



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School News

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Our Mission: To Teach, Love, Live and Learn as Jesus Did
Our Vision: Share Faith, Serve Others, Seek Knowledge

Delay & Early Release Days - Please mark your calendars! To allow teachers collaboration time in constructing the Diocesan ACE Curriculum, we will be delaying the start of school by one hour. Childcare will be open at 6:30 a.m. until the start of school at 8:50 a.m. on these days if you have a need. Thank you.

Tuesday, December 20th -	Early Dismissal	Students dismiss at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 4th -	One Hour Delay	Students report to school by 8:50 a.m.
Monday, February 6th -	One Hour Delay	Students report to school by 8:50 a.m.

Dear Parents and Students,

"A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Isaiah 11:1 I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving with family and friends. The beautiful season of Advent is here, and we now prepare for the coming of the Savior. By the time you read this on Friday, our school Jesse Tree will have seven ornaments (apple, snake, pyramid, tablets, crown, horn, & angel) hanging upon its branches. Each day during Advent, our students lead one or two reflections over the PA taking us on a journey across four thousand years of the Old Testament representing the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. Included below are some refresher articles explaining Advent in the Catholic Church. If you read the articles on the school website, there are many underlined links for further study if desired. Prayer, fasting, & good works! Waiting in love. Thank you for your children. -Rob S.

Advent - A Time of Preparation By Scott P. Richert (updated 11/27/2016) <http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Advent.htm>

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before [Christmas](#). Advent is also the start of [the liturgical year](#) in the Roman Catholic Church. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the [Sacrament of Holy Communion](#); and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

First We Fast, Then We Feast - That's why Advent has traditionally been known as a "little Lent." As in [Lent](#), Advent should be marked by increased [prayer](#), [fasting](#), and good works. While the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church, both Catholic and Orthodox, continues to observe what is known as [Philip's Fast](#), from November 15 until Christmas. Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast.

The Symbols of Advent - In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, [priests wear purple vestments](#), and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as [Gaudete Sunday](#), when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on [Laetare Sunday](#) during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

The Advent Wreath - Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the [Advent wreath](#), a custom which originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. [Consisting of four candles](#) (three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs (and often a fifth, white candle in the center), the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. (The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.)

How Is the Date When Advent Starts Determined? "Advent is a period beginning with the Sunday nearest to the feast of [St. Andrew the Apostle](#) (30 November) & embracing four Sundays. (Catholic Encyclopedia)." So, the First Sunday of Advent can fall as early as November 27 or as late as December 3.

Celebrating Advent - We can better enjoy Christmas—all 12 days of it, from Christmas Day to [Epiphany](#)—if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. [Abstaining](#) from meat on Fridays, or not eating at all between meals, is a good way to revive the Advent fast. (Not eating Christmas cookies or listening to Christmas music before Christmas is another.) We can incorporate such customs as the Advent wreath, the [Saint Andrew Christmas Novena](#), and the [Jesse Tree](#) into our daily ritual, and we can set some time aside for special [scripture readings for Advent](#), which remind us of the threefold coming of Christ.

Holding off on [putting up the Christmas tree](#) and other decorations is another way to remind ourselves that the feast is not here yet. Traditionally, such decorations were put up on Christmas Eve, but they [would not be taken down](#) until after Epiphany, in order to celebrate the Christmas season to its fullest.

Congratulations to Mr. Jared Hoy, our St. Charles Borromeo School Light of Learning Recipient! Mr. Hoy currently teaches grade 2 here at St. Charles. We are very proud to have Mr. Hoy as our recipient this year. He is enthusiastic, kind, and caring to his students and represents the the light that Christ calls us to be to one another. As one parent wrote, "I loved how my son would ask if we could go to confession or pray the Rosary because of something Mr. Hoy had taught or discussed with the class. I feel so blessed that my son was able to have a male teacher who was an amazing role model. I couldn't have asked for a more Christ-like, hard working, caring teacher than Mr. Hoy."

