



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



*Preparing our Hearts &*

*All Saints Newsletter  
December 3, 2009*

*asking for the Grace*

During the Christmas season, we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy. Each morning, take a moment to light an inner candle by taking a deep breath and praying . . . **“Lord, I place my trust in you.”**

**Lessons and Carols – Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 PM**

We will be creating a Jesse tree which will be the focal point during the Advent season and the celebration of Lessons and Carols. Last Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, we see only the lifeless stump of Jesse and the new shoot. As the season progresses, we will see how the Jesse Tree is really a “family tree” for Jesus, our Savior. Each branch, each leaf on the tree is a story rooted deep in the Old Testament which tells of the relationship between God and His people. Kindergarten through grade eight students will weave together scripture and song to make up a beautiful service. A reception and instrumental band performance will follow in the McAlear Center. All are invited.



**Arrival Time . . . 6:30 PM**

All students other than middle school choir should report to their regular classrooms. Middle school choir should meet Mrs. Galvin in the Music Room.

**K-8 Expected Dress . . . School Uniform**

**Girls:** white blouse tucked in, plaid skirt/jumper, red or white tights, & dress shoes-no tennis shoes

**Boys:** white shirt tucked in, khaki pants, belt, & dress shoes-no tennis shoes

**Middle School Choir Dress**

White blouse tucked in, red cross-tie, khaki slacks and dress shoes – no tennis shoes. The red cross-tie will be supplied by the school.

Family and friends should plan to be seated in the church. Please refrain from using cameras during the performance.



**Time to Find Baby Jesus**

At the Masses on December 12 and 13, we will bless the Christ Child from your family’s nativity set. Simply bring Baby Jesus to Mass with you. All ages are welcome, but we especially encourage the children to take part in this special blessing.

**Giving Tree Collection**

Our school children are assisting with the parish’s Giving Tree food collection for families. We are asking for donations of: **cereal, instant hot chocolate, cookies, crackers, peanut butter and jelly.** Please send your donation with your student to add to the classroom gift box.



**NO EXTENDED DAY – Friday, December 18**

Due to the All Saints staff Christmas party, Extended Day (Latchkey) will be closed on Friday, December 18. **All students will be dismissed at 2:30 PM.** Your cooperation in making this possible is greatly appreciated. Normal hours of operation (2:30-5:30 PM) will resume for Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22.

### Falcon Club

**Spirit Wear Holiday Sale** runs until this Saturday, December 5, 2009. Items will be delivered to All Saints on Monday, December 21. Go to [www.onestoptees.com](http://www.onestoptees.com) to place your order.



**Thanks . . .** Falcon Club Family Fun Night at Interstate Lanes was a huge success. We filled **23** lanes!! Hopefully, this was a fun way to start your Thanksgiving break. Special thanks to Mrs. Richardson and the teachers for the **NO** Homework Night. Be sure to keep checking the web for another fun night when we return from Christmas break.

### Schoolbelles Annual Winter Sale

Schoolbelles is offering deep discounts (25-50%) off select items until January 3, 2010. Visit their web ([www.schoolbelles.com](http://www.schoolbelles.com)) for details.



### Christmas Gift for Fr. Kent

We would like to present Fr. Kent with a Christmas gift from the school children and staff. An offering toward this gift is most welcomed and greatly appreciated. If you wish to participate, please send your monetary donation in an envelope marked . . . Fr. Kent . . . on or before Monday, December 14.

### To help with your Christmas shopping . . .

**Santa's Workshop 2009** will be Monday, December 21. Your student(s) will have the opportunity to shop for family members before school starting at 7:30 AM or during their classroom's scheduled time. Gift prices range from \$1 to \$10. More details will be coming in next week's newsletter. If you are interested in volunteering to help with Santa Shop setup on Sunday, December 20, or on the day of the Santa Shop, please contact Jenny Yost at 419-661-5394 or [jjtplyost@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jjtplyost@sbcglobal.net). This is a great way to earn service hours and an even better way to get into the holiday spirit!



### Poinsettia Sale

Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders are conducting this sale to help offset the cost of their Camp Storer experience. Orders and monies are due by **Friday, December 4**, with pick up on Thursday, December 10.

## **Thank You**

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Mrs. Mikonowicz and two 5<sup>th</sup> graders (TréAna King and Katie Major) delivered **347 pounds** of food to the Cherry Street Mission. The recipients were very grateful and appreciative.

### Service Hours Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to help with the set-up before and the tear-down after the Toledo Symphony Concert on Sunday, December 20, 2009. Set-up will begin after the 11:00 Mass. Tear-down begins right after the performance – about 6:00 PM. Each phase takes about 1½ hours. The Symphony Committee is offering one free ticket to the concert to anyone who volunteers to work both set-up and tear-down. Please contact the Parish Office (419-666-1393).

**Good Luck to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Saturday as they take their High School Placement Tests**

### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

There will be a Vigil Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation on Monday, December 7, at 7:00 PM.  
And, two Masses on Tuesday, December 8, at 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM.