



Saints & Scholars

...so that Mercy may flourish

The mission of the Catholic school is the integral formation of students so that they may be true to their condition as Christ's disciples and as such work effectively for the evangelization of culture and for the common good of society ~ Pope St. John Paul II

Calendar of Events

Thursday, 12/8

9:00am Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass - Formal Uniform

Friday, 12/9

7:00pm OLM Christmas Pageant

Monday, 12/12

8:05am School Assembly - Honor Certificates
1:00pm School Confessions - Grades 3-8
2:30pm Christmas Story Hour - Grades K & 1

Tuesday, 12/13

Mobile Loaves and Fishes - 7th Grade

Wednesday, 12/14

8:25am Band Holiday Concert - School Only
2:45pm Faculty Meeting
7:00pm Band Holiday Concert - Family & Friends

Friday, 12/16

Dress Down Day - Keep the Heat On fund



“Advent is a journey toward Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.”

~ Pope Francis

'Come, Thou, bread of angels and satisfy the cravings of my soul; come, Thou, glowing furnace of charity, and inflame my soul with the fires of divine love; come, Shepherd divine, and guide me; come, Eternal father, my hope, my life, my joy, and source of all my happiness; come, Thou dearest object of all my aspirations; come, Thou comforter of the sorrowful ... come, O Jesus, I beseech Thee, come.'

~ St. Leonard of Port Maurice

Principal's Message

Grades 3 to 8 STAR Reading and Math test results from the fall assessments are in the mail!

This will be the first of two STAR Parent Reports that will be sent home this school year. The final report will be mailed in late May. Please note that these assessments, as are teacher made tests, a “snapshot in time” of a students’ progress.

STAR will serve a dual role for us. First, ***the primary use of these assessments is to assist teachers to use the reports to differentiate their instruction based on the needs of individual students.*** Also, STAR data will assist in our Progress Monitoring efforts for students that are monitored by our Response To Intervention (RTI) team. STAR data will help us measure the success of interventions provided to students who receive additional math and reading support. Feel free to contact your teacher with any questions regarding the administration of the test to your child or contact me with general questions regarding STAR.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

Father's Corner

For the Second Sunday of Advent we hear of John the Baptist, “crying out in the desert... ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’” The particular word that John uses here for “repent” means “to go beyond the mind that you have.” John is telling us to change our attitudes, our ways of thinking, and the way in which we perceive the world. It is to make one’s perception of reality fundamentally about the truth that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and to act accordingly. This is done by listening to the voice of God and one is able to listen to the voice of God when he or she enters the desert like John the Baptist. It is in the desert that we are free from attachments to things and distractions that make it difficult to listen to the voice of God. Enter into a spiritual desert this Advent and free ourselves from attachments and distractions.

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Parish

olmparish.org
Daily Readings:
uscc.org/readings
Catechism of the
Catholic Church
usccb.org/catechism

Web References

Academic ~ General

Khanacademy.com
(online tutorials for
many subjects)

Literacy

Seussville features
Dr. Seuss's books,
games and activities,
videos and much,
much more!

Starfall is an
educational
alternative to other
entertainment
choices for children."

Mathematics

Fact Monster - Fact
Monster is a free
reference site for
students, teachers,
and parents.

Puzzle Maker -
Create your own
content related
puzzles.

**Art of Problem-
Solving:** 3rd grade
and up; videos are
organized, clear and
free!

Early Childhood

Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, and Kindergarten students enjoyed wonderful Thanksgiving feasts! Thank you to all who helped make their feasts so special. Pre-K 3 and 4 will be having a Polar Express Day on Monday, December 19th. Kindergarten students made badges for the Veterans Home in Bristol. They are looking forward to doing a winter ecology program with Casey Farm and to a visit from two veterans during December. Mrs. Martin-Tuite's class "traveled" to Africa in November! They identified many countries on their map, colored flags of different nations, and listened to speakers from Egypt and visitors to South Africa. All students completed a project on a country, complete with a visual aid and presentation. Mrs. Ryan's second graders have been working with the educational program, Osmo. They have been using the Word Game, Tangrams, and other Math challenges. The children have been learning to work together to solve problems. Once a week they enjoy using the iPads in their classroom. This is a fun way to work with their story of the week. They have been using the programs, Epic and Pic-Collage, to practice their vocabulary and the themes of their stories. We all look forward to preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth during Advent. In an effort to reach out to others, Mrs. Martin-Tuite's class gathered new gloves and mittens for a needy second grade class in Providence and Mrs. Palizza's class is collecting gloves and hats for another first grade class

Intermediate Grades

During the month of November, the 3rd grade students completed their first book reports on a Native American tribe of their choosing. The children did a great job putting their information into several paragraphs and included pictures of their tribe found when using the Chromebooks in class. During the month of December, we will be working on a research project which focuses on Christmas Traditions around the world. In addition to the core curriculum, the 4th graders are excited to be using Chromebooks for individualized instruction in both Reading and Math. Through such educational websites as ReadWorks and Zearn, the students are challenged to explore and learn concepts at their own independent level. In Math class, the fifth graders are now experts in long division and using multiplication to check their work. We look forward to the Christmas Pageant on December 9th and our field trip to the Providence Ballet to see "T'was the Night Before Christmas" on December 16th. We are preparing for the birth of Jesus during this season of Advent through participation in many activities involving prayer, penance and giving to the poor.

Middle School

It's been another busy month in Middle School. Visits to the classroom have seen students preparing for Advent and Holy Day Mass, studying theme and foreshadowing and reading about Japanese Internment Camps. Additionally, students are working with fractions and geometric figures, evaluating the impact the growth of the 1920s had on the economic downturn in the 1930s, and creating Ancient Egyptian spy journals. Middle School teachers are preparing for the 7th and 8th grade field trip to La Salette (12/19), rehearsing for the Christmas Pageant (12/9) and planning the Middle School Christmas Breakfast (12/20).

Play Time!



L.S.S. Program "Baking Class"

