



Shamrock Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

Dec. 10th: Early Dismissal (1:30 p.m.)

Dec. 18th: Christmas Play (7:00 p.m.)

Dec. 19th: Early Dismissal (1:30 p.m.)

Dec. 19th: No After Hours Care

Dec. 22-Jan. 5th: Christmas Vacation

Santa's Secret Shop

Something special is coming to St. Patrick School! To help the children start their Christmas shopping, we will once again offer **Santa's Secret Shop** which will take place **December 3rd through 5th**. This is a time when the students can shop by themselves (with some adult guidance) to select gifts for their family members. Envelopes were sent home last week. *This is not a mandatory event.*

SCRIPmas Tree Raffle

The **SCRIPmas Tree**, which will be **raffled** during the **Christmas Program** on **December 18th**, is covered with **\$300.00 worth of SCRIP**. You may purchase **one ticket for \$1.00** or **six tickets for \$5.00**. Please fill out the tickets on the green sheets you received, but **please DO NOT CUT the tickets** off the sheet. Extra tickets are available in the office. *This is not a mandatory raffle.*

Advent Service Project

The focus for our **Advent Service Project** this year is the **Care Lodge Abuse Shelter** in Lauderdale County. We are collecting **hats, gloves, underwear, socks, and toilet tissue** for the newborn to 12 year old clients of the Care Lodge. We encourage our students to "work" (do extra chores) for the money to buy the items. This gives them a sense of really taking part in the project.

Lipscomb Oil Company Grant

Thanks to the efforts of Ken Anderson, Director of Operations and Marketing for Lipscomb Oil Company, St. Patrick School has been awarded a \$500.00 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance grant. The money will be used to help fund the equipment recently purchased to automate the library. Funded by the ExxonMobil Corporation, the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program is designed to provide Exxon retailers like Ken Anderson with an opportunity to invest in the future of their community through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

Christmas Program

The children are in the process of preparing for the annual **Christmas program** scheduled for **Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.** Bring the whole family to this holiday event!

Send a Shoe

Please send an extra shoe to school with your child on **Thursday, December 4th**. Saturday, December 6th is the feast of St. Nicholas, the saint who is known for his generosity and for being the first "Santa." Many countries around the world celebrate this feast day by putting out a shoe before going to bed, and waking up to a surprise.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

The Meridian community is invited to attend the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration to be held **Sunday, December 14th**, with the **procession** beginning at **2:00 p.m.** in the parking lot of **St. Joseph Catholic Church**, and ending in time for the **3:00 p.m. mass at St. Patrick Church.**

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Immaculate Conception Mass

The **children's liturgy** next week will take place at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 8th**, the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, a holy day of obligation. There will be **no** Thursday morning mass on the 11th.

Thanksgiving Food "Baskets"

Thank you very much for your generous contributions to the Thanksgiving Food Baskets that our sixth graders delivered to eight needy families in the community on Tuesday, November 25th. The families' were very appreciative of our donations and were able to enjoy a lovely Thanksgiving meal.

Liturgical Dancers to Perform

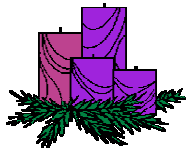
The St. Patrick School Liturgical Dancers have been invited to perform at the celebration in honor of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** at **3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 14th** at St. Patrick Church.

NO AFTER HOURS CARE

There will be **NO AFTER HOURS CARE** on Friday, **December 19th** due to the staff holiday lunch.

Uniform News

1. The Liberty Shop has long sleeve polo shirts in stock for the cooler weather.
2. Any shirts worn under school polos **must** be **white**.
3. Girls must **only** wear Peter Pan collar **blouse** when wearing jumpers.



May you be blessed this Advent Season!