

December 7, 2017



Tomorrow the students will be attending mass at 8:30 am in celebration of the Feast of Immaculate Conception.

Reminder—ALL students go outdoors for recess unless the temperature is below zero. Make sure your child has appropriate outer wear! A warm jacket, mittens/gloves a hat, snow pants and boots.



First Reconciliation is scheduled between 10:30 and 2:00 pm at church this coming Saturday. Please contact the parish office or email StRitaReligiousEd@archmil.org if you have questions.

'Tis the Season for Christmas Caroling!

This Saturday, December 9, the Tablesetters will be going caroling at St. Monica's Senior Living Facility at 1:00. Then weather permitting, we are hoping to drive back to church and sing for our neighbors on Ellis Ave. We will end with hot cocoa in the school gym regardless of whether we carol outdoors or not. Please plan to join us. The senior citizens really love seeing the children's energy and excitement at this time of year. Everyone is welcome. The more the merrier!

The **Parish Breakfast with Santa** is this Sunday after 8:00 and 10:30 mass. The beautiful raffle baskets our school families assembled will be available and there will be activities and crafts for children...and of course Santa will be there too! Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions to the raffle baskets!

SCRIP

Next week is your final chance to order SCRIP before the holidays! Please make sure that your order is placed by 8:00 am on Monday morning and that you send your payment to school on Monday (or use presto-pay).

The **Christmas Concert** is next week, December 14th, in church beginning at 6:30 pm. Students should be to church by 6:10 pm and be dressed nicely—Sunday best! Remember—NO hats, bells, reindeer ears, etc. will be allowed. There will be a full rehearsal at 2:00pm on Thursday afternoon.



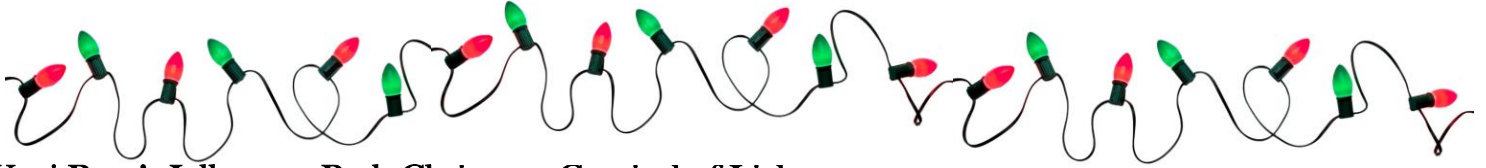
Tablesetters News:

Please be sure to come to the Tablesetters table at the parish Christmas breakfast (this Sunday) and write a Christmas greeting or note of encouragement to our service men and women or the ill and homebound members of our parish. A few moments of your time can mean so much to the people receiving your messages. Middle school Tablesetters are encouraged to come and help. This will count towards service hour totals.

HALO is having an open house on Sunday, December 17 (12:00-3:00). This would be a wonderful opportunity for middle schoolers and their families to take a tour and learn about what this important organization does for members of our community.

Christmas Family Donations

There is one week left to provide donations for the families in need. Please send in your items by December 15th. We are also in need of donated wrapping paper and sturdy boxes if you have any to spare. THANK YOU!



Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Christmas Carnival of Lights

Visit the drive-through lightshow at Jellystone Park (Hwy 38) on December 12th between 5:00 and 9:00 pm and tell them you are from St. Rita School and they will donate a portion of your admission price back to the school. The light show is spectacular and well worth it!

Community Christmas Nativity

For the 14th year in a row the Community Christmas Coalition is setting up a beautiful 40 foot Nativity scene in Monument Square on Main Street in downtown Racine. The scene will be fully lit, there will be Christmas music and the 30 foot Christmas tree will be aglow. Small groups will also be performing. The Nativity will be on display until January. Hopefully your family can stop by and see it!



Tax Exempt Reminder

For staff, parents and volunteers who purchase items for reimbursement—St. Rita is tax exempt (cards are available in the office) and the parish does not reimburse for tax. Please keep this in mind when making purchases and submitting payment requests. Thank you!

December 21st—Last Day before Christmas Break

December 21st will be the students' last day of school before the Christmas Break. School resumes on January 3rd. The 21st is an early dismissal day—students will be released at 12:00 pm. Our 8th grade students will perform the Posada in the gym first thing in the morning. Following the Posada middle school students will leave for their field trip to The Lanes Bowling Alley. Classroom parties for students in grades K-5 will begin at 10:45 am. Hot lunch will not be provided on that day. However, we will be ordering pizzas for the students to eat from Dominos.

For your calendar...CARES will not be open on December 22nd, 25th & 29th or January 1st.



One of Santa's Reindeer