00pm