

ECEC December 2023 Newsletter

Advent Events at the ECEC Campus

This is the first weekend of Advent. I challenge you to make an Advent promise and attend Mass each of the four weeks of Advent with your family. You can point out the Advent wreath, nativity set and the new purple vestments and altar cloth.

Monday, we will be sending home an activity calendar for you to read and use at home with your family to prepare for Advent and the birth of Jesus.

Monday's at 11:15 a.m. Dec 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18 Classrooms and staff will gather in church around the Advent wreath, light a candle, pray and sing a few songs. Parents are welcome to join us in church at this time.

Dec. 7 Mass with 8th grade at 9:00 a.m. Parents are invited to attend Mass on Dec. 7. Father Callahan from Seven Holy Founders will be celebrating Mass with Deacon John. This will be our first Mass for the school year. The Stars and Rainbows will not be attending Mass as a class. Parents can take Stars and Rainbows students

Wednesday, Dec. 13 ECEC Advent Program. (3–5-year-old classrooms). Children should be dressed up in Christmas attire.

6:00 p.m. Classrooms: Ladybug, Zoo Train, Flamingo

6:45 p.m. Classrooms: Butterfly, Chameleon, Tiny Tortoise

Rainbows, Stars and Frogs will not be singing in the Advent program. They will participate next year in their next classroom.

You are welcome to invite Grandparents or family. **Please try to carpool, as the parking lot will be full.** You will take your child's coat with you to church. The classrooms will not be open after the program. The children have 10 songs prepared and the program will last about 20 minutes. We ask that you take any pictures prior to the program in the classrooms. The elevator will be available for those that may need to use the elevator. The elevator directly opens into the front of the church.

Ladybug, Flamingo, Zoo Train will start at 6:00 p.m. Children should be dropped off in their classrooms between 5:40-5:45 p.m. Main doors and back hallway door (by 2's classrooms) will be open for drop off.

Butterfly, Tiny Tortoise Chameleon classrooms will start at 6:45 p.m. Children should drop off children in their classrooms at 6:30 p.m. Please wait outside the classroom in the hallway until indicated to go into the church. The first group must finish and exit church before the second program can start. Main doors and back hallway door (by 2's classrooms) will be open for drop off.

Santa's Workshop: Dec. 14-15.

Student shopping: Please remember to send in your money on Wednesday, by Dec. 13 for your child to shop at the Santa's workshop. All items are \$1 or a donation. **Place money in an envelope with the child's name and the ADULTS(up to 4) they are shopping for. Example: Mom, Dad, Grandpa Fred, Aunt Joan**

Please send in a standard size reusable tote bag for teachers to pack items purchased in one bag instead of their gifts home inside. Volunteers will wrap each item and put on a tag. (needs to be bigger than a plastic grocery bag)

Thank you for the donations to the Santa's workshop. Donations will be accepted until Friday, Dec. 8 Don't forget we will take any gently used bubble wrap mailing envelopes and tissue paper to wrap gifts.