

## **Student Life Update**

### **Welcome to the Advent Season**

#### **Week 1 of Advent: Candle of Hope**

*As individuals and as a community we long for God's presence. We live in the light of the hope he sends to us.*



*O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.*

*This is always a busy time of year for many reasons; we wish you the time to pause and experience the peace of the season, the time to reflect on the joy and love that comes from God, and the hope in Christ that renews itself at this time each year.*

*We look forward to sharing Advent with our children in the upcoming weeks and hope that they will bring their lessons home to share with you.*

*Here are some highlights of the many ways our classrooms and halls will be filled with the hope, peace, joy, and love of the Advent season as we celebrate:*

#### **The week of December 3...**

*Advent Reconciliation*

*St. Nicholas Day*

#### **The week of December 10...**

*Our Preschool Christmas Concert*

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to NYC*

*Buddy Gingerbread Building with our Preschool and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders*

*Adopt-a-family Service Project*

#### **The week of December 17...**

*Class Christmas Parties to prepare for the Christmas break*

*Christmas Concert*

*School Community Christmas Mass (Dress up day in your Sunday best)*

*Buddy Bingo and Christmas Caroling*

*Adopt-a-family*

*And Sister Thaddeus has created our annual Advent calendar with acts of kindness listed for each day of the season to keep our school year theme and spirit of the season.*

### **A Very Special Tree**

Our Fourth Graders were invited, again this year, to be a part of the Knights of Columbus Festival of Trees. The children made dozen of ornaments; this year to go with the theme, "Christmas in Poland". Mrs. Locke, always one step ahead, also had the fourth graders make a tree topper and tree skirt. On Tuesday the class took a trip to the Knights of Columbus Museum and spent the morning kicking off the season. The Knights of Columbus were so welcoming to the children as they enjoyed a morning of tree decorating, museum tour (this year a trip through

Poland for Christmas), a craft, and a special snack with live Christmas music! The 4<sup>th</sup> grade crew is very proud of their creations and how they adorned the most beautiful tree that celebrated Polish tradition. Thank you again to Mrs. Locke for her creativity and bringing out the talents of our students!



*Wishing you a most blessed Advent Season!*

