

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



ADVENT 2025



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>- Home and School Meeting @5:30PM
- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Giving Tuesday
- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>- Advent Caroling and Wreath Making
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>- Mass of the Immaculate Conception @ noon
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>- Student Council Holiday Fun Dress
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>- Stations of the Creche at 6:30PM
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>- LIGHT Theme Shirt Day
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>- Advent Program @6PM
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten Polar Express Day
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>- Advent Reconciliation
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>- Dismissal at 11:20AM, No Daycare, Parties, Christmas Dress-up Day
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>- Jan. 2nd- No School- Christmas Break
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Eve Mass  
5PM & 10PM
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Day Mass  
10AM

This is our Advent Newsletter—your go-to source for all Holy Trinity School updates and events throughout the month of December. As always, please note that dates and details are subject to change as needed. Blessings, Shannon Murphy

## **Giving Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic School– Tuesday, December 2nd**

Giving Tuesday is December 2nd, we invite you to support Holy Trinity Catholic School as we continue growing—literally! Our goal this year is to raise funds for an indoor hydroponic garden system, allowing students to learn about science, sustainability, and God's creation in a hands-on way.

Your gift will help bring this exciting project to life, providing opportunities for students to plant, nurture, and harvest vegetables year-round while connecting lessons of stewardship and care for our common home.

♥ Give online at <https://community.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/pages/donation-page-gt2025---holy-trinity-catholic-school>

Thank you for helping us grow faith, knowledge, and kindness—one seed at a time!

## **Advent Wreath Making & Caroling – Sunday, December 7th**

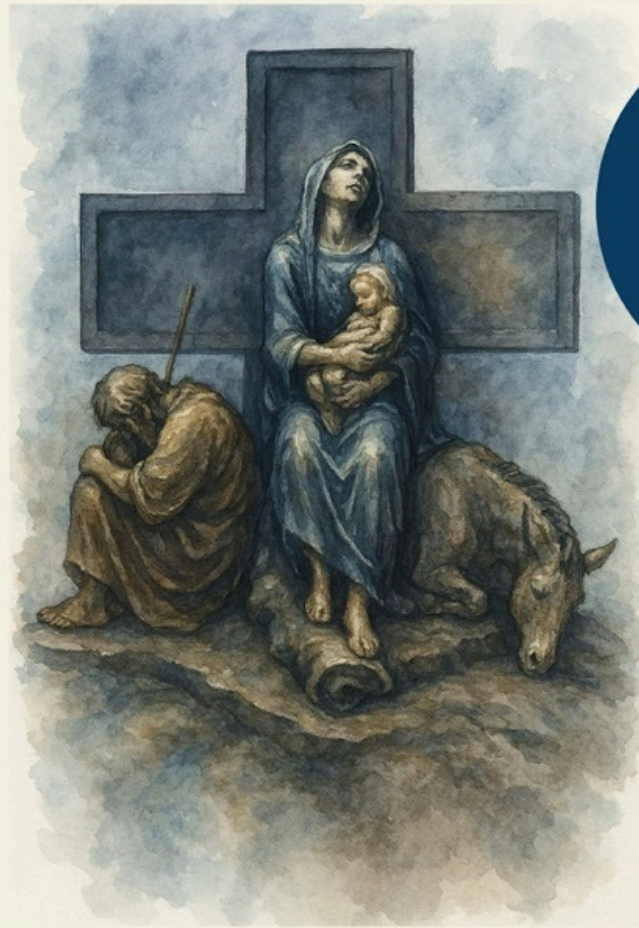
Join us for a joyful afternoon of Advent traditions beginning at 2:00 PM with prayer, wreath making, and packing cookie boxes for our shut-ins, followed by family caroling at 3:15 PM and a small dinner with hot cocoa and Christmas cookies at 4:30 PM (Sloppy Joes, macaroni & cheese, chips, and veggies). Each family is invited to bring one dozen of their favorite Christmas cookies to share with fellow carolers and our shut-in community. Please RSVP by December 4th to [smurphy@holytrinitycp.org](mailto:smurphy@holytrinitycp.org)

## **HOLIDAY FUN DRESS DAY \$1– TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

On Tuesday, December 9 Student Council will sponsor a holiday fun dress day. For \$1 students are allowed to dress for their favorite holiday; not just Christmas, but any holiday! All students clearly participating in this fun dress day are also allowed to wear jeans. Please note that the Alternate Dress Day code also applies (see below).

