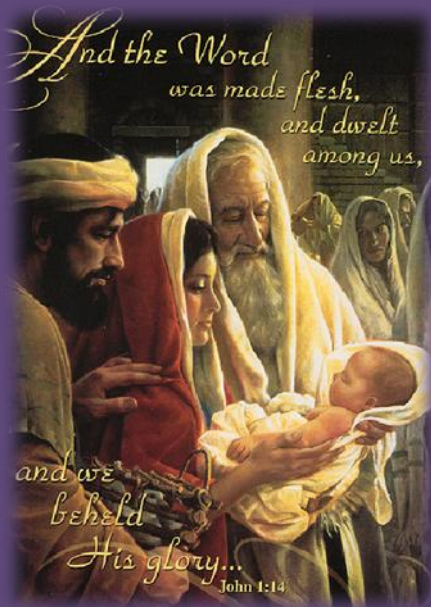




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Parent Newsletter

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Merry Christmas!



December 2011

MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY & THE HOLY FAMILY

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: OBEDIENCE

SAINTS TO FOLLOW: ST. NICHOLAS & MARY

DECEMBER is dedicated to the Divine Infant... the one true reason why we celebrate the Christmas season. The devotion to the Infant Jesus is as old as Christianity. It began in the small town of Bethlehem, where the shepherds and the Magi paid homage to the Holy Child wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in the manger. The scene of that first Christmas in Bethlehem was so moving that it was later captured and preserved in the Christmas crib of St. Francis of Assisi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- School resumes on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2011.
Service Hours are being calculated. Please make sure you have turned in all your coupons to the school office.
School Uniforms must be regulation uniforms. We have several students who are wearing the wrong jackets, shoes, and socks. Shoes need to be properly laced up. Please comply with these regulations so that your child will continue to grow in the virtue of obedience.

Come Home...

Penance Services are provided for you and your family. If you have been away from the Sacraments, this is the time to come and renew your relationship with our Lord. It is a most excellent way to prepare for His second coming which is what we celebrate in this season of Advent.

May God bless you and your families. See you at Mass!

Penance Service Schedule

Dec. 20, St. John Vianney 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 21, St. Joseph 7:00 p.m.



Thank you to the 8th grade room mothers, and all who helped for their work with the eighth graders in the cookie dough fundraiser. Thank you to all who purchased cookie dough to make this fundraiser a success!



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May God reward all those who helped with the Evening Under the Stars Dinner, Dance & Auction Fundraiser. It was a tremendous success once again! We thank most especially Mrs. Carol Perez, our chairperson for this event and her family, our very dedicated PTC Board, the special parent decorations committee for this fundraiser, our room mothers, and all those who put in so much time and effort to make this evening so very enjoyable. Thank you to all who came. Your presence made it such a delightful evening!



May God bless you and your family for your support of St. Joseph School.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

During Advent and Christmas a very prominent figure is Our Lady. As the mother of Jesus, it is only fitting that she have a special place in the work of redemption God was accomplishing through the birth of His Son. In her words to Juan Diego, she reminds us that she is our mother also. She invites us to trust in her for all things as she is a sure guide to her Son.

“Do not let anything afflict you, and do not be afraid of any illness or accident or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Do you need anything else?” (Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego)

May you, like Mary, experience the joy of Christ’s birth on that first Christmas!

God bless you.

