

St. Michael the Archangel Our Angel of Protection

# St. Michael's School December 2023

"A Community of Faith Devoted to Students"



#### **Annual School Auction**



The Auction Committee has been very busy preparing for the 21st Annual School Auction on December 1st. Doors open at 5:30, supper will be served from 6:00-7:00 with the live auction beginning at 7:00 p.m. Donations continue to roll in and it looks like another exciting night is in store. Bring your family, bring your friends for a night of socializing and shopping. This is the one major fundraiser for our school and proceeds continue to enhance our programing.

Parents, you are reminded to return your volunteer form ASAP. Your time and contributions to the evening are needed and greatly appreciated. When we put our efforts together we can do great

things. We look forward to seeing everyone.

#### Children's Choir

We are excited to have some of our younger students singing in the Community Carol Festival on December 10. Thank you to Judy Van Ham and Carla Robertson for initiating and coaching our kids. See the attached Festival poster for more details.

#### **Mission Mexico Day**



Mission Mexico Day will be held on December 12, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will once again be collecting a loonie (or more if you're able) from each student and staff member to send to Mission Mexico to help the poorest of the poor. The profits from the Taco In A Bag hot lunch this month will also go toward Mission Mexico. We continue to support this very worthwhile charity which was founded by our former priest, Father Fred Monk and continues to help those in most need.

### Advent Mass

Students and staff will be bussed to the church for a 9:00 a.m. Advent Mass on December 20 with Father Wojciech. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### Mini Ball Schedule Change

Please see the attached poster with the changes to the Mini-Volleyball schedule.

#### **Student Council Activities**

Student Council has planned a "Spirit Week" for the last week of school before the Christmas break.

December 18 - Red & Green Day

December 19 - Ugly Sweater Day

December 20 - Christmas themed hat/socks day

December 21 - Pajama Day

Students & Staff who dress up for any or all of the theme days will earn points for their school family for the end-of-year prize! Be creative and have some fun.

#### **Hot Lunch**

Hot Dog Day is December December 5 Peter's Pizza Lunch is December 14 Taco In A Bag Day is December 19

THE CONCESSION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON HOT LUNCH DAYS except for milk.

#### Mini-Ball Finals

Everyone is welcome to attend our Mini-Ball finals on December 14 starting at 11:00 am in the school gym. We would like to thank Ms. Matulin who once again organized all of the practises and games for the students. Thank you to our Senior High Students who stepped up to coach our young athletes during their lunch break.

#### **Growing Great Kids**

Students are recognized each month for their good deeds and acts of kindness they are caught doing. Congratulations to Victoria Burgess who won the \$20 gift card. She always helps to put away the dodge balls on Fridays. Great job Victoria. Thank you to the Conquerville Community Hall for donating the gift card and your continued support of St. Michael's.

#### Parent Council Free Hot Lunch

Parent Council will be serving FREE ham, potatoes, veggies and christmas oranges on December 21 for all students and staff. Please remember the concession will only be available for milk that day.

#### **AR Program**



The AR Program has 46/55 students participating. They have passed 150/166 quizzes that were taken. Keep up the good work everyone.

#### **Sharing is Caring**

The school will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations until December 14 for our local food bank.

We will also be collecting from smoke free, pet free homes, new mittens, scarves, hats and socks for the Bow Island Library's Mitten

Tree. Items are for people of all ages and genders who may need a little extra help. Our deadline is December 14.

**Popcorn Day -** December 12 for those celebrating a December Birthday. It will also be available for purchase for all others.

# St. Michael's Annual Christmas Concert December 20 @7:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us in the school gym for "The Nativity Through Song"



Mrs. Pollock and her students have been working very hard to put together an evening of entertainment. Come One, Come All!

