



Tiger Weekly



St. Joseph Catholic School December 10, 2015 Issue



Dear St. Joseph Families and Friends,

During the season of Advent, we anxiously await the birth of Jesus. We are called to seek God during the Advent season and always. We seek His grace and we seek His goodness within each other. Take the time to recognize the gifts we each have to offer. Help someone to utilize his or her gifts. It is the ultimate Christmas present. As we seek to serve and do for others, may the peace of Christ fill our hearts and homes with love and kindness.

Blessings,
Mrs. Budd



* Reminders *

- 1.) Thursday, December 10th
Thespian Fundraiser Musical:
"Dear Edwina" 6:30pm
- 2.) Wednesday, December 16th
Reading Counts Pizza Party 3pm
- 3.) Friday, December 18th
Spirit Day / Noon Dismissal

Attendance and Tardies

for the week of Nov.30-Dec.1st:

- Monday: Attendance-94%
Punctual -90%
- Tuesday: Attendance-94%
Punctual-90%
- Wednesday: Attendance-96%
Punctual-92%
- Thursday: Attendance-91%
Punctual-86%
- Friday: Attendance-98%
Punctual-86%



Google Calendar:

<http://www.stjosephstampa.org/school-life/calendar-2>

December Menu:

http://www.stjosephstampa.org/images/December_Menu_2015.pdf

Sunday Reflections:

<http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm>

Volunteer Spot:

<http://vols.pt/UyEHBA>

Box Tops & Labels for Education:

<http://www.stjosephstampa.org/box-tops-and-labels-for-education>



Sunday, December 13, 2015

"FAMILY SUNDAY CONNECTION"

"The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the Messiah through acts of repentance. If Advent is a time of waiting, it is not the sitting in the doctor's office kind of waiting. It is a busy time of preparation, more like the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation.

As you gather as a family, talk about the preparations your family is making during the season of Advent. Reflect together on these activities, not only on what you are doing but why you are choosing to do these things. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:10-18. Consider how Advent is a time for making ourselves ready to receive Jesus in our lives. Could your family make some changes in your Advent activities so that each person is well prepared to celebrate the gift of salvation at Christmas? Conclude in prayer together that your family will be able to live the spirit of Advent. Sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" or pray together today's second reading, Philippians 4:4-7, as you light the third candle on your Advent wreath."



This Week in Pictures...



Love



We wait in...



Joy



Peace



Hope

