



"Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love
in the world in spite of human failure.
Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite
of our ignorance and weakness.
Give us the knowledge that we may continue
to pray with understanding hearts.
And show us what each one of us can do to set forward
the coming of the day of universal peace."

+Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

December 18, 2023

In one week, we will celebrate Christmas! This final week of preparations and activities could distract us from the birth of Jesus. How can we avoid these distractions? As Fr. Chris said to both the Pre-K and Kindergarten after their Christmas pageant, we know why Jesus was born, why Jesus came as our Savior. When he asked them why, they said with confidence that Jesus was born because He Loves Us!

May the faith of our youngest students be our faith during this busy week. May their faith in the love of Jesus and in His power to save us be our faith as well. May we know and feel the love of Jesus in our hearts this Christmas and every day of the New Year! And, may we bring and be the love of Jesus to all we meet every day!

Please be assured of our prayers for your families and you during this Christmas season!

Merry Christmas!

God bless you,
Sister Catherine

Construction update: The drywall has been installed in the new reception rooms. You can clearly see how the rooms will be set up. The electrical work is complete as well. Doors have been ordered. The new monitoring system needs to be installed. Although we are still a bit away from having both reception rooms fully operational, everything looks very promising!

Upcoming Events

December 18	Pre-K Christmas Celebration – 9:00 a.m. Kindergarten Pageant – 1:30 p.m.
December 19	Christmas Pageant, Grades 1 to 4, at 6:30 p.m. in Church
December 20	Archbishop's Christmas Party: Student Council and Service Commission
December 21	Christmas Add-On Day
December 22	Christmas Pageant: at 10:15 in church 12:30 Dismissal – NO CARES – Please make plans for dismissal now
December 24	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent: Regular Sunday Mass Schedule</i> Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
December 25	Merry Christmas! Christmas Day: Masses are 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (No 5 pm)
December 27	Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus Party, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January 2	Faculty Retreat: No School for Students
January 3	Welcome Back to School
January 5	Picture Make-up Day
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: NO SCHOOL
January 20	Quizzo: Proceeds to benefit scholarship fund
January 24	School Liturgy: 10:00 a.m. Walnut Street Assembly: How A Star Gets Made: The Bessie Coleman Story – Gr. 5 to 8
January 25	District Principals' Meeting
Jan. 28 – Feb. 2	Catholic Schools Week



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We cordially invite you to join us in our anticipation of and celebration of Christmas at our Christmas Pageant on Tuesday, December 19 @ 6:30 pm & on Thursday, December 22, @ 10:15 am in the Church.

Christmas Pageant Directives:

We ask that Grades 1 to 4 report directly to the Church at 6:15 tomorrow night, December 19, for the Christmas Pageant. Grade 8 will report at 6:00 to their classrooms. Thank you!

Christmas Concerts:

We congratulate our musicians for their fine performances in our recent Christmas/Winter Concerts. On Monday, 12/11, our Strings musicians performed well with professional and local musicians. Thank you, Mr. Kraft. We also thank the members of our Beginner and Advanced Bands for their concert on December 13. The students performed well under the leadership of Ms. Brinell! We are so grateful to our parents for your tremendous support of the music program at St. Cecilia School!

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 Thank you for your wonderful generosity to our Christmas Toy Drive! You are surely going to make a lot of families happy this Christmas! Thank you!!!!

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 Thank you to Ms. Roney, Mrs. Weiler, and Mrs. Brewster, and our Student Council and Service Commission for all they did for our **Lunch with Santa!** It was a great day and it was so wonderful to see so many of our families there on Sunday!

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Christmas Add-On Day, Thursday, December 21: Students may wear Christmas accessories with their uniforms. Facepainting, stickers on face, or hair dye/paint are not permitted. Thank you!

Thank you to our Faculty and Staff for all they did to prepare and assist with our Christmas activities!

