

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

Goodness: Our Virtue of the Week

Goodness is recognizing we are made in the image and likeness of God, and making choices to demonstrate our love for God and our neighbor.

Scripture Reference

Psalm 34:15

Turn from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.

"God is good." How often do we affirm this belief when something goes our way? This same sentiment is expressed repeatedly in the Bible, no matter which way the winds of fate blow. "Taste and see that the LORD is good..." the Psalmist wrote. It is an invitation to discover anew the essential goodness of God, and a reminder of being made in His image and likeness. Catholic belief embraces not only the goodness of God, but also the goodness of all God's creation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "God is infinitely good, and all His works are good." (385) Such an understanding helps us not only face the evil existing in the world but gives us hope and courage to counter it by letting our light shine, as Jesus asked, so all the world might glorify God.

Goodness in Action

"Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students. What better books can there be than the book of humanity?" ~ Cesar Chavez

The connection between goodness and humanity is what Chavez referred to as education of the heart.

One of the most important ways we teach children is by offering opportunities to put faith into action. When students apply what they learn, they learn at a much deeper level and achieve greater levels of understanding. Each year, we ask our students to participate in age-appropriate service projects, and these projects also involve our students' families. When students leave OLA, they frequently comment in their exit interviews about how they learned about the value of service here. There is indeed life-giving value at the heart of service, and it is goodness in itself.

Parents can reflect with their children on the virtue of goodness by stressing the importance of reaching out to those in need, as well as to those around us each day. In this way, the importance of "good works," which is essential to Catholic teaching, is emphasized and encouraged. To borrow from one of literature's great figures, Jean Valjean, "To love another person is to see the face of God!"

Please Support Wellspring This Christmas

The OLA Student Council's annual drive to support the Wellspring Women's Center begins this week!

From Monday, December 8th - Thursday, December 18th, the Student Council will be collecting donations to benefit the 12 Days of Christmas program at the Wellspring Women's Center.

Wellspring Women's Center has provided respite and services to the women and children of Sacramento's Oak Park neighborhood for over 28 years. Wellspring serves as a drop-in center to over 200 women and children each weekday and offers four different programs: Nutritious Meal Program, Children's Corner Program, Safety Net Support Program, and Women's Wellness. During the afternoon, guests may obtain mental health counseling from a staff social worker and interns. Wellspring staff members assist guests with referrals for needed services, and local agencies provide outreach at Wellspring so that community resources are not duplicated.

Each year the OLA Student Council collects monetary donations from our community and goes shopping for Wellspring. The students buy food, diapers, personal care items, and clothing for the women and children. Wellspring depends on our support, so any donation large or small makes a difference. Thank you for your generous support over the years to this wonderful program! If you have any questions or would like more information about Wellspring, please contact Lisa Coffman or Taryn Wright at coffman@olaparish.net or twright@olaparish.net.

Space Still Open for Christmas Eve Mass "Pageant"

OLA Parish is bringing back an old and cherished tradition this Christmas Eve. Our children will be enacting the Liturgy of the Word at the 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. *Christmas Eve Masses*. Quite a few children have signed up, but we have room for more, especially for the 6:00 p.m. Mass. We also need a baby to play the Baby Jesus. Children of all ages are needed to participate. If your child can participate, please contact Mr. Love or Mrs. Ross. Below is the rehearsal schedule:

4:00 P.M. Mass	6:00 P.M. Mass
Wednesday, December 10 -- 4:00-5:00 P.M	Wednesday, December 10 -- 5:00-6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 17 -- 4:00-5:00 P.M	Wednesday, December 17 -- 5:00-6:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 18 -- 4:00-5:00 P.M	Thursday, December 18 --5:00-6:00 P.M.

Christmas Program

We are excited to present another Christmas Program again this Advent. Our Program will be held on Tuesday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. The encore matinee performance will take place the following morning, Wednesday, December 17, at 9:30 a.m. That Wednesday will be a **9:00 a.m. late start** for the students. Parents who need to drop their students off at the regular 8:00 a.m. time may do so, and your child will go to Extension at no charge. Please let the Extension program know that you will be using their services that morning so they can be prepared to accommodate all of the students who show up.

