

Little Flower Catholic Elementary School -- Memo for Friday, December 1, 2017

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Mission: *Little Flower Catholic Elementary School, a partnership of parents and parish, nurtures a Sacramental life rooted in Jesus Christ and Catholic teaching, pursues academic excellence, and promotes a life of faith, integrity and service.*

Little Flower School RULES: Respect God, Respect Self & Others, Respect the Environment

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The word **Advent** means “**coming**” – a coming into place, view or being. In this first week of Advent, as we see the first purple candle (meaning Hope) burning brightly on the Advent wreaths, we are reminded of the hopeful words of the prophets, that Jesus is coming. Let us recall the three special “comings” of Christ. Let us thankfully remember the “coming” of Christ into our world as a baby over 2000 years ago. Let us, with joy and hope, think of Christ’s “coming” at the end of time—when He will take us to live with Him forever in Heaven. Let us realize, in showing love and compassion, the “coming” of Christ to us in each person we meet each day.

Advent provides an opportunity to think about what Jesus’ coming into the world means to us. Christmas is one wonderful day of excitement and joy,—a rush of emotions that sometimes passes in a blur. But Advent brings time to consider how the birth of this baby will change our life. Can our faith grow stronger? Can we truly become more like Him? Each year, the season of Advent gives us a fresh opportunity to welcome Jesus and think about how we can be changed because of Him.

Loving Jesus, although we think of You now as a baby, You have the full-grown power to change us. Use this time of Advent to prepare our hearts for Your coming!

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Little Flower School students learn about many saints of the church. One saint that has always held a special place in the hearts of children is **Saint Nicholas**, just as St. Nicholas holds children in a special place in his heart – as their patron and protector. Wednesday, December 6, is the feast of Saint Nicholas. [Here are some internet sites with interesting information about Saint Nicholas: <http://www.stnicholascenter.org/pages/stories-legends/>; <http://www.stnicholascenter.org/pages/who-is-st-nicholas/>; <http://www.biography.com/people/st-nicholas-204635#synopsis>]

+++++ **Additional Information For You to Know** +++++

+++ **SKILL OF THE WEEK:** Having a Conversation: 1. Look at the person. 2. Use a pleasant voice. 3. Listen to what the other person says. 4. When there is a break in the conversation ask a question or share your thoughts. We all need to know how to talk to each other. Again with this skill, eye contact is important. Be respectful with your voice level and tone. Make sure not to talk over anyone or interrupt. Listen to what they are saying. Sometimes listening is the hard part when you are trying to remember what you want to say and you must wait. With practice this will get easier and easier!

+++ **PTO MEETING** will be Wednesday, December 6 at 5:30 pm in the music room. Food will be served. Children welcome.

+++ Advent is a time of giving and preparing for Jesus. With the Advent season, our school will take part in **Project Joy**. During this time, we like to think of others who have little. We are asking all the classes at Little Flower to begin collecting monetary donations for Project Joy on Monday, December 4th. There will be a jar in each classroom for the students to contribute their donations. The jars will be in the classrooms until Thursday, December 7th. On December 8th the 4th grade class will be going to Shopko where they will make purchases for area people in need. Thank you for your participation and support. Without all of you, this project could not be successful! Mrs. Anderson

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+++ Our **Christmas Program** is Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 pm in the Rugby High School Auditorium. We **ask each family to bring 1-2 dozen bars, cookies or goodies** before the start of the program. Please have them cut and ready to put on trays. You can drop them by the school commons area. Following the program we will have lemonade, coffee, and refreshments! All are welcome to stay and enjoy in our fellowship.

+++ These are the **PRAYER INTENTIONS** for the week ending November 30 that LFS students and staff offered as part of the **“What a Difference a Day Makes”** program: 11/27: Pray in memory of Ann Streifel; that she may rest in God’s peace. And pray for Andrew Arnston on his birthday. 11/30: Pray for Darrell and Rindy Haman on their 43rd wedding anniversary.



Saint Nicholas, pray for us! Saint Therese, the Little Flower, pray for us!

