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Hello Religious Ed Families! December 1, 2021

Happy Advent! What a beautiful time of the year! I hope you all can slow down and enjoy the Advent season as we prepare for the Christmas season.

I may sound like a broken record, but we would love to have every one of you join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 7:20ish. Please come a few minutes early to pick up your kids and join us!

This Sunday, December 5th, is our annual St. Nick Breakfast. We will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, fruit, and desserts! We will also have some basket raffles! Please join us and bring your camera to take some pictures of the kids with St. Nick!

Next week, December 8th, we will have class as usual but will end with Mass at 7 pm. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please make plans to attend Mass with your children. What are Holy Days of Obligation? The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass." (CIC, can. 1247) "The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #2180 says: All Sundays are Holy Days of Obligation. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work. See you at Mass!

Decorating the Christmas tree in church will be December 19th. Please make sure you attend Mass that day so your child(ren) can put their ornaments on the tree during Mass. Arrive 15 minutes early so the kids can get their ornaments before Mass.

Any questions, you can contact me at 715-454-7060 (home), 715-573-0430 (cell), Facebook (messenger) or stjoseph4faith@gmail.com.

God’s Blessings, Mary Uttecht

**IMPORTANT DATES**

December 5 – St. Nick Breakfast

December 8 Class, **7 pm Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

December 15 Class – **First Reconciliation**

December 19 – **Decorate Tree at 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**December 22 NO CLASS**

**December 24 – Christmas Eve Mass 6 pm**

**December 25 – Merry Christmas!!**

**December 29 NO CLASS**