God bless,

Robert Love



Christmas Program Attire



The following is the list of clothing each class will wear in the show:

Preschool: Sunday best

Kinder: Sunday best

First: Will be shepherds (outer costumes provided) families will need to have children wear solid dark pants and socks - brown, grey, or black with pastel or neutral colored solid tops

Second: Will also be shepherds (outer costumes provided) families will need to have children wear solid dark pants and socks - brown, grey, or black with pastel or neutral colored solid tops

Third: Black bottoms and solid color RED top

Fourth: Black bottoms and solid WHITE top

Fifth: Black bottoms and solid GREEN top

Sixth: Black bottoms and solid RED top

Seventh: Black bottoms and solid GREEN top

Eighth: Costumes provided according to student's role

Dress shoes, please. No tennis shoes.

Families in grades 3-8 may allow their children to wear the uniform NAVY BLUE school pants, that are neatly pressed, in lieu of black slacks. **No tights or yoga pants, please.**

Scrip

16 More Shopping Days Until Christmas

Can you believe there are only **16** more shopping days until Christmas! Do you still have presents to buy? A Scrip gift card is always a nice present for that certain someone who is hard to buy for. Remember, we have Scrip for many of the stores you usually shop at such as: Target, Macy's, Toys-R-US and, of course, too many more to mention. Take a look at the Scrip order form at the end of the bulletin to see what other great merchants are available.

This Week at OLA

Food Locker

Grade 7: December 8 – December 12

Guest Speaker

Thursday, December 11, the 7th and 8th graders will have a Guest Speaker from *We Act*. This is a group involved with Social Justice that empowers students to think about people who are less fortunate than themselves. More information about the program can be found at the following link:

<http://www.weday.com/we-act/we-act-program/#1>

We also highly recommend viewing the video and reading the information on the CBS Web site:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/promise-to-help-children-kept-17-years-later/>

Thursday Dismissal Time

Thursday, December 11th: School will be dismissed at **2:20pm**.

Friday – What to Wear

Friday, December 12th, is a full day of school. As it is the second Friday of the month, students may wear appropriate free dress bottoms with Spirit Wear tops.

Breakfast With Santa

Sunday, December 14th, from 8:00am to 11:30am, in the OLA gym

Next Week at OLA

Food Locker

Grade 8: December 15 – December 19

Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 16, at 7:00pm, in the church. Students need to report to their classrooms at 6:30pm.

Repeat performance on Wednesday, December 17, at 9:30 am

LATE START!

On Wednesday, December 17, **school will start at 9:00 am**

1st Grade Christmas Play

Thursday, December 18, at 1:30 pm, in the gym

Christmas Spirit Days

Thursday, December 18th, and Friday, December 19th, students may wear Christmas colors or appropriate holiday themed attire to school.

Thursday Dismissal Time

Thursday, December 18th: School will be dismissed at **2:20pm**.

Friday Dismissal Time

Friday, December 19th, is a minimum day with dismissal at 12:00 noon.

Christmas Vacation

Vacation begins on Monday, December 22nd. School resumes on Monday, January 5th.

Bits and Pieces

Service Recognition

OLA School received a letter of special recognition from the city of Bethlehem, Palestine, in gratitude for students' service under the direction of Mrs. Gilmour. A copy of the document is attached.

Parish Directory

No need to PANIC, if you did not make it to a photo session yet! **We have one remaining** day of photo appointments - **December 30th** with times ranging from 2:30-9:00p.m. Please call 916.481.5115 to schedule an appointment before they run out!

If you have already had your photo session and ordered additional photos, you should receive them prior to December 25th. If you did not order additional photos, you will be notified when they arrive at the Parish Office for you to pick up. If you are looking for parish service hours, there are a few "Check In" shifts remaining on December 30th. Call Jane at 916.481.5115 to schedule – Thank you!

Santa Grams

The eighth grade is selling Santa Grams through Friday, December 12,. The proceeds will benefit *Kids in Need of Desks* (K.I.N.D.) UNICEF USA. Please see attached flyer for more details.

Breakfast With Santa

Breakfast with Santa is almost here! On Sunday, December 14th, Santa will be in the OLA gym, from 8:00a.m. to 11:30a.m. Photos with Santa will be offered for \$4 - \$10. You may even want to have some breakfast prepared by The Knights of Columbus. The cost of breakfast is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, and \$17.00 for a family. Mrs. Claus, the Women's Council, will have sweet treats for purchase, and the Secret Shoppe will be full of fantastic finds for the children to purchase. If you decide to join the fun, please bring breakfast food items to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker. Questions, contact Colene Crowley, colene@crowleywater.com, or Nancy Dyer, nancyperham@hotmail.com.

