



Sabres' Scoop

ST. VIVIAN PK-4 FAMILIES:

The Christmas Season is here! We will be having our Christmas Program on Thursday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The program will feature Preschool through Fourth Grade, as well as the Choir.

Students will meet in their classrooms at 6:30 that evening dressed in nice Christmas attire, following the "out of uniform" rules. Choir will meet in the music room.

Parent volunteers are needed to help decorate the gym the week of the program. If you are interested in coordinating or just

helping out, please contact Annmarie Lyons at annmarie.lyons@stvivian.org.

If your student is unable to participate due to illness or prior commitment, please email Mrs. Lyons at annmarie.lyons@stvivian.org.



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Upcoming Events

**Dec. 11th First Reconciliation
2nd Grade**

**Dec. 16th Christmas Concert
Pre-K—4th grade**

**Dec. 20th-31st NO SCHOOL
Christmas Break**

**Jan 3rd LEGO Robotics Club
begins—info will be sent home
soon!**

The 4th Quarter child protection training bulletin has been posted in both English and Spanish. Users should have received an email of the new bulletin and will have 30 days from the date of publishing to complete the 4th quarter bulletin. This needs to be done to be Safe Parish compliant



Reminder of our inclement weather policy and school closings

Should school be closed due to inclement and hazardous weather conditions, parents and students will be notified via phone call, email, the local radio, television stations, and on St.Vivian's web site. If St.Vivian School is closed, it will be announced as St.Vivian School. If you do not hear St.Vivian School announced, then St.Vivian is open at the regularly scheduled time.

Please do not call the school office or the Parish Office for school closing information.

THANK YOU

ESAP The Catholic Education Fund stopped by St. Vivian to present a donation TO Mr. Collins. St. Vivian is very thankful to have such a wonderful organization around to lend assistance.



LEGO ROBOTICS INFORMATION

Lego Robotics Update

We had an overwhelming amount of interest for our Lego Robotics Club!!!

To keep the club sizes manageable for Mrs. Franzosa, as well as the students, we created a rotating schedule by groups.

Your child will be sent home with their group details and club days for the 2022 school year.

- If a club day falls on a school closure day, the group who misses will meet again at their next scheduled date.
- If your child(ren) need to go to Extended Care after Robotics Club, please have them provide a note to Mrs. Franzosa.

Our Lego Robotics Club will begin:

- January 3rd for K-2nd Grade, Group A
- January 10th for K-2nd Grade, Group B
- January 24th for K-2nd Grade, Group C
- January 4th for 3rd-5th Grade, Group A
- January 11th for 3rd-5th Grade, Group B
- January 18th for 3rd – 5th Grade, Group C
- January 6th for 6th – 8th Grade (one group)





Kindergarten learning how to make snow in STEM Class



December St. Vivian School
\$3.25 per meal with beverage \$1.75 extra entrée

Due to the supply shortages occurring with our food providers. For the remainder of the year we are going to send out a complete menu on Fridays for the following week. The extra time will allow us a more accurate account of what is available to serve. Thank you !

Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 17
<u>Monday</u> Corn Dog	<u>Tuesday</u> Sloppy Joes	<u>Wednesday</u> Chicken Tenders	<u>Thursday</u> Pasta Bake	<u>Friday</u> Breakfast Cinnamon Roll

Everyday Entrée available served with daily side and fruit option				
Turkey & cheese wrap	Bagel with cream cheese	Soup	Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich	



We need YOUR help! We need help with cafeteria + recess coverage.

SafeParish Registration Required but can be done ALL ONLINE.

<https://www.aocsafeenvironment.org/>

Cafeteria:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a44a8af2ca1ff2-cafeteria>

Recess:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a44a8af2ca1ff2-march>

Help spread the word about St. Vivian's

St. Vivian Catholic School

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 30th, 2pm - 4pm



Register here:

www.mystvivian.org

Walk-in's also welcome!





News FOR GRADE SCHOOL FAMILIES

You Are Invited to Mercy McAuley's Art Show & Christmas Concert!

All grade school families are invited to Mercy McAuley High School's Art Show and Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 12. Stop by anytime between 1 – 3 p.m. to see the student artwork on display in the ground floor lobby. Then, stay for the Christmas Concert, which starts at 3 p.m. in the Auditorium. The concert will feature Mercy McAuley's Vocal Ensemble, chorus, and concert band/orchestra. Let Mercy McAuley's student vocalists and musicians put you in the Christmas spirit! Admission to the Art Show is free; admission to the Christmas Concert is \$5 at the door.

Save the Date – Grade School Basketball Night is Tuesday, January 18

Mercy McAuley's Grade School Basketball Night will take place on Tuesday, January 18! Future Wolves will enjoy free admission to the game(s), plus snacks and giveaways. The JV game starts at 5:30 p.m., and Varsity starts at 7 p.m. All future Wolves and families are welcome!