Mr. Hoy graciously agreed to share a little of himself and his family. *"I come from a family of 6 with 2 older brothers and a younger sister. I received my Bachelor's degree from IPFW and my teacher certification from Taylor University. I have taught second grade for 6 years and have been blessed to teach in the same school where I was a student for 8 years. In addition to teaching, I am involved as a director for the Christmas musical and a coach for the Robotics team. I also am the second grade catechist and teach Religious Education classes on Monday nights. I share my talents by playing percussion at the 11:00 liturgy every Sunday. In my free time I enjoy DIY projects around my house, landscaping, and playing board games. I also like to try new recipes and attempt some baking.*

What I like most about teaching in a Catholic school is being able to share my faith with my students every day, and attend Mass and other celebrations with them throughout the school year. I love helping the students get ready for the sacraments. The students are so eager to learn about their faith and grow closer to God. There is nothing more rewarding than helping a student succeed in the classroom. I want them to see that with hard work and perseverance they can do whatever they set their minds to. -Mr. Hoy"

As you can see, the commitment to our faith and to our students is evident. Again, congratulations Mr. Hoy.

December Virtue - Prudence (The First Cardinal Virtue)

From *Disciple of Christ Educator Guide*: **Prudence**, usually represented by a scroll with a torch, gives us the ability to understand, with the very wisdom and light of Christ, what is the best thing to do at any time of life. When we read its scroll, we grow in our knowledge and understanding. Its torch enables us to see more deeply into confusing things to know the truth, and to know how to best act. Prudence enables one to reason and to act rightly in any given situation - 'right reason in action'. Prudence means making the best choices. Prudence means making wise and moral choices.

Scripture: Matthew 6:22-23 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"

Week	Scripture Reflection	Saint Focus - St. Boniface, St. Peter Canisius, St. Gregory the Great, St. John Bosco	Challenge and/or Goal
Dec. 5	<i>Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. Matthew 7:24-28</i>	St. John Bosco advocated frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life with one's work, study and play. He believed that Christ's love and our faith in that love should pervade everything we do—work, study, play.	Pray, think, act; learn how to gather information to make a decision; plan out long-term and short-term goals.
Dec. 12	<i>You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky; why do you not know how to interpret the present time? Luke 12:54-56</i>	St. Gregory the Great was direct and firm. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners.	Seek advice from trustworthy people. Carefully consider all the circumstances and ask "What am I to do now?" Take action after thoughtful deliberation.
Dec. 19	<i>The simpleton believes everything, but the shrewd man measures his steps. Proverbs 14:15</i>	St. Boniface bears out the Christian rule: To follow Christ is to follow the way of the cross. For Boniface, it was not only physical suffering or death, but the painful, thankless, bewildering task of Church reform. Missionary glory is often thought of in terms of bringing new persons to Christ. It seems—but is not—less glorious to heal the household of the faith.	Seek advice silently reflect upon the circumstances and consequences of one's actions. Pray - Think - Act

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK Congratulations to: Caeden Dray, Marcella Talamantes, Nick Owens, Cole Reed, Isaiah Ryan, Dominic Hatton, Christopher Pizano, Riley Shane, Kimberly Bireley, Wyatt Tippmann, Lexa Tippmann, PJ Ledo, Griffin Atkinson, Johnny Ley, Ethan Weber, Tycho Peat, Hailey Johnson.

CALENDAR

December	3	First Reconciliation 10:30 am
	4	Second Sunday of Advent
	5	Reconciliation for grades 3-4-5
	6	Grade 2 attend Nutcracker and docent program at Arts United Center
	8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, all-school Mass 8:15 am
	9	Christmas donations of items due for Catholic Charities' families in need
	11	Third Sunday of Advent
	11	Athletic Association sponsors Pancake Breakfast with Santa
	14	St. Charles Parish Advent Penance Service 7:00 pm
	15	Christmas musical at 7:00 pm in gym, no admission
	18	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	20	Second quarter ends
	20	School dismisses at 1:30
January	4	School resumes - 1-hour delay, school begins at 8:50 am
	9	Yearbook group pictures

James Robinson 9th Grade Merit Scholarship Exam

The James Robinson 9th Grade Merit Scholarship Exam for current 8th Grade Students will be Saturday, December 3, 2016 – 8:45 am at Bishop Dwenger High School. Forms can be found on the website at <http://www.bishopdwenger.com/Important-Dates>. Contact the Guidance Department at 496-4701 with questions.