The **Breakfast with Santa** event is in need of a few more good helpers on December 13th and 14th. Please take a peek at the Breakfast with Santa online sign-ups via School Speak, and sign up if you are able to lend a hand. Thank you!

Santa Needs Some Helpers to Help Stock Up the Secret Shop!

Please bring your gently used Treasures and Trinkets to help stock the Santa Secret Shop. We need gifts for moms, Dads, siblings, and Grandparents. Simply leave your items in the front office, and Santa's OLA elves will take care of the rest.

Save The Date

Grandparents' Day is scheduled for January 28th -- time TBD.

Parent Help Needed

Help is needed at the Cottage Way gate in the mornings 7:30am until 8:00am. If you can spare a morning or be a permanent back up, please email Stephanie Cates at cates@olaparish.net.

Father-Daughter Dance

The Father-Daughter dance is scheduled for February 6, 2015, at Arden Hills. The evening will have an 80s theme that is certain to be totally tubular! For those who were not able to sign up at the auction, you may still do so! The event cost is \$50 per family. If you would like to join in the fun, please send a check in to the school office, clearly marked "Father-Daughter Dance."

Academic Talent Search Summer Classes at CSUS

Academic Talent Search is summer program of enrichment classes for students currently in grades 4-9. The program is academically challenging and requires a pretest to register. The test is required, but there is no minimum score required. We will be offering the ATS test at OLA on February 2, after school, at 3:15pm. Last year, we had about 10 students take the test and participate in the program.

There are some great course offerings, like beginning Japanese, engineering roller coasters, LEGO robotics, Reader's Theater, Latin, Anime, Algebra, Geometry, Web design, Mock trial, and Neuropsychology!! This is a regulated test procedure. Anyone interested must pick up a signup sheet from Mrs. Bloom, and return it to her before January 12 with a check for \$15.00. Again, the test itself is February 2, 2015 at OLA.

If you would like more information, please stop by the library for brochures and signup sheets. You can also learn more at www.csus.edu/coe/ats.

Hot Lunch Menu

The current hot lunch menu can be accessed here: <http://school.olaparish.net/students/hot-lunch-program>

Parish News

Prayer Request

A member of our parish family has asked for our prayers. Recently diagnosed with stage four cancer, she believes, with faith, that our prayers will give her, her husband, and their children the spiritual strength they will need to cope with this challenge. Thank you for keeping this family in your prayers during this Advent Season.

Junior High, High School, & Young Adult Programs

We are creating programs for each of these groups and would love to have your input. Please feel free to call and make an appointment to speak with Fr. Eduino. If it is more convenient for you, you may email your ideas to pastor@olaparish.net or development@olaparish.net. Thank you for your participation!

Family Mass and High School/Young Adult Masses

We would love to have your input on tailoring the 9:30a.m. Masses for families and tailoring the 7:30p.m. Masses for High School and Young Adults. YOUR input is VITAL to this endeavor! Please to call and make an appointment to share your ideas with Fr. Eduino or if it is more convenient for you, you may email your ideas to pastor@olaparish.net or development@olaparish.net. Thank you for your assistance.

Hands to Serve ~ Hearts to Love

Ryan Sax (Gr. 8) For escorting a younger student to the office and treating him so kindly when the student had an accident. (Mrs. Eaddy)

Emma Kropf (Gr.5) Being helpful with extra clean-up at the end of class. (Mrs. Jacobs)

Andy Stidger (Gr. 6) Ryann Strawn (Gr. 3) Katie Umfress (Gr. 3) Mason Strawn (Gr. 3) and Payton Ruggles (Gr. 3) For helping with morning cones. (Mrs. Cates)

Tali Lucchetti (Gr. 3) and Chase McQuoid (Gr. 3) Staying after school to sweep the floor on Halloween. (Mrs. Laura Smith)

Charlie Hurley (Gr. 7) For extra work and caring during crossing duty! (Mrs. Bloom)

OLA Parents! For all the wonderful volunteers who helped make the Book Fair a success. (Mrs. Bloom)

Maddie Fahey (Gr. 6) Helped pass out forms. (Mr. Tateishi)

