



# *From the Principal's Desk*

January 4th, 2024

We are growing as Catholics in the Image of Jesus Christ through Worship, Formation and Community.

## *Epiphany*

**They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ~Matthew 2:10-11**

Epiphany, or Three Kings Day, is an important celebration for Catholic school students to understand. We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany on Jan. 6th, or the 1st Sunday after Jan. 1st.

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. So it is no wonder why God would use this belief to show us that His Son was born as the new King. A star pointed the way for the Magi to find the new King and to give him glory.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation". We honor this moment in time when Jesus was made manifest to the whole world. It is a time for us to look into our own hearts and respond to Christ's manifestation in the same ways that the Magi responded - To come before Him, to give Him the gift of our faith and worship, and to acknowledge that He is our King.

## *New dismissal process*

Did you know that our school day actually ends at 2:15pm? That's right! But you would never know it by watching our dismissal process. On most days it's 2:35pm by the time the last student is out of the building. Our bus call alone takes forever, and they have to be the first ones to be dismissed. Between the time teachers end their teaching and the time when the last of the car riders are called to be dismissed, they could be sitting in their classrooms for 20 minutes or more. This has led to boredom and behaviors. Our littles sit in their classrooms with coats on waiting, and waiting...

The teachers and I got together and thought, "there has GOT to be a better way". The goal was simple: get everyone dismissed at a more reasonable amount of time. This week we tried it out.

As you know, busses are dismissed first. Instead of calling and dismissing two busses at a time, waiting for them to load and pull out, then calling the next two (which was taking forever), the busses now pull all the way up to the yellow gate and all bus riders are dismissed at the same time. This is not as chaotic as it sounds! The students are still all dismissed in order (busses 1-7) and they still have their 7th or 8th grade leaders. But now they can file out in order, load the busses and be gone in under 4 minutes! Car riders are then dismissed and we successfully send everyone out and home in under 10 minutes.

We realize that some parents are not aware of how quickly it's been going this week. If you are accustomed to waiting because you know your child is typically late coming out, you may want to rethink that. As always, we will continue to wait with any student whose ride doesn't show right away, but please keep in mind the new process and that our goal is to get your child out to you as quickly as possible. **Please DO NOT walk in front of the busses.** They will be leaving as soon as they are loaded. We really appreciate your help to make this dismissal process a more pleasant experience for all. Thank you.

## *Message from Fr. Dan*

### **As we come back from Christmas vacation, here are some helpful reminders about proper church etiquette:**

Fr. Dan will be going over some very helpful reminders at Friday's All-School Mass. These are good reminders for everyone, too, not just at school Masses, but every time we are at church.

1. When you enter and leave the church, please genuflect towards the Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle as a sign of respect and devotion. Always genuflect by going down on your RIGHT knee. If you walk in front of the altar during Mass, please bow to the altar. Always be aware while in church that you are in God's presence.
2. If you choose not to take the Sacred Blood at Communion time, you should still stop and bow showing respect and devotion.
3. Never eat or drink in church, except for water. You should not have food within an hour of receiving Holy Communion.
4. Never run in church
5. When moving the kneelers up or down, please use your hands not your feet
6. At the Sign of Peace, students should stay near their class. If parents want to give their child a hug, the parent should come to the child, not the child to the parent. This way teachers can keep a visual on all the children in their class.

## *Registration is now open*

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Remember, it is only \$200 to secure your family's place (K3 registration is separate) We are excited to once again offer the "bring a friend" discount. Do you know of someone who would love to be a part of the St. Leonard School community? The families that take advantage of this can see a \$500 credit on the tuition!

If you have any concerns about tuition, please remember that we do offer tuition assistance and we are a part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Contact the office for more information. We never want the cost of tuition to be a reason you can't stay.



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## Open House

Our Open House is a great opportunity for new families to come and see what we are all about. If you know of a family who is looking for a new place to call home, please invite them on January 21st from 12:00pm-1:30pm. Contact the office for more information.



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January 21,  
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## Pizza Sale

The Pizza sale is in full swing! You have until January 9th when all orders are due. Please make sure to go to the Pizza Form linked below to add your total orders.

Return this order form and **one check** for the total amount due (payable to St. Leonard School) OR return this form to the school office and make **one payment** to the Greater Giving at <http://stleonards.ejoinme.org/TotalPizzaSales>.

Click [HERE](#) for the form

## ***Jackets, Please***

This is my yearly plea:

Please make sure your child has a jacket and outer gear to keep themselves warm. Unless the weather drops below 0 degrees, they will always go outside. Some students are once again coming to school with no outer gear. This is unsafe and we are all just trying to protect them.

Thanks

## ***Upcoming Events***

- ~ Friday, January 5th Mass planned by K4 & 4th grade
- ~ Monday, January 8th Pizza Orders are due
- ~ Wednesday, January 17th Student Council OOU
- ~ January 21st - Open House
- ~ January 29-February 2 - Catholic Schools Week



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