



Newsletter

December 4, 2017

From Mrs. Gruber:

First week of Advent

"The archangel Gabriel answered Mary: 'The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you' (Luke 1:34-35). And now you ask how the bread became Christ's body and the wine and water Christ's blood. And I say to you: The Holy Spirit is present and does those things which surpass reason and thought." —St. John of Damascus

This is from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website. There are many useful resources on this website, including an Advent calendar with prayers and reflections. I would encourage you, as a family, to make the Advent season different in your homes. We get so caught up in the commercialism of Christmas, that we often lose track of the true meaning of Christmas. I have often told my friends and family what a great blessing it is to be able to say Merry Christmas, to be able to have a Christmas program with Jesus at the center, and to keep Christ in Christmas in my workplace. In today's world, most people are not able to do this in the workplace. This is a wonderful part of being part of a Catholic school. Jesus is in all that we do.

Here is the link for the USCCB website.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/>

I am also including some ideas from the National Catholic reporter:

Read some sort of short, daily devotion.

Get some quiet time.

Don't forget the Advent music.

Light an Advent wreath.

Add a Christmas book to bedtime reading list.

Support an organization that works for social justice.

Consider the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Notes:

Students playing piano at the St. Nick breakfast should meet at 9:15 in the Greenleaf Church basement. Students will begin performing at 9:30.

Here is the sign up for helping @ St. Nick breakfast, December 10. There is also a link on facebook.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d48acac2fa46-breakfast>

Mystic Monk coffee is ordered monthly and order forms are available on the web site (stclarek-8.org).

Please return only *Box Tops* to school. Campbell's soup no longer takes labels and the aluminum pop tops can be given right to any McDonald's for the Ronald McDonald House, we are not collecting them at this time.

When using Amazon, use amazonsmile and choose St. Clare as your nonprofit of choice. This is an easy way to earn money for our Parish/school.

Home and School is looking for replacement officers. Please contact Lisa Kohlman
cowbell22@yahoo.com

We are in need of new leaders for the VEX Robotics program. Please contact Roger Diny
rediny@juno.com

Dates to remember:

Dec. 7 School Committee meeting @school 6:00 p.m. with Todd Blahnik (all are welcome)

Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass @ Wrightstown @ 8:05

Dec. 10 Breakfast with St. Nick 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Dec. 12 & 13 Feasting for Funds is @ Fox's Pizza 4-8 p.m. 20% of Sales to St. Clare!

Dec. 20 Christmas program 1:00 & 6:00 p.m. (refreshments after the 6:00 program)

Jan. 9, 2018 and Feb 20 are the next Home and School meetings @ 6:30, mark your calendars!

[Read more on our website](#)
