



A Note From the Principal

Prayer: "O lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reigest forever. Amen"

Catherine Lucero
Principal
With God all things are possible



Our **Christmas break** will begin on Friday, December 22 and run through January 5. On December 21 we will dismiss. School will resume on January 8.



Report Cards for the 2nd quarter will be sent home on **Wednesday, December 20**. Keep monitoring your child's grades and be in contact with your child's teacher if you have any concerns..



Ms. Perez is one of our fifth grade teachers who is a wonderful addition to our school. She is in the process of getting her Master in Theology degree. Her faith shines through in everything she says and does. She is committed to her students and works very hard to meet their needs. We are so blessed to have her as part of our OLPH family.

St. Francis and the First Creche


In 1224, St. Francis of Assisi made the first Christmas crèche at Greccio, in Italy. He wanted to see how Christ was born with his own eyes, and so he had a stable made before Christmas and then invited his neighbors and friends to bring their animals and come join him at his "Bethlehem." Many of the people could not read, so this made the Christmas story easier for them to understand.




By doing this he created more interest in Christmas and it spread throughout Europe and the world.

How can "you" help others to understand the real Christmas story?

SCRIP Start buying SCRIP each week for Christmas. Before you know it you will have gift cards to go shopping with! Every family who participated in SCRIP the first quarter and purchased a minimum of \$250 is eligible for another \$25 gift card to Walmart. Thank you for your support.


 Mr. Mike has purchased a program that the entire parish and school can use. It is called **FORMED**. It has books, movies, articles and so much more. All are faith based and good for all ages. The teachers have been using much of the material. Attached will be the information you can use to sign up for access to this program. It is free to everyone.


 We have entered the **Glendale Hometown Parade**. We will have a float in the parade also. The Parade takes place on Saturday, December 9. All students are welcome to walk with the float and if they wear a saint costume they can ride on the float. We will be singing Christmas Carols while we walk. Special location and time will be sent home soon.

 Our **Christmas Program** will be on the following dates:

- December 18 for the 3rd - 8th grade
- December 19 for the Preschool - 2nd grade

We have sent home what each grade is to wear for a **costume**. If you have any questions please ask your child's teacher. Both performances begin at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

 The **OLPH Orff Orchestra** will perform on Thursday, December 14. Everyone is welcome to come and hear our new orchestra for the first time. The performance will be in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m.

 Those students in **third through eighth grade** who are in need of sacraments will begin their preparation in February. There is a mandatory meeting for parents to attend.

Third Sunday of Advent



The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

- + Parents of children receiving baptism, communion and confirmation your meeting is on Tuesday, January 9, 6:00 p.m. in the Hall
- + Parents of children receiving just communion and confirmation your meeting is on Thursday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Hall

If you do not attend the meeting your child will **NOT** be eligible for the sacraments this year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lucero.