



Cathedral School News—12/1/2021

A Message from Mrs. Gallagher-Kosmatka

It is my hope that everyone had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. At Cathedral School we thank you for entrusting your children to us and we celebrate the many ways their energy and happy hearts brighten our days!!

It is an exciting time at Cathedral School as students, faculty and staff prepare for the birth of Jesus. We had our first Advent Prayer Service this past Monday. We talked about three things that we are doing to prepare for the birth of Jesus:

Prayer Services and the Advent Wreath: As the four Advent candles represent Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, we discussed how our HOPE in action - prayers and kind actions in our school and in our homes - can help us to keep Jesus in our hearts.

'Blanket' for Baby Jesus: During the season of Advent students are working hard to prepare a soft 'blanket' for Baby Jesus' cradle. Please ask your child how we are doing this. It is a wonderful way to sprinkle kindness and goodness towards each other throughout our school day! The cradle is in the lobby under the Christmas tree for all of us to watch our growing soft 'blanket' for Jesus.

Catholic Charities Advent Giving: The generosity of our Cathedral families in donating personal items to the Catholic Charities Warming Center was very appreciated. Thank you for your selflessness in providing help to those less fortunate. The Christmas spirit of giving is definitely present in the Cathedral community!!!

Happy St. Nicholas Day to everyone on Monday. Enjoy today and each day of Advent.



In service of your children,

Patty Gallagher-Kosmatka
Principal, Cathedral Elementary School



SCHOOL Cathedral Spirit Day-Friday, December 3



Cathedral Spirit Day is Friday, December 3. Students and staff are asked to wear their **red Cathedral Spirit shirt** with any comfortable bottoms (dress code bottoms are not required). This is a fun way to celebrate the 'spirit' of Cathedral.

Parent Lunch Help

Thank you to the following parents for their daily help in the lunch room from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. with salad bar serving, tray assistance and clean-up, and table washing:

Kristy DuChateau, mother of Josephine
Kari Vogel, mother of Reed
Kristin Johnson, mother of Everly
Tom Williams, father of Elliot



Your help it is very appreciated. Thank you!!!

Season of Giving Advent Giving

As continue on our Advent journey, our efforts to help those less fortunate remind us to appreciate all that we have in our families, homes, and school. On Monday, our second week of Advent, donations of **CLEANING PRODUCTS: Laundry soap, dish soap, paper towels, and/or cleaning products** are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity last week - our collection buckets were overflowing and students were so very proud of their efforts!!!!

If anyone is able and willing to assist in the delivery of items each Tuesday any time after 10:00 a.m. that would be greatly appreciated. There is a sign-up genius on our website for this assistance. Parent volunteers can come to the north entrance via the alley and we can load the car(s) for delivery to the Catholic Charities Warming Center on Third Street.

Family Christmas Cards

Cathedral School has a tradition of school families sharing their Christmas cards. All families are invited to send a family Christmas card to school anytime during December. The cards will be displayed on our first-floor hallway bulletin board. While you are not able to come into school and see the happy family photos please know that the students and staff definitely enjoy them. Thank you for sharing the joy of family and the spirit of Christmas with us!





Yearbook Orders-Deadline, Friday, December 10

Yearbook order forms were sent home before Thanksgiving. If you would like to purchase a Cathedral Yearbook for your child the order form, with payment, is due on or before December 10th. Yearbooks are delivered at the end of May.

Cold Weather for Recess

As the cold weather sets in I ask that parents send children to school with warm outer wear = coats, hats, and mittens/gloves. Children will also need boots and snow pants for recess any time snow is on the ground. For safety reasons, students will be limited in where and how they play outside if they are missing these items.



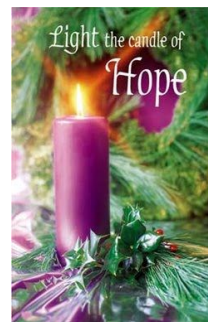
School Closings

As the winter snow and cold weather increases it is possible that school will close in order to keep everyone safe and off the roads. Please be aware that local media, both radio and television, will carry information if Aquinas Catholic Schools closes. You may also be receiving a Skylert phone call or text message from our President, Ted Knutson, to inform you of the closing.

Diocesan & Parish News



Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 11, at the Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade Candies, Breads, Pies, Handcrafted Items and Scrip Gift Cards available for sale. Serving Continental Breakfast and Lunch (homemade soup and chili). Raffles and hourly Door Prizes.



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AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a
Christ-centered family
devoted to nurturing students of all faiths
through educational excellence
in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

CORE VALUES

FAITH—Serving Jesus and His Church
INTEGRITY—Cultivating moral character
EXCELLENCE—Pursuing daily improvement
through life-long learning
LEADERSHIP—Inspiring achievement
and stewardship
DIGNITY—Respecting God, others and self

<https://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/ces-home>

School Calendar Reminders

Friday, December 3
Sunday, December 5
Monday, December 6

Wednesday, December 8

Sunday, December 12
Monday, December 13

Wednesday, December 15
Sunday, December 19
Monday, December 20

Tuesday, December 21

Wednesday, December 22-Sunday, January 2

Cathedral Spirit Day

Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.

Advent Giving-Cleaning Products

Mass 9:00 a.m. Led by Mrs. Flottmeyer's class

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.

Advent Giving-Food Donation

Mass 9:00 a.m. Led by Mrs. Johanns' class

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.

Advent Giving-Monetary Donation

Christmas Dress Day

Christmas Party 9:30-10:30 a.m.

NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK

