

Blessed Sacrament Winter Newsletter



The King is Born

WRITTEN BY MR. JOSEPH AMBS

This newsletter was written by the middle school journalism class over the course of the second quarter of the 2024-25 academic year. We would like to wish all families a happy Thanksgiving, most Merry Christmas, and a wonderful New Year. Know of our prayers for all Blessed Sacrament parishioners and families. Let us give thanks for defeating 439 in the election and pray that this Gregorian year of our Lord, 2025, be filled with many blessing upon us.

Pax,

Blessed Sacrament School



Words from Mrs. Tran

This is such a beautiful time of the year as we celebrate and reflect on the Holy Family. Looking at Jesus from the perspective of being a baby/child brings more meaning to the sanctity of life. After having the wonderful experience of bringing a new life to the world twice while being here at Blessed Sacrament, I know our students have great respect and love for life and babies. Thank you for bringing your children to a school that can outwardly proclaim the beauty and sanctity of life!



“Do not go out from your inmost being. My daughter, I shall obtain for you the grace of an interior life which will be such that, without ever leaving that interior life, you will be able to carry out all your external duties with even greater care.”

- Sister Faustyna Kowalska



Blessed Sacrament Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Program went great this year! The singers PreK-5th sang amazingly. The cast had an amazing job at acting.

Cast:

Joseph: Matthew Bol
Mary: Dyami
Guest 1: Harrison
Guest 2: Ashtyn
Guest 3: Edhleen
Guest 4: Ashtyn
Guest 5: Hayden
Innkeeper: Khang
Innkeepers Child: Kendal
F.W. Woolworth: Emery
Rock Starling: Ethan
Tax Collector: Jace
Shepherd 1: Willem
Shepherd 2: Floriane
Wisemen: Ian, Nikolai, Javier
Angel: Aliyah

PreK-2nd Grade:

"Come on in"
"Star of Wonder"
3rd-5th Grade
"In or Out"
"Good News"
"Come on in"
(Reprise)

Elective Choir:

"Silent Night"
"Rockin' Around the
Christmas Tree"

Nativity Speakers:

Sofia, Livia, Bradleigh
Olivia,

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

The Jubilee is an extraordinary Catholic religious event that draws millions of the faithful to Rome. Ever since the year of 1300, these pilgrims from all over the world perform a holy pilgrimage to the Eternal City.

The year of 2025 makes for a very special Jubilee year as it will be the first Jubilee since 2000. Normally, the interval between each Jubilee is 25 years, but an extraordinary Jubilee was held in 2015.

The Jubilee originates from the Jewish tradition, which established a year of rest for the earth every 50 years. To signal the beginning of the Jubilee, a ram's horn, yobel, in Hebrew, was blown, from which the Christian term Jubilee derives. But what is the Jubilee for the Catholic Church? The Jubilee or Holy Year is the period during which the Pope grants plenary indulgence (absolution from all sins) to all the faithful who travel to Rome and participate in the planned religious initiatives.



WHAT IS THE GREAT JUBILEE OF 2025?

The Jubilee 2025, known as the Holy Year, will open on December 24th and will last for the entire year 2025. The following Jubilee will be held in 2050, except for extraordinary Jubilees called by the Pope. The Jubilee is for the Catholic Church and also for the city an extraordinary event in Rome, it will not only be a moment of religious reflection with celebrations and events, but also an opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty and diversity of the eternal city.

Tradition dictates that each Jubilee is proclaimed through the publication of a Papal Bull, the official document with the Pope's seal. For the 2025 Jubilee, the publication of the Papal Bull is expected on 9 May 2024. The 2025 Jubilee will be entitled Peregrinantes in Spem (Pilgrims in Hope) and will officially begin on Christmas Eve, 24 December 2024 with the opening of the Holy Doors of the 4 Papal Basilicas of Rome: St. Peter's in the Vatican, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls, are the most important churches in Rome and those where the most important celebrations will be held.



FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Created by: Lyla and Zoe

We interviewed kids on what was their favorite thing to do for Christmas!

Oaklyn from kindergarten and Kenna from first grade love to play with the snow! They like to make snowmen and after that they like to open presents with their family. They also like to see all the toys and gifts.



Blake from pre-school is excited about celebrating Christmas with her Nana and Papa because she has never celebrated with them before. Emilia from kindergarten is really excited for presents and making snow Angels with her friends! Greyson and William from kindergarten are really excited to open presents! Oliver from pre-school is excited for toys! Ben said he loves Christmas because it's close to his birthday.



What Thanksgiving Food do students like Best?

By Hannah and Emery



In November, we went around asking a few students what their favorite things to eat on Thanksgiving are!

37.5% of the students we asked said turkey was their favorite Thanksgiving food. Surprisingly, only one person said their favorite was pumpkin pie. 25% said they liked mashed potatoes. The rest said they liked marshmallows and mac n' cheese. Basically most of them said they liked turkey.



Ben: I like mashed potatoes!



Olivia:
MARSHMALLOWS!!!



Thank you for reading!

Staff Chimes in on the Best Christmas Movies

Firstly, Mrs. Slattery, her favorite Christmas movie is Santa Claus is Coming to Town. She loves the gold digger and how funny the movie is.

Secondly, Mrs. Heiden, she loves Elf and says it's super funny and loves watching it every Christmas.

Thirdly, Mrs. Tvrdy, Charlie Brown Christmas, she said it has a good message and it's a tradition every year to watch it with her families with sweets.

Mrs. Furrow's favorite Christmas movie is Christmas Vacation. She says it is super funny, and she loves watching it every Christmas with her family.

Lastly, Mr. Cappel's favorite Christmas movie is Home Alone. He said he loves watching it and thinks it's a very good movie for its time.



What you want for Christmas

By Miranda and Edhleen

We interviewed a few of the younger kids on what they want on Christmas. Many of them said surprising things!

First we started from preschool to 3rd grade. In preschool, we interviewed Merryn, and she said she wanted a Christmas hat and bracelets. We also interviewed another kid named Romeo, and he said he wanted a toy dinosaur.

Those were the two preschoolers we interviewed, and now for kindergarten!

First we got Emilia, and she asked for headphones. Next we got Greyson, and he asked for a big TV. And that is the kindergarten.

Next, we have 1st grade. First kid is Olivia, and she wants a motorcycle. That's amazing! Next, we have Louis, he wants a PS5! I would like that for Christmas!

Then we asked 2nd grade. Jacinta she asked for mini brands.

St. Nicholas

by: Claire Ristow

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara in Asia Minor. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.



Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals—murderers, thieves and robbers. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas.



BLESSED SACRAMENT BASKETBALL TEAM

Antonio Pinto

Julian Pinto

Drake O'Neil

Jackson VanNoy

Ziggy Wasonga

Drew Jochum

Ayub Musa

Matthew Bol

George Barry

Isaac Baumert



Ariel Alatraste

Shane Emmons

Marce Bawmu

LOSSES

8

WINS

0

Winter Band Concert 2024

By Hannah and Miranda



The band concert this year at Pius X was so fun! It was an amazing experience to get to hear such wonderful music. The band concert was so peak. The middle school band played high school level music. It was beautiful. The music was very hard to do since we are middle schoolers, and I played the wrong part at the end of Veni Emmanuel.



Our cool band teacher
Mrs. King

We played with the Cathedral of the Risen Christ and St. Teresa schools. The songs we played were Veni Emmanuel, Adeste Fedelis, Ring Ring Ring, and Fireside Christmas.

"Thingy how fun it was."

-an AMAZING quote by Miranda

