

Middle School Religion – December, 2009

I can't believe Thanksgiving is over already, and we are starting a whole new liturgical year with the beginning of Advent. In order to celebrate this season as a school, the 8th grade along with their 3rd grade buddies built a large Advent wreath to use at every assembly and mass. It is just beautiful! Each of the classes is marking this season with a different kind of advent calendar, and each is exploring the traditions of Christmas from a different historical perspective.

The season of Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. God is asking us to slow down, listen closely to Him calling us, and give thanks for the gifts we have been given. This is also a time to take a look at our lives and reflect on how we are living the life of a Christian. Would they really know we are Christians by our love? As part of this process, we are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Thursday. I want to thank Fr. Matt from St. Joseph's, Fr. Ron from Resurrection, and Fr. Alberto from Star of the Sea for coming to give us this wonderful opportunity.

On December 8, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church. The third grade with Mrs. Tschirky has been working hard to prepare a beautiful, meaningful liturgy, and we hope all parents and family can join us. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Matt Pennington in the gym at 9 a.m. We hope to see you there!

As always, please keep an eye on your student's assignment book and Religion Table of Contents where they calculate their grade every week. The best way to really see how your student is doing is to look at their work with them. This is one advantage of Student-Parent Portfolio Conference that your student will be scheduling with you this week. Ask them about it!

Thank you for all your support!
Pat Garske