# December 2023

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1 21st Annual Dinner & Auction	8 No School Staff PD Day	15 Non Operational Day No students or Staff	22 Non Operational Day No Students or Staff	29 NO SCHOOL	Jan. 5 NO SCHOOL
	7	14 Peter's Pizza Day Giving Deadline	21 Pajama Day PAC FREE Hot Lunch	28 NO SCHOOL	Jan. 4 NO SCHOOL
	ဖ	13	20 Advent Mass 9:00 Christmas Hat/ Socks Day Christmas Concert 7:00 pm	27 NO SCHOOL	Jan. 3 NO SCHOOL
	5 Hot Dog Day	12 Mission Mexico Day - Bring a Loonie	19 Ugly Sweater Day Taco In A Bag Day	26 NO SCHOOL	Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL
	4	11	18 Red & Green Day	Merry Christmas	Jan. 1 Happy New Year NO SCHOOL
	3 1st Sunday of Advent	10 2nd Sunday of Advent Community Carol Festival	17 3rd Sunday of Advent	24 4th Sunday of Advent	31



## **OFF-CAMPUS NEWS**



#### Olds College Dual Credit Courses Winter Session

Students can now apply for Olds College Dual Credit courses which will run from March 4 to May 24, 2024.

Courses offered are:

**Accounting Principles 2** 

Veterinary Practices: The Team Connection Electronics and Control Systems in Precision Ag. Applied Ecology

Global and Sustainable Tourism
Managing Landscapes
Training for Performance

Please contact Mrs. Gurr or Mr. Boschee if you are interested in taking any of these courses for more information and forms.





#### **December Virtual Career Sessions**

Geospatial Technician - Dec. 5 at 4:30pm
Database Software Developer - Dec. 6 at 4:00pm
Register for one or both of these sessions, or listen to
past sessions, at:

https://careersteps.ca

#### Hours

All Rap and Work Experience students please remember to send in your hours to Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr at: hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca

#### University of Lethbridge Board of Governor's Admission Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship rewards students who apply early to the U of L.

In order to be considered for the Board of Governors' Admission Scholarship you must submit a completed application for admission before

December 15th, 2023 and then you will automatically be considered.

#### **Online Engineering Evening**

Join the University of Saskatchewan on December
7th at 5:30-8:00pm for an evening of online
interactive fun with prizes. Students can find out
what kind of engineer they might be and what
USask Engineering has to offer. Register at: https://
admissions.usask.ca/tours-and-events/
events.php#Engineeringevents



Happy holidays! Good health and prosperity in 2024.

From your Off Campus Team.

Mr. Boschee and Mrs. Gurr





#### **Your Off-Campus Team**

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#### Mini-Volleyball Teams – 2023



Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Meggie	Calum	Hudson	Ade
Nixon	Ryker	Bentleigh	Evander
Tatum	Mary	Victoria	Olivia
Mia	Omiose	Levi	Griffin
			Ciandra
Coaches:	Coaches:	Coaches:	Coaches:
Soto	Haisley	Dyllan	Jake
Foster	Elody	Samuelle	Aidan

• Warm Up begins at 11:50, games will begin at 11:55 or whenever both teams are ready.

#### **PRACTICES:**

Date:	Teams:
Monday, November 06	3 and 4
Wednesday, November	1 and 2
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#### \*NEW\* Mini-Volleyball Schedule

#### Games to begin after warm-up, usually 11:55.

#### **GAMES:**

Date:		Teams:
Monday, December 04		3 vs. 2
Wednesday, December 06		4 vs. 3
Thursday, December 07		2 vs. 1



#### **Playoffs:**

Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> place team vs. 4<sup>th</sup> place team Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> place team vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> place team

#### Final:

Winner of Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> game vs. Winner of Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> game: Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am

#### St. Michael's School Council Meeting

Date: November 28, 2023 (not yet approved)

Attendance: Nora Van Tryp, Stephanie Hlady, Jaap Remijn, Mr. Tom Machecak, Sara Weatherhead, Mildred Thurston, Dyllan Thurston, Mr. Kevin Kinihan, Mrs. Alma North, Mrs. Jill Weatherhead, Kim Van Ham, Simone Mastel

Call to Order: 6:45pm

- 1A. Opening Prayer and Treaty Acknowledgement
- C. Approval of Agenda- Add Parish Repor, Staff Appreciatio, Laptops to New Business. Kim approves Agenda.
- D. Approval of last meetings minutes-Jill approves October minutes.