Winter 2022 MND GRADE SCHOOL EVENTS

**Mark your
calendar
for
these
upcoming
events!**



BASKETBALL GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT - Tuesday, Jan. 6

Attending grade school girls should meet up with the Cougar in the foyer before the varsity game to register and receive an MND souvenir. Enjoy free admission and help us cheer on the defending State Champion Cougars as they take on St. Ursula! The varsity game begins at approximately 7:00 PM (JV game at 5:30 PM).

DANCE TEAM FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY - Sunday, Jan. 30, 2:30PM

Grade school girls and their parents are invited to attend Friends and Family Day. Come see all three MND Dance Teams (Junior High, JV, and Varsity) perform their impressive 2021-2022 season routines! Join us as we wish the varsity team good luck as they prepare for the UDA Nationals in Orlando, FL in February. Following the performances, prospective dancers and parents will be offered a tour of the dance studio and coaches will be available for a meet-and-greet. This is a great opportunity to learn about the MND dance program and all the benefits this very popular student activity offers. There is no admission for this event.

MND THEATRE GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT - Thursday, Feb. 3

We are excited to showcase our new Performing Arts Center! Girls in grades 5-8 and their parents are invited to attend a free preview of a dress rehearsal of our upcoming production, "The Diary of Anne Frank." The show begins at 6:30 PM. Join us at 6 PM to meet with our theatre directors and learn more about MND's theatre program through a student panel presentation. MND students will share their love for the performing arts, explain their involvement and answer questions. Note: This play has a PG rating. We encourage parents to decide on the appropriateness of this play for their daughter.

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The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati 2022-2023 Tuition Assistance Grants



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again be able to offer over \$2 million in tuition assistance grants for the 2022-2023 school year.

Families of elementary students (K-8) May apply for needs-based assistance between now and February 6, 2022

Please visit www.CatholicBestChoice.org for more details and instructions on how to apply.



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Becas de Ayuda para Colegiaturas 2022-2023

La Fundación para la Educación Católica de la Arquidiócesis de Cincinnati



Nuevamente, la Fundación para la Educación Católica de la Arquidiócesis de Cincinnati podrá otorgar más de \$2 millones en becas para ayudar en el pago de colegiaturas en el año escolar 2022-2023.

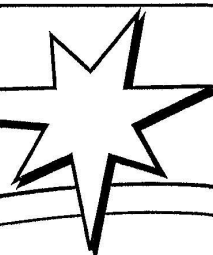
Las familias de alumnos de primaria (K-8) pueden aplicar para recibir ayuda basada en sus necesidades a partir de ahora hasta el 6 de febrero del 2022.

Para mayores informes y para recibir instrucciones de cómo aplicar, por favor visiten www.CatholicBestChoice.org para



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Thoughtful Moments

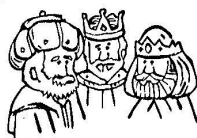
Immaculate Conception

On December 8th, we celebrate the conception of Mary in St. Anne's womb without Original Sin. This is the patronal feast of the United States. In addition to attending Mass (it's a Holy Day of Obligation), pray a joyful Rosary to celebrate.

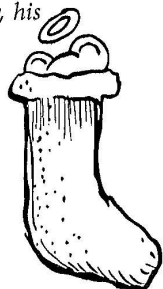
The Magi's Gifts

To help combat consumerism at Christmas, some families limit the number of gifts to three in honor of the gifts of the Magi.

Consider giving children one gift that is their heart's desire, a piece of clothing that is not just sensible, and one gift that will help them grow (a book or sports accessory, for example).



"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength" (Isaiah 40:28-29).



Is Heaven worth the wait?

To many children, a day off from school or a family vacation is like heaven in itself. Sacrificing and doing penance to work toward Heaven after death is too abstract a concept to motivate them toward holiness. Yet, the season of Advent is designed to turn our eyes to Heaven so we can be ready when Jesus comes to bring us there. So how can we help youngsters understand how great Heaven really is?

All good things start there. "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). If all good things on Earth come from Heaven, imagine how great it is at the source.

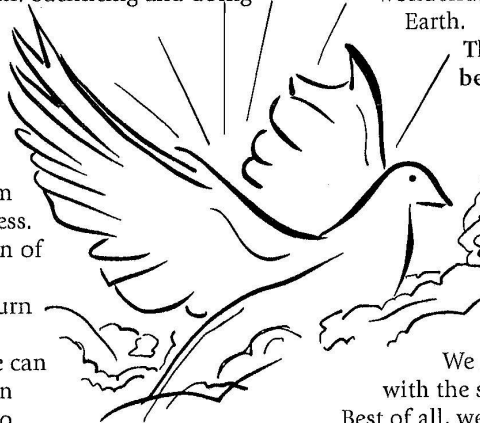
Our life in Heaven will be more wonderful than the most wonderful experience on Earth.