Cooper Davey (Gr. 5) Picked up trash, sweatshirts, and balls after lunch recess without being asked. "Good job Cooper!" (Mrs. Cates)

Alex Martinez (Gr. 7) and Julia Long (Gr. 7) For voluntarily picking up the oil pastels off the floor and wiping up the smudges. (Mrs. Jacobs)

7th Grade: Earned \$848.40 to buy food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker. (Mrs. Gilmour)

Brennan Huetter (Gr. 3) Ty Ross (Gr. 3) and Caitlin Fortin (Gr. 3) Thank you for staying behind at art time to help a friend solve a problem. (Mrs. Laura Smith)

Andy Stidger (Gr. 6) For being nice! (Mr. Tateishi)

Gigi DeBenedetti (Gr. 3) Thank you for opening the gate and church door for me when I was pushing the video equipment cart over for Mass. (Mrs. Rutledge)



November 9th, 2014

**Letter of Special Recognition
from the City of Bethlehem, Palestine
to the Students and Staff of Our Lady of the Assumption School, Carmichael, California**

As Mayor of Bethlehem and on behalf of the city of Bethlehem, Palestine, it is with deep gratitude that I acknowledge the special contributions made by students and staff of Our Lady of the Assumption School, Carmichael, California to students in the Bethlehem district.

Since Sacramento and Bethlehem became official sister cities in 2009, Our Lady of the Assumption students and staff have extended their hands in friendship through letter writing and sending sports equipment, through raising funds to for the planting of olive trees, the purchase of a school microscope and books and reading programs for students. These efforts are greatly appreciated. But above all, it is your interest in the lives and well being of our students that touches us most and gives us hope for a better future.

I would also like to recognize teacher Pauline Gilmour who has faithfully considered ways to engage her students as they learn about critical world issues; exposing them to realities that our students face here in Bethlehem.

Sister City relationships are made richer when the people of each community learn from and about each other. We look forward to welcoming you one day in Bethlehem.

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Vera Baboun
Mayor of Bethlehem

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

December 2014

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Thoughtful Moments

St. Nicholas

The model for our modern-day Santa Claus, St. Nicholas was a bishop of Lycia (now Turkey) in the fourth century. He fought against heresies that threatened the Church. Legend says that when he was younger, he heard that a father needed money for his daughters, so Nicholas secretly threw bags of money down the chimney to help. We know that St. Nicholas was devoted to charity and protection of the poor and weak, and suffered for his faith.



Say "no" for Advent

To properly prepare for the Lord's coming during Advent, say "no" to too many parties, chores, or too many volunteer activities. Say "yes" to family time and prayer time.

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners," (Isaiah 61:1).



Make love the center of your Christmas

Through the eyes of a child, Christmas can be a magical time. What is wonderful and mystical about Christmas can't be gift-wrapped, though. When your children are grown, what they will remember most about Christmases past, is love.

"One of my favorite Christmas traditions growing up was finding a Christmas tree," remembers Reuben. "We put on warm clothes, brought a thermos of hot chocolate and hunted through the woods for the perfect tree. We laughed, sang and enjoyed being together."

"My dad was our Christmas spirit," said Lisa. "He started counting down the moment Advent began and built excitement each day. On Christmas

morning, we ran first to wish him 'Merry Christmas' even before we looked for our gifts."

For Norma, it was about friends.

"Every year my parents held a big caroling party. We went to each house in our neighborhood, holding candles and singing. Everyone together seemed like one big family."

Grayson said the week before Christmas was

just for family. "Dad would take us to visit a different church each night so we could see the nativity scenes, but really it was so we could all be together."

Keisha follows her mother's tradition of reading part of the Christmas story each night at dinner. "Hearing this remarkable story every year reminds me how much we are loved."



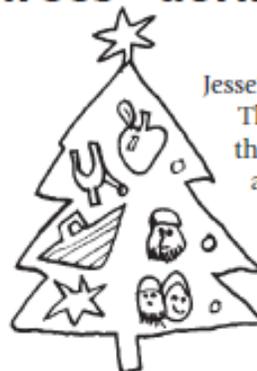
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we make "Jesse trees" during Advent?

The Jesse tree helps us to remember Jesus' ancestors as we prepare for his birth. The prophet Isaiah said, "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse ... the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him" (Isaiah 11:1-2). Isaiah said that the Holy One will come from

Jesse's family.

