



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 16, 2020



SCHOOL NOTES

On Monday, Dec. 21, we will join as a school in praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Our youngest students, in 4K, Kindergarten and 1st Grade, will have an opportunity to be in church, while our older students will watch a live stream in their classrooms. Our third grade artists will provide pictures of the Joyful Mysteries to help us meditate on these events in the life of Jesus. Of all the challenges that COVID has thrown our way, we most miss our large gatherings filled with prayer and singing. But we are grateful that our technology allows us to join virtually as we pray together. Please join us in prayer on the St. Pius X Appleton YouTube page.

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us,

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom,

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence,

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light,

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen. - Henri J.M. Nouwen

Thank you to Rich Young for setting up our outdoor nativity display! You help to brighten our grounds and remind us of the true meaning of the season!



A Message from St. Joseph Food Program

"Dear Staff and Students,

Thank you for your donation of 590 lbs of food from our food drive an 11/24/2020. . . On behalf of our board, staff, volunteers, and clients, I thank you for your kindness, and wish you a very, healthy, blessed, and happy Christmas!"

Monica Clare, Exec. Director

Coming Soon!

Our first-ever virtual Christmas program is coming soon! Our teachers have gotten very creative in showcasing their students' talents. We are so grateful to Sarah Simon and Sonja Giesen from our IT department for their assistance in filming and editing the program. As soon as it becomes available, we will send the link!

When we come back . . .

Third quarter will be right around the corner. Second quarter ends on January 22. There will be no school on that day, as teachers will be using the time to complete their records. Report cards will go home shortly following the end of our quarter.

A Message from Brewster Village to our 4th Graders

"Thank you so much for taking the time to make all of the lovely, beautiful hand sewn stockings with candy canes, Christmas cards, and colorful Christmas pictures! They are just wonderful! The villagers truly love them. . . Thank you so much for sharing your talents with us!"

Lauri Sippel, C.O.T.A.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Monday, Dec. 21**—10:30 All School Rosary, Joyful Mysteries.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 22**—Red and Green Casual Day.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 23-Monday Jan. 4**—Christmas Vacation!
- **Monday, Jan. 4**—School Resumes.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 13**—Mass at 9:00, Communion Celebration with 3rd Grades.



Savior

Holy One

Emmanuel

Lamb of God

BREAD OF LIFE

KING OF KINGS

GOOD SHEPHERD

ALPHA AND OMEGA

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

RESURRECTION AND LIFE

JESUS OF NAZARETH