The company is best there. When we get there, we will have joyful reunions with beloved grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends who have died before us.

We get to mingle with the saints and angels.

Best of all, we get to be with Jesus and His Father forever.

The one who loves us best is there. As much as earthly parents love their children, it's nothing compared to the love God has for each of us. He is the perfect parent – our true Father – and He is waiting for us in Heaven.



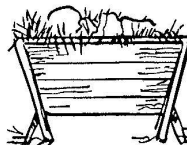
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Advent is a season of waiting and preparation for the Savior who comes on Christmas. It is a reminder that there is a greater purpose to our lives. So, the Church encourages us to make our hearts

Why do Catholics celebrate Advent?

ready during Advent.

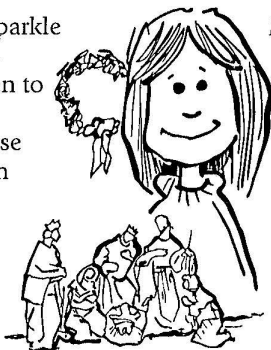
We know that Jesus will come at our death and he will come at the end of time. The season of Advent encourages us to make the necessary preparations so we can joyfully greet Jesus whenever we meet Him next.



Make your family Christmas sparkle with Jesus

What mother or father doesn't cherish the sparkle of excitement in a child's eye at Christmas? As Catholic parents, though, we want our children to have real joy, not just the anticipation of receiving gifts or getting out of school. Try these tips to help children turn their eyes to Jesus on this special day:

Focus on Jesus: On Christmas Eve, read the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 1:5 – 2:39 or Matthew 1:18 – 2:23. Sing your favorite religious Christmas carols. After attending



Mass on Christmas Day (a Holy Day of Obligation), light a candle and sing, "Happy Birthday" to remember the meaning of the day.

Make it come alive. The true joy of the holiday comes from knowing that God really came. Gather around your family nativity scene and act out the story of Jesus' birth by moving the figures. Imagine what a legion (army) of angels looks like and how the shepherds felt when they saw that God was born. Help children experience the wonder of the miraculous birth.

Scripture LESSON

Luke 2:41-52, Jesus led the way

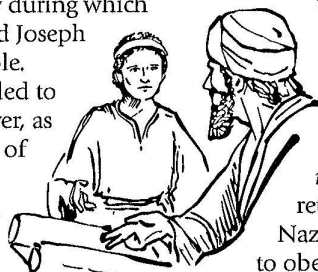
On December 26th, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family during which we recall when Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple.

The Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover, as was the custom for Jews of that time. When they started the return trip in their large group, each parent thought Jesus was with the other one and traveled for a day before realizing that He had stayed behind. Upon finding Him missing, they hurried back to Jerusalem.

They found Jesus in the Temple talking with the priests who were

amazed by the boy's wisdom and understanding. But to Mary's stunned query about why He remained behind without permission, Jesus' mystifying reply was, "*Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?*" The boy returned with his parents to Nazareth where He continued to obey them.

What can a parent do? Explain to children that Jesus himself had a mission He was eager to begin but was obedient to his parents. He wants us all to respect our parents and those in authority over us.



Feasts & Celebrations

December 6 – St. Nicholas of Myra (4th century). St. Nicholas had a very generous heart and always gave to the poor. He is credited with saving three girls from being sold to pay their father's debt. St. Nicholas is also the patron saint of children.

December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531). The Blessed Mother appeared as a Native American maiden to St. Juan Diego. She had St. Juan carry roses to the bishop as proof. When the roses were emptied from his tilma it retained the

image of the Blessed Mother.

December 13 – St. Lucy (304). Amidst pagan Sicily, St. Lucy vowed to remain chaste for Jesus. A disappointed suitor turned her in for being a Christian and she was executed for her faith.

December 27 – St. John the Apostle (1st Century). An apostle and friend of Jesus, St. John was known for his fiery temper. Scholars believe he is the "beloved disciple" who sat by Jesus at the Last Supper in John's Gospel.



Parent TALK

In early Fall one year, I got laid off and subsequently started my own business. That meant money was super tight. I wasn't sure how we would buy

Christmas gifts for the children, so we turned to St. Nicholas for help.

We learned that St. Nicholas was born in the third century in Asia Minor. His

wealthy parents died while he was a child and he subsequently used his fortune to help the needy. When he became a bishop, he was a vigorous defender of the truth and was persecuted for his faith.

Immediately, we started a family novena to St. Nicholas. During the first week of December, I received a check for unused vacation pay from a former employer – more than enough to buy some gifts and make a nice Christmas dinner. There is no doubt in our minds that St. Nicholas brought our Christmas gifts that year.



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