#### 2A. Student Council Report- Dyllan, Gr. 11.

- -Hallloween stations and dance in the gym successful, potion guessing, mystery "eyebal: feelin toilet paper wrapping, eyeball bucket target toss. Collected family points for hat day, Pink Day. School Dance Friday night had about 30 people attending-good fun. Christmas spirit week coming up for week before Christmas.
- B. Teacher Report-Vollyeball Jr High won Counties. Aidan played with St. Mary's and they won Bronze. Sr girls played with Foremost and placed third in Crows Nest Tournamnent. Mini Ball started and kids are very excited!
- "Scientists in the School" this month from a Grant obtained by. Holy Spirit. Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-9 all participated. Beautiful liturgy organized by Mrs. Matulin for All Souls Day. Rememberance Day Liturgy was held Nov. 8 by Mr. Allen and the grade 3/4's. Mrs. Pollock's. band supported the liturgy with beautiful musicc. Grade 11/12 to Postsecondary Job Fair in Taber Nov. 16 then bowling.

AR 46/55 students are participaiting n K-12. 166 quizzes completed and 150 tests passed. Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast Nov. 30. SDP wrap up Nov. 30 and will start again in the New Year. Shorter weeks in December for Nonoperational/PD Days on Dec. 8, 15, and 22.

B. Principal Report & Associate Principal Report- Mr. Kevin Kinahan, Mrs. Jill Weatherhead Pickleball Court- Have connected again with Kaylee. Rec Department would like new court (if we do proceed). Still need to follow up with Division Secretary/Treasurer.

SPACES and Office Hours-going well on the Teacher's side. Went live Nov.17 Second round Office Hours Nov 22, next hours January 24 4-5pm.

CIPand AEAM-will be presented at a later date.

Tutoring-Adrianna Ekailan (Handsen) has been hired mid-October. She meets high school students every Thursday after school from 3:30-4:30. Will talk to Adrianna about the possibility of doing tutoring/study skills for Junior High students.

Pre-K Program-invite Sheri and Jamie/TinaSheri to come to our January meeting to share our vision of what this could look like

Exit surveys-after much thought and deliberation, decided not to follow up with the students and families that have left and focus on the students and families we have now.

SGF Accounts-will continue to bring to meetings. Discussion about money sitting in accounts that no longer apply, that could be roll into other applicable accounts. Will be brought forward in February.

SDP- 6 week session, last day Thursday. A big thanks to all volunteers.

- D. Chairperson Report-Jaap attended Trustee meeting. Review of Operating Procedures, roles of Trustees and School Councils. Focus on keeping personal issues out of meetings. Stephanie lets her report stand.
- E. Treasurer Report-\$34,663.47. 2-\$10,000 GIC. First Aid Future Liability \$875 moved for upcoming students. Some funds used Teacher Discretionary, Hot Lunch, and Field Trips (bowling). Kim accepts her statement as presented. Nora. Seconds all in favour.
- F. Trustee Report-Tom attended Catholic Education mass at St. Michael's Church. Budget Preparation Meeting at the School with Trustees December 18 at 6pm. More info to come. Tom lets his report stand.
- 3. Fundraising Commitee- Let Michelle's report stand.
- 4. Hot Lunch Program-Let Cassandra's report stand.

Family events Report- Sara lets her report stand.

Parish Report-Parish meeting last Friday. Creating photo directory. Nov. 19 was Parish supper. Raised \$4000 between donations and meals. Next meeting March 22.

