

St. Joseph's

Saints in the Making!

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Joseph Catholic School strives to teach everyone to know, love, and serve God through spiritual development, academic pursuits, and community service.

From the Principal...

Thank you for your FANTASTIC participation in this year's Advent service project: Socks of Love. About 100 socks were brought to the school by students and families to be given to the patrons at R.S.V.P. Thank you again to Mrs. Ray for initiating the project, and to the students for providing cards and decorations to be given along with the items in the socks. I believe it was that personal touch that made this year's Advent project so memorable. Let's continue to build a generous and helping reputation in the community!

There's been an overwhelming response to the Christmas Wish Tree in the office. Folks are often asking: "What does the school need?" The ornaments on the Wish Tree tell you just that. The St. Joseph Family has a great collaborative spirit. Your gifts of love translate into a school-wide atmosphere of sharing, helping, and caring among the teachers, students, and parents. May the measure with which you measure be measured out to you! Thank you.

December is always the most popular month for SCRIP Gift Cards. Please join me in extending thanks to our Gift Card Coordinator: Marianne Mills. Thanks

also to all those who sell Gift Cards after the weekend Masses at both St. Francis Xavier and St. Gregory's every week. Thanks to those who help to keep track of accounts and inventory as well. Gift cards do make a profit for our school, but only if the Gift Card Coordinator and all the Gift Card volunteers work hard, week-in and week-out, all year long. And, of course, everyone and their brother want Gift Cards right about now. Working behind the scenes, the Gift Card program does a lot of good for our school and our community. If you haven't been purchasing Gift Cards from the school regularly yet, it's never too late to get started! I believe Gift Cards *could* be an even more amazing fundraiser us. We just need more and more families and parishioners to get into the regular habit of purchasing Gift Cards from St. Joseph Catholic School.

Thank you for supporting our Advent traditions of service and celebrations. Your presence at the programs and for Las Posadas help to make these events come to life for the students. Thank you to our teachers who bring the story of Jesus' birth to life through their teaching and their very lives. A Merry Christmas to you and yours. We'll see you in the New Year!



Merry
Christmas



Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming events at St. Joseph

December 20—Advent Prayer IV @ 9:30

December 20—HALF DAY Read 'n Feed

December 20—Classroom Christmas parties,
2:45

**December 21– January 2—CHRISTMAS
BREAK, NO SCHOOL**

January 3—FSA meeting, 3:45, Franciscan
Room

January 5— Last day of second Quarter

January 5—Eucharistic Adoration. On the First Friday of the
month, students have the opportunity for private, one-on-one
prayer before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

January 12—Rosary @ 8:30 (led by 3rd Grade)

January 25—School Spelling Bee (Grades 1-5)

January 26—DENIM DAY

January 28– February 3—Catholic Schools Week

February 2—Adoration , 8:30

February 7—FSA Meeting

February 13—Muffins with Mom @ 7:30

February 13—Pancake Race

February 13—St. Valentine's Day Parties, 2:45

February 14—Ash Wednesday LENT BEGINS



The place to purchase your Gift Cards for Christmas Is at St. Joe's!

Gift Cards make GREAT Christ-
mas Gifts! Many local favorites
are now available in \$5 cards
for your
Christmas
shopping
needs.



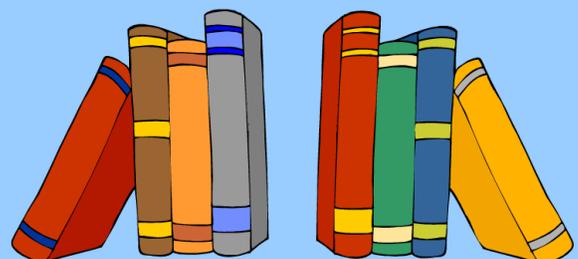
*O Come,
Emmanuel!*



Reminder from the Library

If you have NOT returned the li-
brary book sent home for quiz writ-
ing, please return as soon as pos-
sible.

Even if no quiz has been written,
the Library still needs the books.



We need your help!

Every seven years, St. Joseph Catholic School undergoes a cycle of evaluations to maintain accreditation with the State of Oklahoma. This spring, St. Joseph will be producing what is called a **Self-Study** to be verified by a team from the Diocese of Tulsa in the 2018-19 school year. The teachers will be working together in this essential work of affirmation and improvement for our school.

We have set aside these dates for working lunches from during the school day: **1/11, 1/24, 2/6, 2/20, 2/26, and 3/7**. We are asking for volunteers to supervise students during lunch and recess on these dates while the teachers do committee work. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these lunch sessions.

Thank you for helping us make St. Joe's the best!