The ornaments that hang on the Jesse tree represent Jesus' ancestors: Adam and Eve, Abraham, Sarah, Noah, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Ruth, Jesse, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Micah, Jonah, Joseph, and Mary.



Make memories for Christmas

What makes one Christmas memory stand out from the others? It's special times you share. Try these simple ways to make Christmas memories your family won't forget.

Memory ornaments. Sort through your photographs from the year and each pick your favorite. Using construction paper or other craft materials you have around the house, fashion the photos into ornaments to hang on the tree. (When you unpack them next year, you can relive each memory.)



Homemade calendar. Paste a photograph of a favorite family moment or draw a picture on construction paper for each month of the new year. Use plain white paper for the dates. Bind them together with ribbon into a calendar for the year.

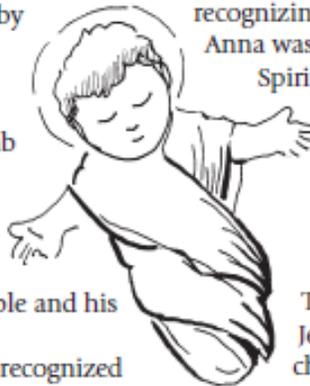
Loving Letters. Write a love letter or poem for each other – parents and children alike. Describe good qualities you value in each other and special memories you have shared. Use special paper, your best handwriting, and tie it up with a pretty bow. Guaranteed to be a favorite gift.

Scripture LESSON

Luke 2:22-40, No ordinary child

Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews and did what was required by their faith to thank God for the gift of their child. They couldn't afford the customary offering of a lamb and presented a dove, instead, to thank God for their son. To the uninformed observer, Jesus' birth was unremarkable and his family quite ordinary.

Yet, Simeon immediately recognized Jesus as the Messiah. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."



Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord in the temple. Anna was also filled with the Holy Spirit. Her faith in God's promises gave her hope. The hope God places in our hearts gives us a desire for the kingdom of Heaven.

What can a parent do? Teach children to look for Jesus in the world. Tell children that the Holy Spirit will reveal the presence of the Lord to those who want to know him, to receive him, and to be with him forever. Teach them to pray to him.

Parent TALK

Last Christmas was the first year without my father. Christmas makes me think of Dad. Everyone loves Christmas, but Dad was a Christmas nut! He loved Christ and Christmas and passed on the

love of both to me. With him gone, it wasn't the same.

Kenny brought out the decorations, but I didn't touch them. I saw my girls'

disappointment, but

it was too hard. Instead, I went to a meeting and left the girls doing homework with their dad.

When I came home, the house was ablaze. Kenny and the girls put out every decoration we owned. It looked like something my dad would have done. Lights everywhere! Candles, angels, doves, sparkles ... My family worked together to bring the joy of Christmas back for me.

Dad may be gone but his love of God and Christmas lives on in our family. I hope to tell him this when I see him again.



Feasts & Celebrations

December is the month in which we anticipate the coming of Christ and begin the celebration of his birth. It has become a time to reaffirm our respect for life from conception to natural death.

Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the day we celebrate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without original sin. Attend Mass today.

Dec. 13 – St. Lucy (304). In the midst of pagan Sicily, St. Lucy vowed to remain chaste for Jesus. A disappointed suitor turned her in for being a

Christian and she was executed as a result.

December 26 – St. Stephen (first century). A deacon of the early Church, St. Stephen preached that God can be found everywhere, not just in one place like the temple. He angered the Jewish authorities by pointing out that the Israelites consistently rejected God's messengers and chosen servants. For that he was stoned to death and became the first martyr.



