



December, 2021

Dear Holy Name of Mary Friends and Families,

During these very dark days of autumn, we patiently wait for the light to overcome the darkness. In November, we gave thanks for all the gifts we received. We reached out to others in need by working on service projects and by collecting food to replenish the parish pantry after Thanksgiving. As the liturgical year closes, and a new one begins, join me in prayer for all, who during the past year spread the love of Christ by being a light to others!

If you are able, please send in gift cards to assist Parish Outreach in helping those in need. Some suggestions: Target, Kohl's, Visa, and American Express – any denomination will help.

Tuesday, November 30 is the National Day of Giving. We will **not** be participating in this event. We **will** be participating in the National Catholic Education Association Day of Giving during Catholic School's Week in January. We will have a donation page set up on our website and all monies collected go directly to Holy Name of Mary School.

Welcome to Advent, a joyful time of preparation for the birth of Jesus! At Holy Name of Mary, a plethora of activities are planned as we wait in joyful anticipation of Christmas.

The following is a list of our joyful activities:

December 4 – Breakfast with Santa

December 6 – Feast of St. Nicholas School Decorating Party
(Dress Down in Red and Green)

December 8 – Solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Students will attend the 8:30 am Mass, all are welcome

December 9 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – 11:30 dismissal (yes, this is a joyful activity)

December 16 – Christmas Concert in the gym – 7:00 pm (Due to the pandemic, we ask that only two adults per student attend the concert)

December 22 – 10:00 am Mass - Annual Christmas Caroling – 1:00 pm dismissal

December 23 – School Closed for Christmas Break

Take time to enjoy these days of Advent and join us for some of the activities listed above. Advent is truly a season of joy, a joy that comes to us through the Gospel!

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Sanders