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SCHOOL STUDENTS "ADOPT FAMILIES" TO ASSIST THIS CHRISTMAS

As in past years, St. Charles Borromeo School families are assisting other families in need this Christmas season through Catholic Charities. We would like each student to donate at least one item from the list if at all possible. As sponsors, each grade level has been provided a list of items that children of a specific age desire or households need. Examples of these items include, but are not limited to:

- > Toys and books for children 1-12 years old
- > Reasonably priced and appropriate items for pre-teens and teens that most parents cannot afford
(e.g., movie tickets, iTunes or Best Buy gift cards, fashionable hats, Bath & Body Works lotions, earbuds or headphones, etc.)
- > Clean and unworn household items such as sheets, blankets, towels, pots, pans, utensils
- > Grocery store gift cards to supplement a holiday meal

The wish lists are listed at the end of this newsletter and on our website. Homeroom teachers at these grade levels will coordinate each age level collection. When cash or gift cards come to the office, the classroom teachers will be notified. If you are able to purchase new items for the families, we appreciate that greatly! Teachers, students, and volunteers would appreciate all donations by Dec. 9. Items will be transported to Catholic Charities on December 13. If you wish to donate a gift card that we can include with other cards to purchase some of the more expensive needs, that is wonderful! Please send the gift card to the school office and it will be used in the area of greatest need. Teachers or volunteers will use the cards and shop! Cards or cash are appreciated by December 8. Think SCRIP when you are donating the gift card and doing your shopping! Thank you for helping our less fortunate friends and neighbors have a blessed Christmas! Christmastime is indeed a time of year to rejoice and celebrate. As a Catholic organization, Catholic Charities appreciates our desire to give to others reminiscent of the gifts the Wise Men brought to the baby Jesus. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

St. Charles School students from grades 3-4-5 will perform a Christmas musical, *Three Wee Kings*. "This is an adaptation of the well-loved story of the Magi who followed the star to find a King. This musical fantasy brings together the kings, shepherds, angels, donkeys, camels, goats, lambs, lions, and even talking stars. As the story unfolds each group asks themselves who will be THE King. The journey finally ends in the stable in Bethlehem." The performance of this show is **Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 pm** in the Hession Center gym. (If there is inclement weather, the show will be Friday at 7:00 pm) No admission is charged, but free will donations are accepted to support our Fine Arts Programs. This is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts and spirits for Jesus' birth in our lives each and every day! Please plan on spending some time supporting these budding thespians and enjoying an evening out!

Family In Need of Ride

A family with two children, one in first grade and one in second grade, is currently looking for a ride to school in the mornings. They live in the area surrounded by Cook Rd, Auburn Rd and Coldwater Rd. If you are able to help, please contact 260-710-7918.

SANTA PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Athletic Association will be serving pancakes and sausage on Sunday, Dec 11. All the pancakes you can eat and a chance to sit on Santa's lap, Serving from 8:00AM to 12:30PM in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (ages 12 and under), or \$20 for the entire family. All proceeds go to the St Charles Athletic Association. Sean Digan
St Charles Athletic Board 260-417-0216

BEGINNING BAND

Any grade 4 student, as well as older students, with an interest in music, is invited to join the beginning band. There is a parent informational meeting on Wednesday, January 11, in the school band room. The meeting is 6:00-6:30 pm. At this meeting parents will have the opportunity to schedule a specific time slot to have their student "fitted" for a band instrument and to make arrangements to rent a band instrument. There will be instrument fitting on Wednesday, January 28, beginning at 4:30 pm. The Band Room is located on the lower level of the Hession Center. Please enter the school at door #3 (near the gym) and the posted signs will direct to the South Stairs and the Band Room. If you are unable to do stairs, please see the custodian for directions to the elevator. All students interested in joining the band must have an appointment for a fitting on this day. More information will come home with the fourth grade students in early January.

8th Grade Students and Parents - Registration info for next year! The Bishop Dwenger Class of 2021 enrollment packets were mailed this past Monday. These packets were sent as a bulk mailing and should be delivered to the homes during the week of December 5th. It is imperative that students get their registration card with \$100 fee, application, birth certificate, and current grades (print out from PowerSchool or most recent report card) to Bishop Dwenger by the **January 15, 2017** deadline. If you have any questions about the enrollment process, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Cindy Johnson - Admissions Coordinator (260) 496-4703 cjohnson@bishopdwenger.com

SCRIP NEWS

Christmas Preparations - How are your Christmas holiday preparations coming? You know it's just 3 weeks away. Have you trimmed your tree, finished your shopping, wrapped your gifts, baked your cookies and sent out your greeting cards? Don't let the "nitty-gritty" details interfere with the true meaning of this very special holiday. Let SCRIP help you streamline and simplify. We have a gift card for everyone on your list - no need to worry about size or color when you give a gift card, not to mention it takes the burden out of wrapping. How about a holiday tray from your favorite grocery store to simplify your party needs. Pick up an order form and look it over to see how we can help you keep Christ is Christmas.