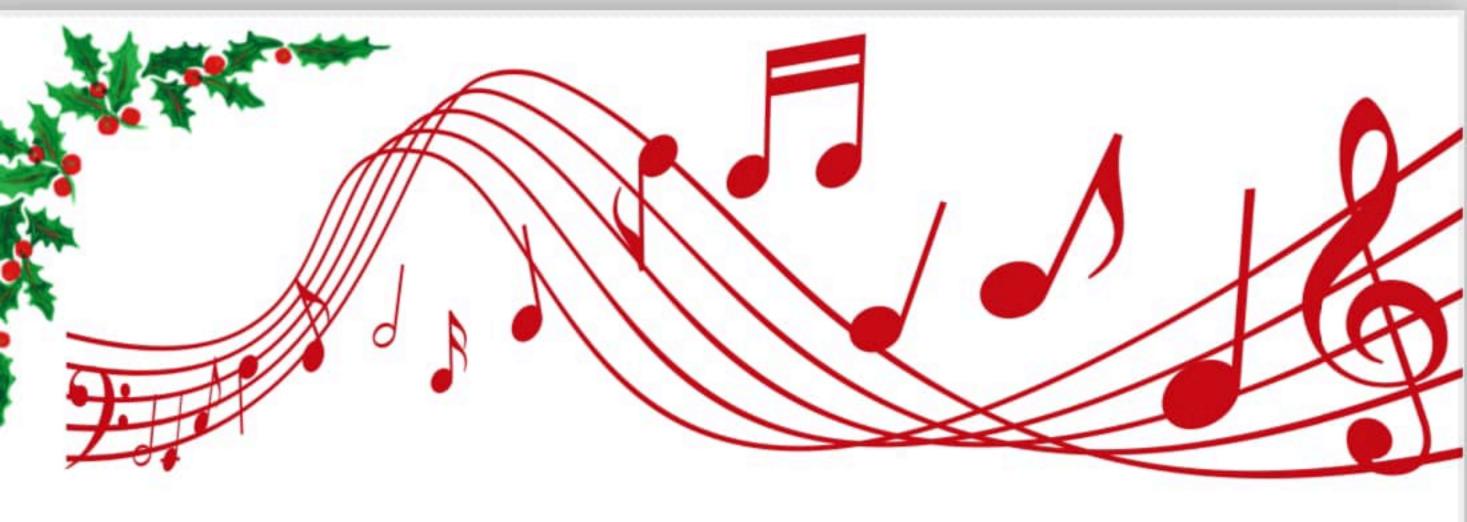
New Business-Missoula Theatre- Grant was approved from CFSEA of \$3,324 to run this program in the Summer. FCSS is the Administrator of this Grant and receiving it, School Council and School is working alongside to coordinate this for the community. Jill will be pinpoint for this. We do need to find billets and snack options. August 12-16.

T-shirt Orders-will follow up with Erin.

Staff Appreciation-Stephanie proposed Staff Appreciation Policy. Marriage included. Simone motions to approve policy.

Laptops- 6 laptops that were bought for high school students that are no longer here. 3 2022 models valued at \$500 each. 3 2019 models valued \$60 each. Stephanie will follow up with Melinda if she wants a 2022 model. 2nd 2022 donated to Playschool The other 2022 will email all parents if someone wants to purchase for \$500. The remainder 3 2019 will go into the Auction.

Next Meeting- January 17, 2024



# COMMUNITY CAROL



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2023 ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

LET THE MUSIC OF THE CHRISTMAS
SEASON FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH THE
SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

# FOOD BANK DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED

ANY INTERESTED CHOIRS CAN REGISTER BY CONTACTING
JUDY VAN HAM OR CARLA ROBERTSON
403-952-2258 403-979-2234

# How Celebrating a Good Advent Gets Families Ready for Christmas

by Fr. Kevin Tumback, All Saints Parish

Advent (a time of preparation for Christmas) takes little thought and some planning, but can lead to a more joyful Christmas and one more centered on the *Reason for the Season*. We sometimes forget that the only reason we get this holiday is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. So how can we put our focus on Jesus?

- 1. ADVENT WREATH. The Advent wreath is a circle of greenery that signifies the eternity of God (the Alpha and the Omega). Decorated with 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle, it counts down the 4 weeks till Christmas. Some will place a white candle in the middle that is lit on Christmas day, or they will replace all 4 candles with white candles, which are all lit for the 12 days of Christmas. Some people will also place a small crib in the middle as a reminder of who we are waiting for. The greenery in the wreath represents the new life that comes to us in Jesus.
- 2. CHRISTMAS TREE. Many people put up their Christmas tree the 1st day of Advent, some put the Christmas tree up on the Feast of St. Nicholas on December 6th, and some will wait till just before Christmas as they want their tree to stay up for the 12 days of Christmas.
- **3. SHOES AT THE DOOR**. In some traditions beginning on December 6th, shoes are placed at the door and small gifts are placed in the shoes each night leading up to the great celebration of Christmas.
- **4. DOOR DECORATION**. A tiny or large decorated wreath adorns the front door, announcing to visitors and passers-by the anticipation of Christmas that is coming. It provides a sense of joy so it is often decorated with lively colors, balls and ribbons.
- **5. CRIB.** Many will assemble a crib inside the front door. It's a simple depiction of the first Christmas in Bethlehem. Some will put out a complete Nativity scene and some will move Mary and Joseph around the house as if travelling to Bethlehem.
- **6. CANDIES**. There are many traditional candies associated with Christmas and for some just getting the family together to make the homemade sweets adds to the joy and anticipation.
- 7. **DECKING THE HALLS**. Putting up tinsel and lights and all that goes with that is part of the anticipation of the Christmas joy. For some, they will put it all up at once, while others will have different elements that go up each week of Advent until Christmas arrives.
- **8. CHRISTMAS CARDS**. This may be an old tradition but in these challenging times, this might be a time to send people something special like a Christmas card. In some ways it is like opening a gift.
- **9. CARDS LEAD TO LETTERS.** Yes there is email and texting and/and/and. But again in these trying times a handwritten or even computer generated letter coming in the "snail mail" can truly help others prepare for the season of Christmas.
- **10. 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS.** Which has nothing to do with Advent, but beginning on Christmas day and each day for the next 11 of the 12 days of Christmas, gifts are placed somewhere in the house reminding us that Christmas is not about one day, but rather our entire lives.

