



## NOTES FROM P.R.E.P. DECEMBER 12, 2018

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT NEXT WEEK

Next Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Christmas Pageant in church. All students should come directly to church and sit in the pews reserved for their class. Level 6 and 7 students who have parts in the pageant should come directly to the altar server sacristy (off the shrine room) **no later than 6:00 PM**. The pageant will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.

Following the pageant refreshments will be served in the school hall. Students should see their catechist in the hall before leaving as they have a small gift for them. This coming weekend, December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> the Parent Board will be calling parents whose names are between Adami and Ludian to remind them about bringing refreshments for the social. Items can be dropped off in the school hall beginning at 6:00 PM. Please use the alley door near the kitchen as this is the only door that will be open.



### CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT COLLECTION

Tonight is the last night for our Christmas Service Project collection. Thank you for your generosity-there will be many families who will be benefitting from your generosity.



## **THE SPIRIT OF GIVING**

This year in an effort to emphasize giving instead of receiving at Christmas, the students in PREP will be giving a donation to a local charity instead of receiving gifts from PREP. The students were given two choices of charities that their donation could be given to and each student was able to vote on the charity they wanted. When the votes were counted the charity that had the most votes was the Children's Home Society, which helps place babies in their forever homes. Many of these babies are in fragile health so CHS also places these babies with the medical supplies that they require. The PREP catechists and I are so proud of the children and how they have embraced this project!

## **ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS**

We are still in need of families to light the Advent Wreath at some Masses. It doesn't take long and there **no singing involved**. If you are interested in participating in this awesome experience please contact Deb Stanton at [Missdeb19054@gmail.com](mailto:Missdeb19054@gmail.com). This activity can also count as Confirmation service.

Available Masses:

**December 15 – 5:30 PM Mass**

**December 16 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses**

**December 22 – 5:30 PM Mass**



## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR LEVEL 6**

### **Christmas Food Baskets**



The weekend of December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> help will be needed to assemble the Christmas food baskets. This will take place on Friday evening, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM and again on Saturday morning, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 AM until Noon. This is one of the service opportunities for our Level 6 students. **A parent must accompany any student volunteering. It is the responsibility of the student to get the signature of the person in charge of this service activity.**

## **FOOD PANTRY AWARD**

The winner of last week's Food Pantry Award was:



**MS. BUZBY'S LEVEL 5!!  
CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**THERE WILL BE NO FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEK-  
OUR FOOD COLLECTION WILL RESUME ON JANUARY  
9<sup>TH</sup>.**

**IN JANUARY OUR THEME IS THE NEW YEAR AND WE  
WILL BE COLLECTING:**

**SOUPS**

**SALAD DRESSINGS**

**CANNED TUNA & CHICKEN**

## **FOSTERING PRAYER**

During this hectic and stressful time of year, why not turn every worry that drifts into your thoughts into a prayer.

**GOSPEL SNEAK PEEK FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**HEARING THE WORD**

**LUKE 3:10 – 18**

The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.”

Now all the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

**REFLECTING ON THE WORD**

“What should we do?” people ask today when confronted with the concerns of the day. No action can cure all the violence or comfort all mourners. But an individual’s concern can warm another’s heart and lift burdens. Not only do we give our cloak for heat but also our smiles and kindness. This warmth keeps us hopeful in times of dark and cold. When all around us grows dim, we look to Christ, whose light we share with others. Once shared, the light continues to grow until, with Christ’s coming, we emerge from the shadows.

**FOR REFLECTION**

What kind of light brings you the most joy? How do you share that with others?

Why is the candle this Sunday pink while the others are purple?