



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, 12/6

St. Nicholas Mass
FORMAL UNIFORM

Friday, 12/7

Lifetouch club photo day
5:00pm Immaculate Conception Holy Day Vigil

Saturday, 12/8

Holy Day Masses at 8:30 am and Noon

Monday, 12/10

1:00pm School Advent Confessions

Friday, 12/14

-Spirit Popcorn Day/Disney Dress down theme
-T'was the Night Before Christmas Field Trip
6:00pm OLM Christmas Pageant

Tuesday, 12/18

8:15am OLM Assembly - Christmas Carols

Wednesday, 12/19

Dress Down Day/Funds for "McAuley House"



An Advent Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people who trust in
Your love and mercy.
By Your appearing, raise us to the joy of your
eternal Kingdom,
where you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Principal's Message

What does Advent mean to us? Is it simply a short period of time prior to the opening of presents and Christmas festivities? Or is it more?

Advent's true meaning lies in its duality. Properly understood and celebrated it should be both:

- a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and,
- a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

Advent therefore is a season that brings to mind the Two Comings of Christ.

While we celebrate Christ's first coming at the Eucharist, let's not forget that we should celebrate with equal joy and excitement the prospect of His Second Coming!

May we, with the writer of the Apocalypse proclaim during Advent, "Even so, Come Lord Jesus!"

Father's Corner

For the first four weeks leading up to Christmas, I would encourage families to embrace the season of Advent. Search for Advent hymns and traditions. One such tradition is the Advent Wreath. It consists of an evergreen wreath with (usually) three purple candles and one pink candle. Each week one candle is lit (first week one purple; second two purples; third, two purples and one pink; and finally, fourth, all four candles lit). It is meant to symbolize the increasing light amidst the darkness as Christmas draws closer and light itself becomes incarnate. Typically we see these in churches, but they can also be found in the home. As a family buy or make your own Advent wreath. Light the appropriate candle(s) each night or on Sunday. The custom is fairly simple to implement and is a perfect way to introduce prayer into the home if you don't already have a nightly tradition of prayer. Children love Advent wreaths and to heighten the drama, it is always great to light the candle in the darkness. This further highlights the symbolism and points to Christ being the true "light of the world." If you are looking for a new tradition this year in December, consider the Advent wreath.

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Parish

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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!

Art - "Imagination is more than knowledge for knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world and all there ever will be to know and understand." I wish I said this, but Albert Einstein bears ownership. This Einstein introspection is the fundamental underlying creed and strategy directed from the art department. OLM artists will own, appreciate and respect their own thoughts, be creative problem solvers, and learn a thing or two about art appreciation, art history, aesthetics and the elements and principles of design. ART SHOW will be scheduled in MAY 2019. Date TBA. Hope to see you there.

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Spanish - In Spanish class, students viewed a google slides presentation about the Mexican celebration Día de los Muertos - Day of the Dead. Middle school students celebrated by sampling Mexican hot chocolate and making moveable skeletons. The craft required quite a bit of cutting and assembling, and the students did a wonderful job. Grades 3 - 5 made ceramic sugar skull magnets. The students decorated the ceramic magnets with beautiful designs and colors, and the final products looked very festive. Early childhood grades colored pictures of traditional offerings for the deceased. This fall, grade 1 finished up a unit on fruits and vegetables, grade 2 learned about houses and furniture, grade 3 studied food and drinks, grade 4 memorized parts of the body, and grade 5 focused on classroom objects and numbers from 1 - 100. Middle school students are continuing their studies in the Realidades textbook series. All grades are currently learning Spanish Christmas carols, including Noche de paz, Campanas de Belén, and El Burrito Sabanero.

Mr. Pezzillo of Mastory Martial Arts visit



Día de los Muertos Spanish project