Jeremiah 1:5a

#### Build!

Pilgrims of Hope

#### St. Margaret of Castello 1287-1320 (Feast Day: April 13)

Margaret was born in Perugia, Italy in 1287. We know that she was born with a medical condition known as dwarfism, was blind, and had other physical disabilities as well. Her parents, who were nobles, hid her from the public and eventually walled her into a room adjacent to the chapel. It was there that she began her spiritual journey, attending Mass and receiving the sacraments. She became devoutly spiritual during this time of solitude and when she was about 16, her parents took her to a church at Castello, where miracles were said to have happened, seeking for her to be cured. When this did not occur, they abandoned her there.

Consequently, she spent time living amongst the poor of the town before being taken in by a religious family. She joined the Dominican Third Order of Castello, and spent the remainder of her life in prayer, and performing acts of penance and charity to those around her. Her devotion and holiness were so well known in her community that upon her death in 1320, they demanded that she be buried in the local church. She was canonized by Pope Francis in April of 2021, and her incorrupt body still lies in that church in Castello 700 years later.

#### "Building" In Our Schools

It's important to remember and honour those who have served before us - be it in our community or in service to our country. With the help of Mrs. Alvarez and Mrs. Picton's students, St. Teresa of Calcutta School held a Remembrance Day service, while St. Mary School in Taber hosted a Community Remembrance Day ceremony. On November 9th, a special Mass was held at St. Basil Catholic Education Centre to honour retired staff for their work and support of Catholic Education. "I thank my God every time I remember you..." Philippians 1:3

"For we are God's servants, working together..." 1 Corinthians 3:9a



# Corporal Works of Mercy – Advent –

As we enter Advent this month, we would like to highlight a resource and a request.

In Holy Spirit, we have a divisional license for the <u>FORMED</u> platform. This service provides abundant Catholic content for your use with your staff, students, or your own formation. For <u>Advent</u>, they have two new series, an interactive Advent calendar, as well as some Advent FAQs. *Rooted* will be a daily Advent reflection video series, while *Drawing Closer to God* is a Catholic art show for kids!

You will also know that we are working collaboratively this year with Chalice to support the St. Odilia building project. A number of schools are working on fundraising efforts through Advent to support this initiative, and recall that you can also make individual donations through <a href="SchoolCashOnline">SchoolCashOnline</a>. If you or a community partner would like to make a larger contribution, please let us know!



"...the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel." (Matthew 1:23)



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Pope's Prayer Intentions - For people with disabilities

- Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusion programmes that value their active participation.

# Catholic Social Teaching — Participation —

Through the course of this year, we will look each month at one of the Catholic Social Teachings. The aim of Catholic Social Teaching is to shine the light of the Gospel on our contemporary world, allowing us as disciples of Christ to look at the world around us with new eyes, and to take action.

Last month, we looked at subsidiarity - the idea that we should seek to address needs at the most local level and create solutions with those around us. Participation is closely linked to subsidiarity. As part of our living together, we also believe that each person is entitled to participate in making decisions that affect their lives, and to actively involve those around us in those processes, whether economic, social, or political. This is a way of balancing the dignity of each person with the pursuit of the common good.

As Pope Benedict XVI noted in Caritas in Veritate,

Subsidiarity respects personal dignity by recognizing in the person a subject who is always capable of giving something to others.

The Pope's Prayer Intention this month is for people with disabilities - that they may be at the centre of our societies and that we value their active participation. St. Margaret of Castello shows us the importance of this, and the positive impacts that those with disabilities have on all of us.

