



December 1, 2023

Advent is a special season in the Catholic Church, a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It is a time of prayer, reflection, and hope, as we await the coming of Jesus Christ.

Here are some ways to prepare for a Catholic Advent season:

1. Attend Mass and pray regularly. This is the most important way to prepare for Advent. Mass is the central act of worship in the Catholic Church, and it is where we encounter Christ in a real and personal way. During Advent, we are especially called to pray for the grace to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.
2. Read and reflect on the Scriptures. The Scriptures are full of prophecies about the coming of Jesus Christ. Reading and reflecting on these passages can help us to understand the significance of Advent and to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.
3. Practice the works of mercy. The works of mercy are acts of love and compassion that we are called to perform as Christians. During Advent, we are especially called to focus on the corporal works of mercy, such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and sheltering the homeless.
4. Decorate your home for Advent. Many Catholic families decorate their homes with an Advent wreath, an Advent calendar, and a nativity scene. These decorations can help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas.
5. Spend time with family and friends. Advent is a time of family and community. Make time to spend time with your loved ones and to celebrate the season together.
6. Make a spiritual preparation. In addition to the physical ways of preparing for Advent, we can also make a spiritual preparation. This can involve prayer, reflection, and making a good confession.

Here are some additional tips for preparing for a Catholic Advent season:

- Make a list of things you want to do during Advent, such as attending Mass, praying the rosary, or reading Scripture.
- Set aside some time each day for prayer and reflection.
- Make a conscious effort to be more generous and kind to others.
- Forgive anyone who has hurt you.
- Make a list of things you are grateful for.
- Look for opportunities to serve others.

I pray that everyone has a meaningful and joyful Advent season.



Servers for Weekend Mass:

5pm- Anna Peters, Kaydence Nilges, William Kuschel

10am- Preston Jaegers, Stuart Massman, Leo Massman

December 9th all St. George students are invited to ride on our school float in the parade. If your child is planning on riding on the float by filling out the form before Dec. 7th. Please fill out the form by following the QR code below. Currently, we only have a few students who are willing to ride the float. The Pom Pom Squad will be walking in front. We would love to have more students ride and show off our Warrior pride.



St. George School is participating in an all school food drive. Please support this worthy cause. All food collected will be donated to the Good Shepherd Pantry.

Calendar reminders:

December 15 will be the day before we go on Christmas break. Students will be on break from December 18th through January 2. All classes will resume on January 3rd. There will be no After Care during this time.

Congratulations to our second grade class. They received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week.



Home and School Raffle Winners:

- Week 1 -\$1000 Preschool Class sold by Preschool Class
- Week 2-\$100 Kara Neihart sold by Annabelle (4) and JJ (1) Neihart
- Week 3-\$100 Robb Huot sold by Charlie (7) and Maggie (5) Reinkemeyer
- Week 4-\$100 Cathy Niekamp sold by Grace (4) Carter (2) and Jack (PK) Terry
- Week 5-\$100 Garry Sullentrup sold by Oliver Sullentrup (4)
- Week 6-\$100 Jeri Ann Rackers sold by Colleen (8) and Daniel (6) Clough
- Week 7- \$100 Kenny Booth sold by Raelynn Cooper (K)

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS HOSTING A WINTER COAT DRIVE. YOU CAN DROP OFF ITEMS IN CHURCH.

Miracle at Midnight

Where: St. George Gym
 When: December 14 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
 Why: To celebrate the miracle of the season

Other details: *Costumes should be at school by December 8. Please refer to previous bulletins for costume ideas. They can be found at st.george.parish.org*

Congratulations to the following students for winning the November Outstanding Warrior: Evan Klouzek (7), son of Jim and Tammy Klouzek, Nash Tyree (8), son of Boone and Tammy Tyree, Henry Brandt (6), son of Tim and Melanie Brandt, Wyatt Warren (5), son of Andy and Christa Warren, Olivia Kuschel (4), daughter of Kurt and Katie Kuschel, Audrey Curless (3), daughter of Justin Curless and Kathleen Capkovic, Jackson Jurd (2), son of Chris and Jessica Jurd, Maebrie Peters (2), daughter of Eric and Brooke Peters, and Grayson Mosley (PK), son of Justin and Michelle Moseley. This month's virtue was justice and how we treat others with kindness and fairness. All of these students are deserving of this award and are demonstrating different ways to be Christ-centered and faith directed in all that they do.



<p><u>December birthday</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-Alivia Klebba (1) 5-Oliver Bickell (2) 8-Lucas Seifert (3) 9-Austin Curless (1) 15-Vasen Brandt (1) 16-Toryn Dudenhoeffer (4) 17-Estellise Womack (2) 18-Riley Kay (8) 18-Charli Lenger (8) 19-Sadie Kempker (PK) 20- Owen Voss (1) 22-Zachary Kliethermes (3) 22-Layla Loethen (1) 22-Jasper Alderson (2) 23-Nora Alderson (3) 26-Justin Neihart (1) 27-Rose Dahl (5) 	<p><u>Important Dates:</u></p> <p><u>December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-Cookies and Cocoa 7-Cookie and Cocoa 8-Holy Day of Obligation-Immaculate Conception 9-Christmas Parade 14-Christmas Program 1:00 pm and 7:00pm 15--Ornament Painting (more details will be coming) 12/18-1/2-Christmas Break
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Helpful hints for internet safety from Protecting Young Eyes

Why is a good router important?

1. It prevents accidental, early childhood exposure to explicit searches by locking in SafeSearch.
2. It helps families keep screen time in check, including night-time access (critical!) and secret "burner" devices.
3. It helps build digital trust, by allowing families to discuss why controlling the internet is good for kids *and* parents.

If you want to learn more about why routers are important, here is : [The Ultimate Guide to Understanding Routers](#). This is again from Protecting Young Eyes.

Inclement Weather

With the season of possible inclement weather approaching, please note that most of the time we will be following Linn R2's schedule when they call for inclement weather. However, there may be times in which Linn R2 will not be in session due to weather conditions, and we will be in session if conditions improve. If it is possible, and we are prepared, we may be holding classes virtually. Please pay close attention to our textcaster. After School Care will be closed if we have a snow day. If school is dismissed early, After School Care will close 2 hours after dismissal.

Save the Date

Taste of Italy will be held Saturday, January 20, 2024. An Italian dinner will be served in the gym with carry out meals available. This event raises roughly \$25,000 each year for Home & School. All parents, PK-8, will be asked to pre-sell dinner tickets, raffle tickets, and work a shift at the event. The auction committee is looking for handcrafted items for the live and silent auction, as well as sponsors for the event. If you have something to donate or want to be a sponsor, please contact Sharon Sprenger 573-619-8090 or Emily Koenigsfeld 573-469-8070. Thank you for your support!