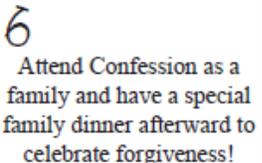
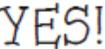
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Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30  Make and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first purple candle each night this week and reread today's Gospel reading: Mark 13:33-37.</p>	<p>1  Read together about Elizabeth and Zechariah's special blessing in Luke 1:5-25.</p>	<p>2  Set up and bless your Nativity scene, but leave out the Holy Family.</p>	<p>3  Make cookies to bring to a nearby nursing home or homeless shelter.</p>	<p>4  Together, write your Christmas cards. Let older kids address the envelopes and younger ones seal them.</p>	<p>5  As you purchase gifts this year, consider adding one for a struggling family in your parish. Ask at your parish office for guidance.</p>	<p>6  Attend Confession as a family and have a special family dinner afterward to celebrate forgiveness!</p>
<p>7  Light two purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."</p>	<p>8  In honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.</p>	<p>9  Take a long walk today in honor of St. Juan Diego and the long journey he took in obedience to Our Lady.</p>	<p>10 YES!  Read about the angel's remarkable visit to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Talk about ways we can also say, "yes," to God.</p>	<p>11  Set the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the rest of the scene.</p>	<p>12  To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.</p>	<p>13  Gather gently used clothing and toys in like-new condition and donate them to a homeless shelter.</p>
<p>14  Light two purple candles and the pink one for joy. See which of you can sing loudest at Mass today.</p>	<p>15  Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it.</p>	<p>16  Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity scene. Try to imagine what it was like to travel to Bethlehem by donkey.</p>	<p>17  Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.</p>	<p>18  Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priests, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family.</p>	<p>19  Put up your Christmas tree but only place a few decorations each day until Christmas Eve.</p>	<p>20  Light a candle and sit in silence for 15 minutes. Focus on whom it is you are waiting.</p>
<p>21  Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Read today's Gospel reading, Luke 1:26-38</p>	<p>22  Read the Christmas story (Luke 2:1-14) and reflect on the gift of life given to us by God.</p>	<p>23  Place Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Add grass or straw to the manger to get it ready.</p>	<p>24  Finish decorating your Christmas tree and light it as a symbol of Christ, Light of the World.</p>	<p>25  Put the Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20.</p> <p><i>While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:6)</i></p>		



SANTA GRAMS

Starting Wednesday, December 3 through Friday, December 12, the eighth grade will be selling **Santa Grams**. The proceeds will benefit Kids in Need of Desks (K.I.N.D.) UNICEF USA, which provides desks for school children in Malawi. The organization also provides scholarships for girls' education. Please take the time to search the site, and view the 3:40 minute video.

Santa Grams are Christmas wishes which can be sent to friends, a sister, a brother, a cousin, or any school staff member. Parents may also want to send some to their children. Fr. Eduino may enjoy receiving a **Santa Gram**, too!

Each **Santa Gram** will have a candy cane attached to it and will be delivered on Monday, December 15 and Tuesday, December 16. The cost is \$.50 for each **Santa Gram**.

Santa Grams will be sold outside during morning and lunch recesses, in the office or in the eighth grade classroom.

Thank you for supporting K.I.N.D. UNICEF,
Mrs. Smith and the Eighth Grade Class

Secret Santa Shop

December 14



Santa's Helpers Need You!

It's time to clean out those closets and garages for the Secret Santa Shop. Please donate your reusable toys, and gifts for mom & dad.

We also appreciate any new or used Christmas gift bags (or gift wrap), and trimmings.

Just drop off your items in the School's front office.

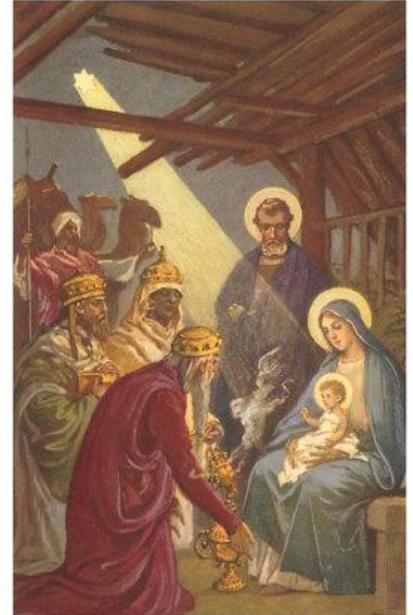
If you are interested in volunteer hours, please contact **Shane de La Chapelle** at 489-9173.

November 18, 2014

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in having your child participate in our Christmas Eve Mass at either 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. We are delighted to have you!

Participation requires rehearsals in the church, and the schedule is provided below. Please be on time for rehearsals.



4:00 P.M. Mass
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Wednesday, December 17 -- 4:00-5:00 P.M
Thursday, December 18 -- 4:00-5:00 P.M

6:00 P.M. Mass
Wednesday, December 10 -- 5:00-6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 17 -- 5:00-6:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 18 --5:00-6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 24: Arrive at St. John's Hall 45 minutes before Mass to get your costume. This is a crowded Mass so parents and family members will want to secure their seats early.

