

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry



Hello Families,

Advent is my favorite liturgical season. It may be the one I need to learn from the most too- patience and waiting! I love the beautiful advent wreath, and the O'Antiphons prayed. I believe Advent is a great time to reflect on how we too are called to be like Mary. To bring Christ to the world. Mary literally brought Christ in the flesh into the world, the incarnation. But we are called to bring Christ in other ways. May Mary be a guide and teacher on how to share Jesus with everyone we meet!

We will be having our high school Christmas party December 4th during regular class time. The other CFF classes will have their Christmas parties on December 18th, the last day of classes for the year!

Reminder- **there will be NO CLASS Sunday December 25th- Christmas Day or January 1st- Happy New Year!**

Service Project

Our Advent service project will be putting Birthday bags together for the St.Vincent De Paul. Each family was sent home with a bag to fill with cake mix, icing, and other treats to make a special birthday celebration. As we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus- let us help others celebrate their birthdays too! Bags are to be returned outside the catechist center through the 4th Sunday of Advent- December 18th.

Faith Growth tip

Try incorporating the Jesse tree into your Advent prayer, as a way to teach your children about Jesus' ancestry and the Scriptures. The Jesse Tree is a tree that tells the stories of Jesus' ancestry. This Advent Tradition is rooted in the Scripture Isaiah 11:1 "A shoot shall spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of its roots." Each day a story is shared, and an ornament added to the tree. Here is a free printable where you can make paper ornaments [jesse-tree-ornaments-printable-coloring-page-3-cnt-mls.jpg \(1275x1650\)](https://www.catholic.com/resources/jesse-tree-ornaments-printable-coloring-page-3-cnt-mls.jpg)

Upcoming Events

December 4th

High School Christmas party
9:00 -10:15 am @ St.Paul

December 18

Last CFF class for the year!

December 24th

Christmas play 4:00 @ St.Paul
before the Christmas Eve
Mass

December 25th

Merry Christmas- no class

January 1

Happy New Year- no class

January 21st

Middle School Game night-
for 6th- 8th grade – St.Paul

January 22

ACRE test for 5th & 8th grade

thecatholickid.com) and add to your Christmas tree. Each ornament has the Scripture you are to read.

Christmas Program

The Christmas play will be at 4:00 at St. Paul before the 4:30 Mass. Practice is planned for Monday December 5th at 7 pm at St. Paul. Help is needed to making a Manger scene. Please let Erica know if you are able to help with this.