



Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people. We await your coming. Come, O Lord.



Preparing our Hearts

All Saints Newsletter
December 17, 2009

the Lord is near

Our best preparation for the Holy Night ahead and the Joyful Morning to follow is for us to reflect upon how he came . . . “Lord, I place my trust in you.”

Thank you to all who participated in . . .

Lessons and Carols. Thank you to Fr. Kent, Mrs. Galvin, Ms. Crotte, and the classroom teachers for preparing our students who read the lessons and sang so well. A special word of appreciation is extended to Mrs. Taylor, Caroline Jardine, and the Art Club for the beautiful hand-made icons for the Jesse Tree. Our Church was filled with many voices lifted in song and prayer during last evening’s service. The spirit of the season came to life again when our band performed carols during our social in the McAlear.

Giving Tree Collection. Thank you to our families who brought in donations.

Mid-quarters

Mid-quarters and service hour statements will be sent home with students tomorrow -- **Friday, December 18.**

No Extended Day (formerly “Latchkey) – TOMORROW -- Friday, December 18. Normal hours will resume on Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22. Everyone’s cooperation is appreciated.

Santa’s Shop 2009 -- Monday, December 21. If school is delayed, Santa’s Shop will begin at 9:30 AM. If school is closed, Santa’s Shop will be held on Tuesday, December 22.

Boxing Day – Let’s Keep “Warming” Families in Need

This English holiday, also known as the Feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, is usually celebrated on December 26. This is a time for family and friends to gather together and “box” up new or gently used items which will be given to those in need. Like our Canadian neighbors to the North, we are going to keep the spirit of this celebration when we return from Christmas break. If you are a smart shopper and happen to see sales that are too good to pass up, keep “boxing day” in mind. Clothing such as socks, gloves, mittens, hats, sweaters, blankets, jackets, coats, shoes, and other such items would be greatly appreciated during the cold winter months. We will be contacting our diocesan charities for distribution. Please send all donations to school after Christmas break but before Thursday, January 14, 2010.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jen Sutton for the excellent job of organizing and coordinating our Market Day Program. We wish the Sutton Family (John, Jen, Gage, Gabby and Grady) our best wishes as they move to Coldwater, Ohio. Gage and Gabby’s last day at All Saints will be Friday, December 18. We miss you already!

We thank you, our heavenly Father, for the loveliness of the Christmas story:

- the child in the manger,
- the song of the angels,
- the homage of the shepherds,
- the tender love of Mary.

But most of all we thank you for the meaning of the Christmas story: that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, that all might live through him.



**Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas . . .
Mrs. Richardson and the All Saints Staff**