Please sign below to indicate that you are giving permission for your child to perform in the Christmas Eve Mass and to attend ALL of the rehearsals.

Thank you, and best wishes for a blessed Advent and Christmas!

Rose Ross and Robert Love

Please indicate which Mass your child will be participating in:

___ 4:00 P.M. ___ 6:00 P.M.

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

I am willing to help as a volunteer for rehearsals and at the Mass. __Yes __ No

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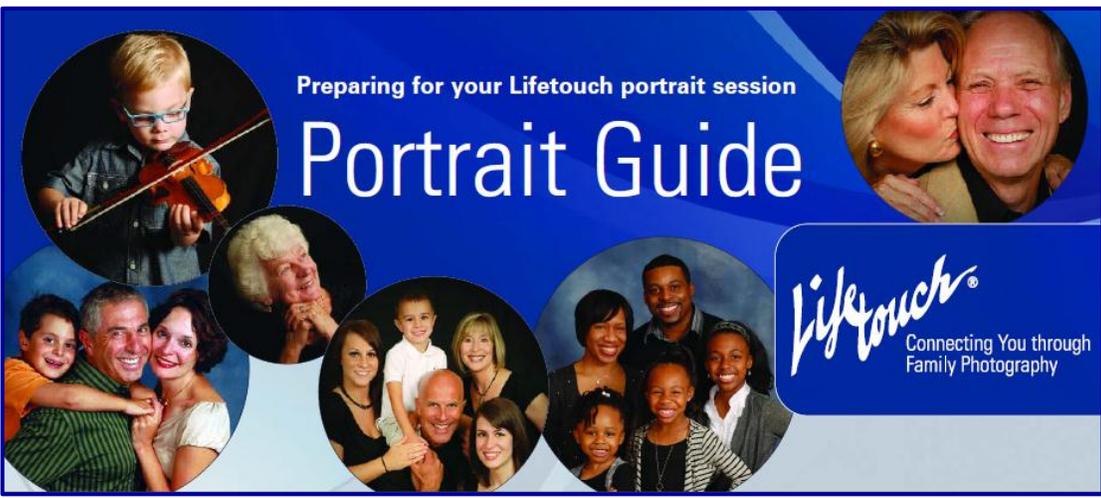
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Preparing for your Lifetouch portrait session

Portrait Guide

Lifetouch
Connecting You through Family Photography



Celebrate family

Lifetouch photography

Lifetouch has been a trusted provider of family photography for over 75 years. We know how important portraits are to you and your family—they become priceless family treasures. We also know it may have been years since you and your family have had a professional portrait taken so you want to make sure they turn out great!

Enclosed are some tips and ideas to prepare for—and get the most out of—your upcoming professional Lifetouch photography session.



Be Yourself!

Classic, casual, musical, sporty, fun...it's up to you!





Creativity is encouraged!

Getting ready



Clothing
Wear what you feel great in, whether it's casual or formal clothing. Solid colors work best. Avoid busy patterns: they can distract from your face. Some poses are close up, others full length, so plan outfits completely including shoes.

As a general rule, darker clothes are slenderizing. Avoid baggy clothes that might make you look larger than you are. Sleeveless shirts tend to make your arms look fuller. V-necks are always flattering. Wear a dark t-shirt under dark shirts—a white t-shirt under a dark shirt stands out in a portrait.

Hair
Avoid changing your hairstyle or cutting your hair right before your session. Your photographer will help you identify improperly placed hair, but make sure you like the look and let the photographer know your preferences.

Jewelry/Accessories
Wear special hats and/or jewelry: necklaces, rings, bracelets, etc. Mention to the photographer you would like have your jewelry featured in your portrait.

Make-up
Apply make-up as you would normally would for an evening out. Pay special attention to your eyes: the focal point in a portrait. An extra coat of mascara can help bring out your eyes. Bring lipstick and powder for touch-ups.

Glasses
If you wear glasses all the time, you'll want to have them in your portraits. That's the real you!

Complexion
Lifetouch offers portrait retouch that can soften facial lines and correct blemishes and scratches, scars, etc. We can also whiten teeth and eyes.

More choices



full color with vignette



black & white



sepia



"We invited our children to our portrait session!"



