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Holy Family, believing that each student is a child of God, challenges each to embrace the Gospel message, to achieve academic excellence and to make a difference in the world.

December 11, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Happy second week of Advent! On Tuesday, we celebrated the Immaculate Conception with our parochial vicar, Fr. Le. Hail Mary, full of grace!

Oh what fun we have at school, each and every day! (tune, "Jingle Bells")



Here is our recess supervisor, Mr. Cook, enjoying some slide time!

Meeting this week's AR goal:



And... the question of the day: Did Fr. Joe SAVE IT or SHAVE IT?



Santa has left the building and returned to the North Pole to get ready for Christmas Eve!
\$45,753 was raised for our church! Thank you to all of our generous donors - We prefer this look too!



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Here's a sample of some of the artwork our students have been doing with Ms. Donnelly - oil pastels and salt dough ornaments. We LOVE our students' creativity!

Our Holy Family Church is ready! The Rededication Mass is scheduled for Saturday, December 12 at 4pm. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, please join us virtually! We are so excited to have our house of worship back!

Next Thursday, during our All-School Mass at 8am, we will have one of our Second Grade friends get baptized! We will have pictures to share in next week's newsletter. Our Second Grade classes are invited to celebrate this special sacrament with their classmate in person. A permission slip will go out to all Second Grade parents for permission to take their child in person. We want to respect all of our families. Some of you may not feel comfortable yet in having your child attend in person. If you do not give your child permission for in person attendance, your child will remain attending Mass virtually in our school with the other students. Here are the guidelines for our parish:

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. (LIVE), 12 p.m.

Monday - Saturday: 8 a.m. (LIVE)

(Playback available on YouTube)

Are there still restrictions?

- Masks are encouraged.
- Singing is still not encouraged
- Bathroom use is discouraged
- If possible, please bring your own cleaning wipes
- Holy Communion cannot be taken to the homebound
- If you receive the Eucharist on the tongue, please kneel, raise your chin for the priest.

Will I still be able to watch Mass at home?

Yes! We will continue to livestream our 8 am Masses Monday Saturday and our 10 am Mass on Sunday. *Our Bishop has extended the dispensation through Tuesday, February 16th.* Elderly, people who are ill or have health issues, and children under seven years old are asked to not attend Mass.

What about confessions?

Our Advent Reconciliation will be Saturday, December 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the church with multiple priests available to hear confessions.

Quarantine Catechesis

Wednesday - Friday: 12 p.m.

Live on Fr. Joe's Facebook page
(Playback available on YouTube)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays (3 - 7 p.m.) & Fridays (12 to 4 p.m.)

- One-hour time limit
- Masks strongly encouraged

The grade level class attending Mass will have reserved seating. Every other row of pews is roped off. If you would like to join your child, we ask that you take your child and sit in a different pew, adhering to our COVID-19 protocols. Thank you.

PTO UPDATE

Santa's Workshop was a GREAT success! Thank you for your participation and support!

Box Top News: [Dec. 8 Box Tops Parent Letter.pdf](#) and [BoxTopics NovDec-01.jpg.pdf](#)

IMPORTANT Scrip Information: [SCRIP Christmas Promo.docx - Google Docs.pdf](#)

HFS SPORTS UPDATE

Volleyball will HOPEFULLY resume in January. Stay tuned for updates as we receive them from Gov. Whitmer and MHSAA.

Positivity Project

Virtue/Character Trait of the Week: Temperance (Self Control)

P2 for Families: [P2 for Families](#) (password: P2)

Saints: St. Teresa of Avila, St. Camillus de Lellis, Ven. Matt Talbot

God Bless,

Mrs. Theresa Purcell

Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

14 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

eLearner Exchange: Drop off BLUE envelopes, pick up YELLOW envelopes

PTO's Santa's Workshop

17 - All School Virtual Mass at 8am

Christmas best attire may be worn

18 - Christmas tops with uniform bottoms may be worn

Christmas break begins at 2:35pm

Christmas Mass Schedule at Holy Family Church:

25 - Merry Christmas!

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

4 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

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