

December 13, 2018

### Important dates and events to remember:

- **Christmas Program notes:** A PINK paper was sent home with each child in K-8 yesterday with details about the program, December 18, Tuesday, and dress for the night. There is also information about our dress rehearsal on Monday, December 17.
- **The Annual Appeal, our annual fund drive is close to completion. Thank you for your assistance in nearing our goal of 100% participation from our school families. Kindergarten families will be bringing home the giant envelope today.**
- **Students receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will have a retreat at 2:30 followed by Reconciliation at 4:00 tomorrow, December 13 at St. Anthony's. Families are welcome to attend.**
- **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.**
- **Terri is going to return after the holidays. Her knee is getting stronger every day. We appreciate your patience and we very much appreciate the crew of volunteer moms who have assisted in the office.**

Dear Parents,

We finish our second week of Advent in the school with Mass tomorrow at 8:45. This Sunday we begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent and light the rose-colored Advent candle for Gaudete Sunday which means, "REJOICE!" On Monday, we had the 4<sup>th</sup> graders helping us remember the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you to Amber Lynde, our Educare Director and the staff in Educare who had a magnificent Christmas Program on Tuesday evening in the church. As always, it is a treat to see the littlest among us jingling and singing and making us all smile and presenting their "gift" to all. The work on the Christmas decorations and social time with cookies is always appreciated. Thank you preschoolers, staff, and families!

This coming Sunday's gospel is from Luke 3. These are the familiar words from John the Baptist, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

The Trinity Annual Appeal is continuing and Kindergarten families finish with the envelope coming home today. Please help us to complete efficiently by sending your envelope back on Monday. Remember, our staff, our parishes, and our donors participate in this annual event to help Trinity to be able to offer Fair Share tuition. 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 MARK 1:15 Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is close at hand." 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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