



A prayer of thanksgiving for the newest addition to the Simler/Johnson family. Rylie's baby brother and Mrs. Simler's grandson was born earlier this week.

Please let us know if your family has an intention you would like us to include in our schoolgram.

We Pray:

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

Calendar:

12/9

- Adopt-a-Family: Winter Day

12/10

- Picture retakes 9:00 am

12/13

- Candy cane grams due

12/14

- Reconciliation (Gr. 3-8)

12/15

- Day of Grace & Adoration
- January lunch orders due

12/16

- School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 6)

12/17

- Dress down: Holiday theme

12/20-1/3

- Christmas Break

12/25

- Merry Christmas

1/1

- Happy New Year

1/4

- Classes resume
- BGCS North South bus route

From the Principal:

As a school we celebrated the beginning of a new liturgical year at the start of Advent and I'm happy to share that the diocese has introduced a wonderful new resource for families. This includes some great weekly suggestions that could help deepen your family's faith life and maybe start some new traditions. I encourage you to access the "Liturgical Year at Home" at the following link

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/125LUSywuTAXTLdQmclnigWLOAoNk-JI/view?usp=drivesdk> Hard copies will be available in church soon, but I'm hoping it will help your family as we try to focus on the true meaning of this very special season.

God's Blessings,

Andrea Puhl

From the Office:

- **January lunch order:** The January lunch menu is available to order. Please keep in mind the changes that were sent last week. The changes are outlined in the attachment as well, including the new prices. Orders are due 12/15/21 by midnight. The makeup lunch from 11/10/21, will be 1/12/21.
- **Picture retakes** are tomorrow December 10th. Return your picture package if applicable, and have your child give it to the photographer.
- **Candy cane grams:** Each year we raise money through candy cane grams and dress down days to sponsor at least one local family and provide Christmas gifts. Candy cane gram forms are attached and hard copies were sent home yesterday. The process is a little different this year, so read carefully. Due by 12/13/21.
- **Kroger Rewards DEADLINE 12/16/21:** The 3rd quarter has ended for Kroger Rewards. Please email your rewards statement for the time period of 8/1-10/31 to Mrs. Rogers at receptionist@stalschoolbg.org in order to receive credit towards tuition.
- **School Mass** can be viewed online. The link for mass at **2:10 pm on Thursday, December 16th:** <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/MjkzMTk5NA>

Info for New Families (& good reminders for the rest of us)

- **KR Mitten Tree:** Please support our Mitten Tree outside the school office. Families may donate new or gently used hats, gloves, mittens or scarves to decorate our tree. Our KR students will be placing items on the tree as a service project. Please send donated items to the school office, and we will give them to KR to hang on the tree. Thank you for your generosity.



We currently have six students in quarantine because of family members who tested positive.

We continue to strongly encourage mask wearing.

From the Parish:



Caroling, Cookies, Cocoa, and Charlie Brown

Saturday, December 18th

See the attachment for more details.



Advent Prayer Tree Activity

In Advent we prepare our hearts through prayer and giving. We have been invited to join our parish Faith Formation Families in this optional activity. If you would like to participate, please, use the attached ornament template and images to create a family prayer ornament. Write the prayer on the ornament and color and decorate it using the images provided or your own creativity. You can choose to create one per family or members can create their own. Don't forget to punch a hole and add yarn to hang them. Bring them to the church narthex and hang them on the Advent prayer tree there. Let's fill the tree by the weekend of 12/12, but any time is truly fine.