# FAITH focus

St JPII

DECEMBER 2026

St. John Paul II Catholic School

"Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of our freedom and light." - St. John Paul II

## DECEMBER VIRTUE:

# GENEROSITY

Giving without counting the cost.

Students, parents, and faculty are invited to join us for **Mass every Wednesday morning at 7:10 a.m.** in the chapel- a wonderful way to begin the day with prayer and blessing.

Birthday blessings will be offered weekly during Wednesday morning Mass (at 7:10 a.m.) for any student that has a birthday that week.

## SAINTS OF THE MONTH

- PreK - 2nd: St. Nicholas
- 3rd - 5th: St. Mary Magdalene
- 6th - 8th: St. Maximilian Kolbe



The StJPII community of parents, alumni, and friends are welcome to Friday All School Masses in the BAC at 8:30 a.m. Grades assisting with Mass:

12/4 - Grade 5 (**First Friday!**)
12/8 - Grade 6 (Holy Day of Obligation)
12/18 - Grade 4 (@ 9:30 am)

## DEC. SERVICE PROJECTS

Our 1st graders will spread Christmas cheer by singing Christmas carols for the residents of Parkway Place Retirement Community and delivering handmade Christmas cards!

# FIRST Friday DEVOTION

The first Friday of each month, we will continue our tradition of honoring the First Friday devotion with all school Mass. It is often marked by a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus since Jesus died for us and won our salvation on a Friday. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647- 1690) reported visions of Jesus Christ directing her to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on nine consecutive First Fridays in reparation for sins and to show love to Jesus. We pray your family continues this devotion at your Parish community.

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION DATES

- **December 4th, 2026**
- January 1st, 2027 (during Christmas Break, visit your home parish)
- February 5th, 2027
- March 5th, 2027
- April 2nd, 2027 (Good Friday - School Holiday, visit your home parish)
- May 7th, 2027

## FIRST FRIDAY PROMISE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- I will establish peace in their homes.
- I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
- I will give to priest the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
- To all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in my Last moment.