Learn more about Participation with one of these resources:

The Religion Teacher - <u>Participation</u>
Caritas EU - <u>Participation</u>
USCCB - <u>Participation</u>



#### Gospel Readings

December 3, 2023 1st Sunday in Advent

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:33-37

"What I say to you I say to all: 'Watch!'" — Mark 13:37

Whenever something exciting is coming in our lives, we wait for it with great anticipation. If it is a birthday or a holiday, there is a lot to do to prepare for it. We put all our energy into the preparations without hesitation because we know how much fun it will be when the day comes. Today's scripture reminds us to prepare ourselves with this same excitement and anticipation for Christ's coming. Since it is the season of Advent, we are preparing to celebrate Christ's birth. But we are also called to be prepared every day of our lives. Jesus wants us to be ready to meet him any day, any time, anywhere.

An Advent wreath helps us count the four weeks of preparation for Christ's birth. Does your family have an Advent wreath or another Advent tradition that helps you count the days until Christmas?



#### Prayer:

Dear Lord, show me how I can best prepare my heart and mind to meet you whenever you come.

December 8, 2023

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

"Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." — Luke 1:38

People sometimes mistakenly believe that this feast is about when Mary became pregnant with Jesus. Instead, this feast day is about MARY's birth. From the very moment when Mary began to grow in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, she was without sin. Mary received this special grace from God so that she could live unselfishly her entire life.

God knew that Mary would accept his plan to bring Jesus into the world as a human baby, so he prepared a perfect soul for her so she would become the Mother of his perfect Son.

Can you pray the Hail Mary? The first part of that prayer comes from the words the angel Gabriel said when he appeared to Mary.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



#### Prayer:

Sweet Mother Mary, please help me to trust and obey God just like you did.

Download this month's <u>Saint Prayer Card</u> - St. Margaret of Castello



#### Gospel Readings

December 10, 2023 2nd Sunday in Advent

#### Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

"...prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." — Mark 1:3

Preparing is what everyone seems to be doing this time of the year. People are buying presents, writing cards, making cookies, and decorating homes. These ways of preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth are lots of fun. But how are we preparing our hearts? There are many special things we can do during Advent, such as a Jesse Tree which reminds us of Jesus' lineage. We could do Advent meditations as a family to help us think about Christ's coming. We could find a way to serve those in need together. Or we could just pray together as a family in front of our Christmas tree and ask Jesus to help us prepare our hearts for Christmas. Whatever we choose, let us find a special way our family can "prepare the way of the Lord."

What will we do as a family this Advent to prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth?

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#### Prayer:

Dear Lord, please help us to prepare our hearts in a special way as we prepare to celebrate your birth.

December 17, 2023 3rd Sunday in Advent

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

"Rejoice always." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16

During this time of year, there are many things that can make us feel happy. We enjoy seeing friends and family. We may like looking at Christmas lights that decorate people's homes. The festive food that seems to be present everywhere is extra yummy. But today's scripture calls us to venture beyond "happy" into "rejoicing!" There are so many blessings around us that our joy should be abundant and directed to our God who gives us all good things! Let's share our great joy with those around us, so the light of Christ will shine during this Advent season and continue through the upcoming Christmas season."

What will we do as a family this Advent to prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth?

#### "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

#### **Prayer:**

Dear Lord, please help us to prepare our hearts in a special way as we prepare to celebrate your birth.

December 24, 2023

4th Sunday in Advent

December 25, 2023

The Nativity of the Lord

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

"Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." — Luke 1:30

There are times when I do things that I know must disappoint God. There are other times that I've done things that I hope are very pleasing to God. But can you imagine being told directly by an angel that you have found favor with God? That would be amazing! Mary was someone very special to God. He wanted her to carry his Son. She always tried to do everything in her life to please the Lord. During this last day of Advent, ask Mary to pray for us to have the same desire she did, to do everything in our life to make God happy.

#### Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for showing us through Mary such a beautiful example of faith.

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

Today is a day of great rejoicing! Jesus is born! He has come to teach us how to live with love and compassion. He was here when the whole world was created and he is here right now! Let us spend today and the rest of the Christmas season praising him for his goodness to us.

#### Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you for continuing to love us.

Thank you for being the Word of God that speaks to us of your love.

#### Sources:

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