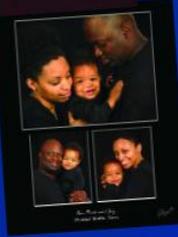
Bring special items and special people

- You may invite grandparents and other family members/loved ones to join your portrait sitting (even if they are not members).
- With permission of your organization, you may bring your household pet to your portrait session. We know they are part of the family!
- Bring meaningful items that express your individuality. Some popular choices are: sports equipment, musical instruments, hobby items, special toys or books.

Portraits make great gifts

Lifetouch offers a variety of products

products may vary



Lifetouch offers portrait greeting cards designs may vary

Studio Series cards



Traditional cards



Fill your home with family



We look forward to seeing you

Your portrait session

Date: _____

Time to Arrive: _____

Portraits will be taken at our location. Plan one hour for check-in, photography and portrait selection. You will view your images and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits.

At your photography session, we accept CASH, CHECK or:



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Scrip Order Form

Date: _____ Name: _____

Child's Name (if different): _____
 _____ Grade _____

Payment: _____
 Cash _____ Check Number _____

Retailer	%	Price	#	Total
Ace Hardware	4	\$25		
Ace Hardware	4	\$100		
Aeropostle	7	\$25		
Amazon	3	\$25		
Am Eagle Outfitters	10	\$25		
American Express	1.25	\$25		
American Express	1.25	\$100		
Applebee's	8	\$25		
Arco	1.50	\$50		
Arco	1.50	\$100		
Barnes & Noble	9	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	9	\$25		
Bath & Body Works	13	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	13	\$25		
Bed, Bath and Beyond	7	\$25		
Big 5	8	\$25		
CA Pizza Kitchen	4	\$10		
Century Theatres	4	\$25		
Cheesecake Factory	5	\$25		
Chevron	1	\$50		
Chevy's/El Torito	8	\$25		
Chilis/Macaroni Grill/On the Border	11	\$25		
Chipotle	10	\$10		

Retailer	%	Price	#	Total
Claire's	9	\$10		
Cold Stone Creamery	8	\$10		
Crate & Barrel	9	\$25		
CVS Pharmacy	6	\$25		
Disney	2	\$25		
Disney	2	\$100		
Game Stop	3	\$25		
GAP/Old Navy/ Ban. Rep.	14	\$25		
Gymboree	13	\$25		
Hallmark	4	\$25		
Hagen's Orange Freeze	10	\$20		
Home Depot	4	\$25		
Home Depot	4	\$100		
IHop	8	\$25		
iTunes	5	\$15		
iTunes	5	\$25		
J. Crew	13	\$25		
Jamba Juice	7	\$10		
Kohls	4	\$25		
Leatherby's	10	\$5		
Macy's	10	\$25		
Marshalls/TJ Max	7	\$25		
Michael's	4	\$25		
Miyagi Bar & Sushi	10	\$25		
Nike	12	\$25		
Panda Express	8	\$25		
Panera	9	\$10		
Peet's Coffee & Tea	8	\$20		
PetSmart	4	\$25		
PinkBerry	5	\$10		
Pottery Barn/ Williams & Sonoma	8	\$25		

Retailer	%	Price	#	Total
Quiznos	10	\$10		
Raley's	4	\$25		
Raley's	4	\$100		
Red Lobster/ Olive Garden	9	\$25		
Red Robin	9	\$25		
REI	8	\$25		
Rite Aid	4	\$25		
Safeway	4	\$25		
Safeway	4	\$100		
SaveMart	2	\$25		
SaveMart	2	\$100		
See's Candy	20	\$18		
Shell	2.50	\$50		
Smart & Final	3	\$50		
Smash Burger	10	\$10		
Sports Authority	8	\$25		
Staples	5	\$25		
Starbucks	7	\$10		
Starbucks	7	\$25		
Subway	3	\$10		
Subway	3	\$50		
Taco Bell	5	\$10		
Target	2	\$25		
Target	2	\$100		
Toys-R-Us	1.50	\$20		
UA/Regal Cinemas	8	\$25		
Walgreens	6	\$25		
Wal-Mart/ Sam's Club	2.5	\$100		
Wendy's	4	\$10		
Whole Foods	3	\$25		
Whole Foods	3	\$100		
Yo-Yo Yogurt	10	\$10		
TOTAL				