Merchant News - The *Meijer* gift cards that we currently have in our inventory were purchased with a 6% discount! This is a limited time bonus but certainly a welcome one at this time of year. \$10 *Wal-Mart* gift cards are now available! These are perfect for Giving **Tree donations**. *St. Joe Tree Farm* gift certificates are available in a limited supply. *Logan's Roadhouse* is back! They offer a 10% rebate on their \$25 gift cards.

Special Orders - With Christmas just 3 weeks away, time is running out for any special orders. We will place our final order on *December 19*, expecting it to be available by *December 22*. However, if you want a little breathing room for your special orders, you might consider having your order to us by no later than *9 AM this Monday, December 12*.

SCRIP Sale Dates :

Mon. - Dec. 12 - School & phone orders filled (please no walk in orders until after noon - we are happy to fill all phone orders)

Tue, Wed-Dec. 13 & 14 - SCRIP Office open - 8:30-12:30

Thu-Dec. 15 - Phone orders filled (please no walk in orders until after noon)

Fri - Dec. 16 - Walk in Sales in the Hession Center 8-9 AM (please no walk in orders until after noon - we are happy to fill all phone orders)

Sat-Dec. 17 - Sales following the 5PM Mass

Sun-Dec. 18 - Sales between the 9 AM and 11 AM Mass

Mon-Dec 19 - School & phone orders filled (please no walk in orders until after noon - we are happy to fill all phone orders)

**Continue to read the bulletin for schedule updates*

VOLUNTEERS: Please check your schedules, we need you!

Dec. 12 - CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Kara Straessle

Dec. 16 - Ruth Marburger, Jenny Perkins, Sue Rohling, Judy Smith

Dec. 16 - CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Ashley Mathews

Dec. 17 - Amy Lin, Brian McLaughlin, Audrey Stauffer

Dec. 18 - Arianne Davis, Nancy Hartig, Lisa York

ATHLETICS

WHAT: CYO Saints Wrestling Conditioning

WHO: 5th through 8th Grade students

WHERE: Bishop Dwenger Wrestling Room (Enter from Door #8 near back of main gym)

WHEN: Conditioning Practices 5:30-6:30pm on Dec 6, 8, 13, 15 and 20th (Jan. 9th Official 1st Day of Practice)

REGISTER at www.saintv.org (Click on the school link, "Winter Athletic Registration") or register by contacting a coach listed below: If you would like more information, please contact: Dan Delaney: dadelaney@frontier.com (260) 420-1399 John Delaney: johnabomb691@outlook.com (260) 515-2124 Phil Hilger: hilger@reagan.com (260) 238-0756

CUPERTINO CLASSIC

The 3rd annual Cupertino Classic is coming to Bishop Luers High School, 333 E Paulding Rd, Fort Wayne on Tuesday, December 27th at 6:30pm. This friendly basketball competition will take place between priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The event is family friendly and admission is free. More information will be posted on the Cupertino Classic Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CupertinoClassic/>

CHRISTMAS GIFTS for Catholic Charities' families

Kindergarten (Household items)

Gift cards, Aldi, Kroger, Meijer, Walmart, etc.	Silverware	Utensils
Twin/Double/Queen sheets or blankets	Dishes	Can openers
Pillows and pillow cases	Water pitchers	Pots and pans
Shower curtains and rings	Serving bowls	Hot pads
Bath towels, wash clothes	Glasses/cups	Alarm clocks
Dish towels, sponges	Dish soap	Trash bags
Napkins, paper towels	Air fragrance	Toilet paper
Bathroom / Kitchen cleaner	Shampoo	Bar soap / Body wash
Laundry detergent	Razor / Shaving cream	Toothbrushes / Toothpaste
Laundry basket	Deodorant	First Aid Kit
Mop / Broom & dustpan		

Grades 1 & 2 (Infants to 2 years old)

