



*St. John the Baptist Catholic Church*  
*PSR News*  
*December 6, 2019*

## Christmas



The Christmas season that starts in a couple of weeks is a beautiful time. It is a time when many of us get together with friends and family to share a meal, stories and gifts with one another. This, often, brings joy and happiness. Have you ever thought about the joy and happiness that Mary, Joseph and the shepherds must have felt the night Jesus came to the world? They knew the Savior had finally come. God

became Man to save us. We, too, know the Savior has come and we celebrate this Great News during the Christmas season. Please to remember to keep Christ in your family Christmas this year. Without Him, there would be no Christmas season. —*Merry Christmas!*

## Immaculate Conception

This year, the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception was moved to Monday, December 9 because it falls on a Sunday. Because it is on Monday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. So what is it all about anyway.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."—  
Catechism of the Catholic Church

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of December is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first moment of her conception, by a singular privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior and hers, was preserved from all stain of original sin. This age-old belief of the Church was defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854 as an article of revealed truth.

Mary was in need of redemption and she was indeed redeemed by the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. The manner of Mary's redemption, however, was unique. Instead of being freed from original sin after having contracted it, she was preserved from contracting it. This was a most fitting favor for the Mother of the Redeemer.

## Acts of Love for Community

Attention Confirmation Students!

There are 2 upcoming opportunities that would fulfill your Acts of Love for the Community. These are connected to St. Vincent DePaul. St. Vincent DePaul is looking for help with the following activities

### Sharing Tree Food

- ◆ December 21 at 9am at the new church. They need help with sorting the food for the sharing tree.

### Sharing Tree Distribution

- ◆ December 22 at 3pm at the new church. They need help with getting things to their clients cars.

If you can help with either of these events, **contact Tina Brown at 513-608-6252 or by email at [tmbrown71965@gmail.com](mailto:tmbrown71965@gmail.com)**

# Upcoming Dates

## December

- \* December 8 - FACS meeting at 9:55 Junior High Building
- \* December 22 - NO PSR
- \* December 25 - Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)
- \* December 25 - No JR High PSR
- \* December 29 - NO PSR

## January

- \* January 1 - NO PSR
- \* January 5 - PSR Resumes
- \* January 6 - Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Worksheet #1 Due
- \* January 26 - NO PSR (St. John the Baptist School Open House)

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## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

3:00pm and 5:30pm

Spanish Mass - 8:00pm

Midnight Mass

(prelude music begins at 11:30pm)

Christmas Day Masses

9:00am and 11:00am



Join us you will.....For Christmas caroling in the neighborhood.

When: December 14, 2019

Time: 4pm-6pm

Meet: New church

We will be going to the Parks of Whitewater on New Haven road.

Contact Eric Barrow for details

@513-349-1629 or

win8514019@gmail.com



## Other News

Attention  
8<sup>th</sup> grade and  
High School Teens

**Youth Group Open House  
Sunday, December 8**

**Jr. High Building**

**4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

For more information  
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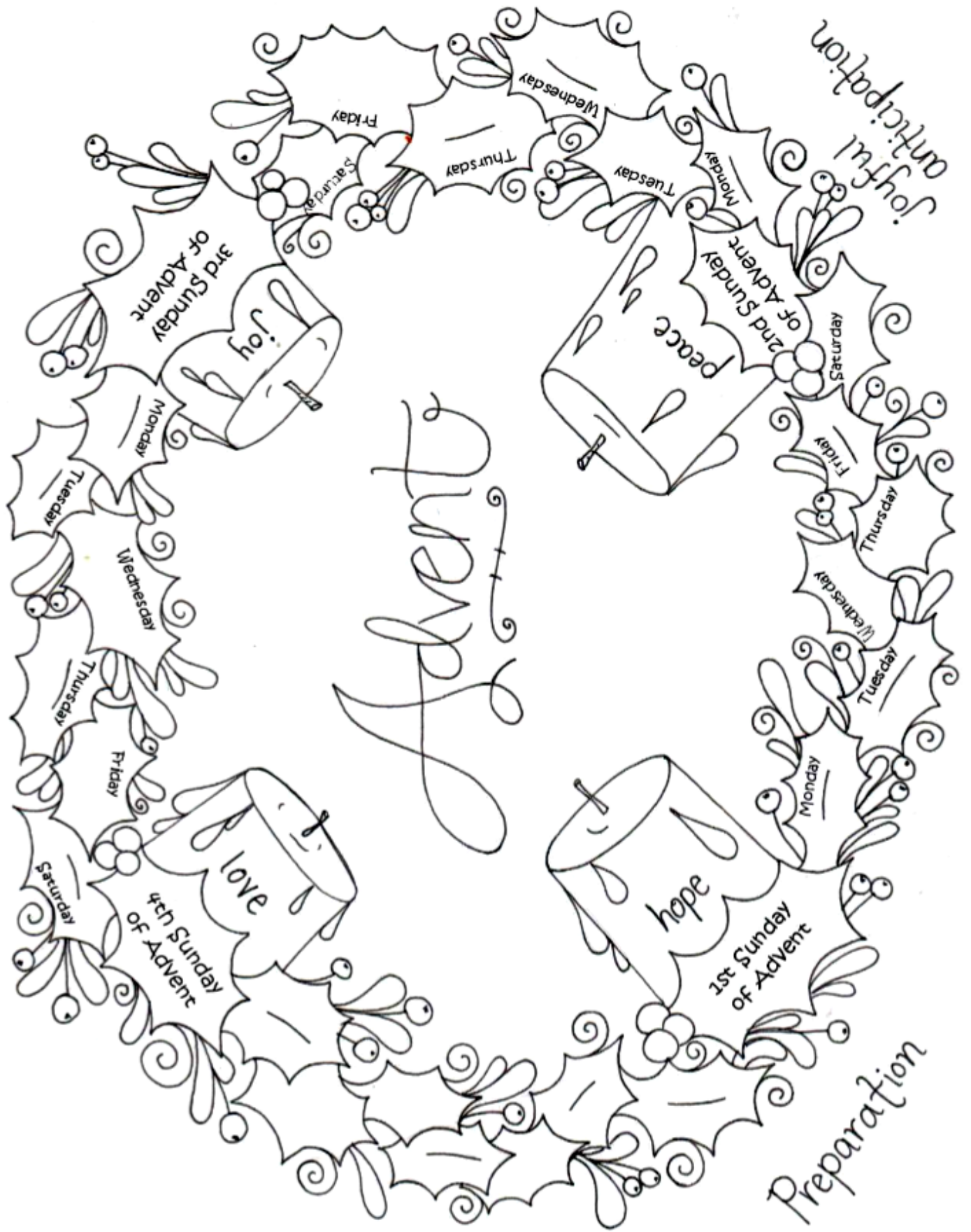


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Thank you for your support of the St. John the Baptist School and PSR food drive for St. Vincent DePaul.

You collected 3110 items that is 10.989 items per student. This food will help people into January!

Great Work!



joyful  
anticipation

Advent

Preparation

3rd Sunday  
of Advent

Joy

2nd Sunday  
of Advent

Peace

4th Sunday  
of Advent

Love

1st Sunday  
of Advent

Hope

Monday  
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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