### **NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER**

# **CLASS SCHEDULE: December 4,**

Inclement Weather: if our Public School District cancels, we are cancelled. If cancelled after lunchtime, we are cancelled.

#### WHAT IS COMING UP®

Dec. 4: Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long for parents with our K-5<sup>th</sup> grades; 6:00-7:00 in Kress Hall<sup>®</sup> Cookies served <sup>®</sup>

Dec. 25: Happy Birthday Jesus<sup>©</sup> We want to wish all of our students & their families a very peaceful and spiritual Christmas Season-- the season of **perpetual (never ending) Hope**<sup>©</sup>

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

RCIA: Dec. 5, 12 from 6:30-8:30 in Kress Hall. **TOPIC: ADVENT** means coming. If something is coming; we are waiting in peace & preparing for something. **The coming of God in human form. The Incarnation**.

SYMBOLS; DECORATIONS WE USE. WHAT DO THEY MEAN? Lights & candles: Christ. Tree: is evergreen meaning God never changes. He has always loved us & He always has been & always will be. The **branches** represent eternity. Colors: green is hope, red His future. Holly Wreath: represents the crown of thorns. Poinsettia: resembles the star of David. Mistletoe: sign of friendship. Advent Wreath: the circular shape reminds us that God never had a beginning, and will have no end. God's eternal nature. The **evergreens** in the wreath tell us that God never changes, His everlasting love for us! The green tells us that Advent is a time of hope. Wreath candles: 3 purple candles are in preparation. One **rose** colored (3<sup>rd</sup> week) is for joy; what is coming.

## **SAINT of the MONTH: Saint Nicholas**

The legend of Santa Claus begins with St.

Nicholas. He was raised as a devout Catholic,
but lost both his parents when he was very
young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you
own & give money to the poor," Nicholas used
all of his inheritance to assist the needy,
suffering, and sick. He dedicated his life to
serving God & was made the Bishop of Myra.
He is the patron & protector of children. He
lived from the years 270- 343. His Feast
day (date of a saint's death) is Dec. 6.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION EVERY THURSDAY: 1-3:00. "WE UNITE OURSELVES TO JESUS CHRIST THROUGH STUDY, PRAYER AND SERVICE."