Age appropriate toys by Fisher-Price, Baby Einstein, Even-flo, etc.	Stuff toys
One piece infant clothing, sizes 12 months to 2T for boys	Bath toys
One piece infant clothing, sizes 12 months to 2T for girls	Board books
Baby/Toddler towels, washcloths, blankets	Play mats
Baby/Toddler diapers, baby shampoo, baby lotion	Blocks, balls
Learning toys	Rattles
	Musical toys

Grades 3 & 4 (3 years to 6 years old)

Age appropriate toys by Disney, Fisher-Price, etc.	Books
Boys or Girls jeans or school pants, sizes 3T to 8	Board games, Candyland, Yahtzee, etc.
Boys or Girls underwear and/or socks 3T to 8	Arts and crafts
Boys or Girls long sleeved shirts, sizes 3T to 8, zip front hoodies are esp popular	Bath toys
Hair bows, barrettes, headbands, etc.	Sidewalk chalk / Playdough
Fashionable hats, gloves, scarves	Learning toys
Action/Superhero figures, such as Superman, Batman, Pokeman, etc.	Crayons, washable markers
Cars, trucks, trains, balls, Hot Wheels, Matchbox	Coloring books
Baby dolls / Accessories	Musical toys or instruments
Pretend play toys	

Grades 5 & 6 (6 years to 10 years old)

Boys or Girls jeans or school pants, sizes 6 to 14	Pretend play toys
Boys or Girls long sleeved shirts 6 to 14, zip front hoodies are esp popular	Age appropriate toys
Boys or Girls underwear and/or socks 3T to 8	Small Legos
Fashionable hats, gloves, scarves	Cars, trucks, trains, etc.
Character lunchboxes	Baby dolls / Accessories
Hair bows, barrettes, headbands, etc.	Action/Superhero figures
Good smelling lotions	Arts & Crafts
Puzzles	Books
	Board games

Grades 7 & 8 (10 years to 12 years old and above)

Adult size winter tops for Boys or Girls, sizes x-small to large	Movie tickets
Adult size jeans or school pants, sizes 0 to 7 for Girls	Gift cards
Adult size jeans or school pants,	Earbuds, headphones
sizes 30 waist to 34 waist for Boys or	Board games, Monopoly, Life, etc.
sizes 10 to 18 for Boys	Arts & Crafts
Backpacks	Puzzles
	Books
	Small Legos
	Good smelling lotions
	Nail polish

December 2016 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

5	Chicken Patty Tater Tots Green Beans Applesauce Milk	6	French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Sausage Hashbrowns Oranges Milk	7	Chili Baked Potato w/ Cheese Oyster Crackers Pineapple Milk	8	Hot Dog Fries Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Milk	9	Bread Stick w/ Cheese Sauce Celery w/Peanut Butter Mixed Fruit Milk
12	Corn Dog Green Beans Tater Tots Pears Birthday Cake Milk	13	Nacho Chips w/ Taco Meat & Cheese Lettuce & Salsa Corn Grapes Milk	14	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner roll Steamed Carrots Peaches Milk	15	Cheeseburger Fries Salad w/Ranch Applesauce Milk	16	Fishsticks Fries Baked Beans Broccoli Mixed Fruit Milk
19	Pork Patty Fries Green Beans Pineapple Milk	20	Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Cookie Milk	21	NO SCHOOL	22	NO SCHOOL	23	NO SCHOOL

Students with a negative balance will not be able to order an extra entree.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTING FORM

Parents can put money into the student's account through your MealpayPlus online account at www.mealpayplus.com or by calling 877-237-0946 for a small fee. Or, you may send a check with the Lunch Accounting Form below to the school cafeteria. For example, if you have 3 children, send a check for \$90 payable to St. Charles Cafeteria and designate \$30 to each child's account. Each child who will eat hot lunch needs to have money in their account. It is recommended to have a minimum of \$12.50 in this account which will pay for five meals. If the student may want additional portions of the main entree, then it is recommended to have a minimum extra of \$6.25 in the account as well. If you have questions regarding this, you may call the school cafeteria at 969-4028 on school days 8:00-12:30 or the school office at 484-3392. Please, also call MealpayPlus at 877-237-0946 if you have any issues or concerns with your MealpayPlus account.

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Last Name	First Name	Grade-Room	Payment
Payment may be used for Meals (\$2.50), Extra entrée (\$1.25), and milk (45¢)			\$
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		Total Payment Enclosed	\$

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