Dear St. Joseph School Families, December 6, 2017

**Happy Saint Nicholas Day! Students and families can learn more about St. Nick at the following website:** <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-nicholas/> **May your day be blessed with an opportunity to give to others like St. Nick; give a smile, give a hug or give a kind word.**

**Advent The students are celebrating this Advent season with classroom and school wide projects. In each classroom a manger stands empty waiting for Jesus. As the students behave and work they quietly add straw to the manger making a bed of hay for Jesus. School wide we have an advent calendar which describes a job each day for students. Yesterday’s Advent door requested students to do a random act of kindness.**

**Santa Shop The students will have an opportunity to shop at the Santa Shop on Thursday, December 7. Envelopes were sent home in last week’s family envelope. The Santa Shop is on display in the Friendship Hall.**

**Penance Students in grades 3-8 will participate in an Advent Reconciliation prayer service on Tuesday, December 12 at 1:30PM in Pilgrim Congregation Church. Fr. Dave Komatz will be the presider.**

**Christmas Concert The Saint Joseph School Christmas Concert will occur on Thursday, December 14 at 6:30PM. Every family is asked to contribute one dozen cookies. We encourage you to drop off the cookies in the morning. At 6:00 the school doors will open to the classroom. By 6:15PM all students need to be in their classrooms, dressed in concert attire and ready for the program. After the concert parents may pick up their children from the classrooms. Families are invited to visit with Santa and have cookies in the Friendship Hall.**

**Inclement Weather**

**In the event of school closings due to inclement weather Saint Joseph School follows the Green Bay Public School closings. If Green Bay Public closes or has a delay due to weather conditions, so does Saint Joseph School. Please watch and listen for school closings on local TV and radio stations.**

On Wednesdays, if there is a two-hour delay then there will be NO MASS and students should report directly to St. Joseph School.

In the event of a two-hour delay Saint Joseph School starts at 9:50AM. Students do not receive breakfast on two-hour delay days.

***PRAYERS***

If you, or your child, have prayer intentions this school year, please email Mrs. Otto by Tuesday of each week. Your anonymous prayer intentions will be included in the weekly newsletter so that our school community can pray together for your intentions. The graces of community prayer are abundant.

**Please Pray for…**

* We pray for the health and well-being of all our students and families at St. Joseph School
* Safe travel during the holidays
* Mrs. Hamann’s health, may she continue to stay strong and get well.

May God bless you,

Mrs. Otto, Principal