The money we collect will go towards purchasing gifts on the Toys for Tots Wishlist. This project reflects our call as Catholics to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. This teaching reminds us that every person deserves dignity, joy, and the chance to feel valued—especially those who are struggling. By donating toys, we are making a conscious choice to support children who might otherwise go without gifts during the Christmas season.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ellis: [pellis@holytrinitycp.org](mailto:pellis@holytrinitycp.org).



The people who walked  
in darkness have seen a  
great light; those who  
lived in a land of deep  
darkness - on them light  
has shined.

Isaiah 9:2

# Stations of the Creche

## **Step into the heart of the Christmas story.**

Inspired by the tradition of the Stations of the Cross, this contemplative and immersive experience invites us to walk with the Holy Family through the mystery of the Incarnation.

From the Annunciation to the Flight into Egypt, each station offers Scripture, reflection, and visual storytelling.

**Presented by Mark Mann ofs**, director of programs and institutes at the Catholic Information Center.

## **Thursday, Dec. 11**

### **6:30 p.m.**

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
1200 Alpine Church Rd.  
Comstock Park**

Open to all families, young adults, and anyone seeking a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ.

Contact Chris Comden for more information at 616-784-0677 or [ccomden@holytrinitycp.org](mailto:ccomden@holytrinitycp.org).

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## **Father Chris Christmas Gift from School Families– Friday, December 12th**

As we prepare for Christmas, we would like to collect a gift from the school community to show our appreciation for Father Chris and all he does for Holy Trinity. This year, we plan to surprise him with restaurant gift cards, something he truly enjoys and appreciates. If your family would like to contribute, please send in your donation by Friday, December 12th. Thank you for helping us bless Father Chris this Christmas season!

## **LIGHT Theme Shirt Day – Friday, December 12th**

Students are invited to wear their LIGHT theme shirts on December 12th and may pair them with color day bottoms. Please note that only uniform sweatshirts may be worn—no other sweatshirts or hoodies are permitted.

No donation is needed for this special dress day.

## **Advent Program– Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6PM**

We are excited to invite you to our Advent Program on Monday, December 15th at 6:00 PM. Students in K–8th grade should arrive and be seated by 5:45 PM, while preschoolers will line up in the East hallway between the church and parish offices. Sunday best attire is requested for all students.

Following the program, cookies and punch will be served in the school basement. As you prepare your holiday treats, please consider contributing a dozen cookies or baked goods per family to share with our school community.

## **Half Day & Christmas Celebrations- Friday, December 19th**

Friday, December 19th will be a half day of school with dismissal at 11:20 AM. Please note that there will be no afternoon daycare available. Classroom Christmas parties will also take place that day—watch for communication from your child's teacher with specific details. Students are invited to enjoy a Christmas Dress-Up Day to celebrate before break. School will resume on Monday, January 5th.

# Holy Trinity School Advent Project

December 1st-17th

As we enter the season of Advent, our school community is focusing on sharing joy and hope with children in need. This year's Advent project, led by student council, will support Toys for Tots, helping provide Christmas gifts to families who may not otherwise receive them.

To support this effort, all money collected from our Fun Dress Day and from tithing at the school Masses during Advent will be used to purchase gifts directly from the official Toys for Tots Wishlist. Students will also help choose the gifts so they can take part in the spirit of giving.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us teach our students the true meaning of Advent—preparing our hearts by showing kindness, compassion, and love to others.

For further information about this project, you can visit the following website and click on the link there to see the Toys for Tots Wishlist. [Toys for Tots Wishlist](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/249WI6NX00P00?ref_=wl_share) [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/249WI6NX00P00?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/249WI6NX00P00?ref_=wl_share)

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