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It is hard to believe that nearly 4 months of school have passed and we are into our Advent Season. Mrs. Matier's grade 5 class led us in a beautiful, hope-filled Advent Mass today at St. Mary's. Father Mirek taught us about the importance of prayer during this waiting time and the power of a praying community.

As we celebrate the season of Advent, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ at Christmas. Advent is a time of hopeful waiting; a time when we answer the call of John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." May our prayerful observance of this season of Advent draw us nearer to our loving and merciful God. During the Advent season, we welcome you to join us as a school community for our Advent Celebrations at the school on December 12th at 10:30 a.m., led by 1S and 4W, and on December 20th at 10:30 a.m. led by 1W and 5K. Thursday, December 12 at 6:00-7:30 p.m., we would also like to invite you to our Family Christmas Craft Night, for a free evening of fun and opportunity to connect as a family.

As we begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy, this season of grace provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon God's loving mercy in our lives, as well as an opportunity to grow in mercy and forgiveness toward others. God's mercy is immeasurable, and we pray that our mercy will increase. We want to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support of our various service projects throughout our school. Social Justice is an important part of Catholic education and teaches children that we all have a part to play in making the world a better place one smile at a time, one soup can at a time, one family at a time or one child at a time. We can all make a difference through collaboration and sharing.

We would also like to thank parents for the amazing attendance we had at our November parent-teacher conferences. Teachers commented on how impressed they were with the number and interest shown by our parents in their child's education. We know when a strong school-home relationship exists our children will be happier and achieve well at school, thank you for sharing your children with us every day.

While the secular world is focusing on external gifts, may we remain focused on the true meaning of this season-the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless you and those whom you love.

As we enter the Advent Season, the staff of Holy Family School wishes that much hope, love, joy and peace fills your home in preparation for the birth of our Lord, Jesus. Have a safe and blessed Christmas full of love and best wishes for a joyous New Year.

God Bless,

Rori-Lynn Daniel / Melissa Meyer

Holy Family Administration Team

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