

December 7, 2018

Important dates and events to remember:

- **Christmas Program notes:** Preschool program is at St. Anthony's at 6:00 PM this coming Tuesday, December 11. K-8 Christmas program will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral (YES, DOWNTOWN) at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 18.
- It is time for Trinity's ANNUAL APPEAL, our annual fund drive for the school!! Close to 3500 letters will be mailed to friends of Trinity. PLEASE be praying for the success of our annual event and remember to send your envelope back the VERY NEXT DAY.
- Students receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will have a retreat and celebrate the sacrament Thursday, December 13. Congratulations!!
- Please remember to pay your tuition during the month of December. Sometimes it gets lost in the holiday maze and we need to pay our bills and our staff. Thank you.

Dear Parents,

All-School Prayer on Monday was celebrated with 8th graders reminding us of St. Nicholas. Thank you Mr. Turner, Ms. Sims and 8th grade class who helped us learn about St. Nicholas at All-School Prayer on Monday. We learned the legend of the candy cane. We also received candy canes. TEAMS followed with another St. Nicholas activity. Thanks to our school leaders for this annual event. December 8 is celebrated as the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will begin our second week of Advent this Sunday.

This coming Sunday's gospel is from Luke 3. These are the familiar words from the prophet Isaiah, *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."* How are we preparing for Advent this year?

The **Trinity Annual Appeal** is **HERE**. This is our opportunity to help with Trinity's annual December appeal for funds. This year it is especially critical to have our Annual Appeal be a success. The news of a new school and the gym in progress are certainly wonderful news, but we also need our mission to assist families to continue on the inside with the day to day costs of operation. We still need our donations as much as ever. We have sent the 8th grade, 7th grade, 6th grade, 5th grade and the 4th grade, TODAY, FRIDAY. Please help us to finish this efficiently by sending your envelope back the very next day! Remember, our staff, our parishes, and our donors participate in this annual event to help Trinity to be able to offer Fair Share tuition. **Watch for your family's day to bring the GIANT envelope home. As I tell the students, each family must participate. The participation is MORE important than the amount, but remember we are still in need.**

This week Jesus' words of encouragement are from LUKE 12:34 Jesus said, **"For wherever your treasure is, that is where your heart will be too."** Students are invited to find a verse from the **gospels** for me to share containing the encouraging words of Jesus.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation (SLE) focus for December: I strive to become a confident and disciplined communicator.

Remember God loves you and has plans just for you,

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