

Mission Statement

At St. John of God Catholic School, we foster a faith-filled Christian community in which we develop the whole person: body, mind and spirit.

December 2011

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					1 Choir Rehearsal: 2:45—3:15 p.m. Drama Practice: 3:05—4:15 p.m. VIP Christmas Raffle begins	2 Liturgy Gr. 6 Lead 11:00 a.m. (CH) After School Sales (CYO)	3 Decathlon Practice 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon (LIB)
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4 Second Sunday of Advent Coffee & Donuts Hosted by Grade 4 Room Parents First Day Tithing (for July Tuition rate)	5 Decathlon : 3:05—4:00 p.m. Peer Tutoring: 3:05—4:00 p.m. Safeguard the Children Instruction Begins → Advent Penance Service (Confessions) 7:00 p.m. (CH)	6 PE: K-8 Field Trip Gr. 1&2 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Drama Practice: 3:05—4:15 p.m. Parent Religion Comm Mtg 6:30 p.m. (LIB) S & B Forms go home	7 50 Cans/Bottles=Free Dress 12:15 pm Dismissal Staff Christmas Lunch 12:30 p.m. (PC)	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Liturgy 9:00 a.m. (CH) Choir Rehearsal: 2:45—3:15 p.m. Drama Practice: 3:05—4:15 p.m.	9 After School Sales (Decathlon) Service Hours # 1 Due Safeguard the Children Instruction Ends	10 Decathlon Practice 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon (LIB)
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11 Third Sunday of Advent	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe No Decathlon Practice Peer Tutoring: 3:05—4:00 p.m.	13 PE: K-8 Drama Practice: 3:05—4:15 p.m. VIP Christmas Raffle due to office by 3:30 p.m.	14 S & B Forms Due Student Council Meeting 12:15 p.m.—1:00 p.m. Christmas Program Set Up: 7:00 p.m. (CH)	15 No Choir Rehearsal No Drama Practice Christmas Program 7:00 p.m. (CH)	16 Prayer Service 10:30 a.m. (CH) Sing-A-Long 11:00 a.m. (LH) 12:15 Dismissal SCRIP Quota # 1 Due	17 Decathlon Practice 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon (LIB)
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18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	19 No School Christmas Vacation Decathlon Practice 9:00 a.m.—12 noon (LIB)	20 Decathlon Practice 9:00 a.m.—12 noon (LIB)	21 Decathlon Practice 9:00 a.m.—12 noon (LIB)	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Family Mass: 5:00 p.m. School Choir
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25 Merry Christmas!	26 No School Christmas Vacation	27	28	29	30	31
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Christmas

School Resumes
Tuesday
January 3rd

St. John of God Parish School Newsletter

December 2011



FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

Advent means "to come" and we invite Jesus to come into our hearts! In the darkness we light a flame of hope. May it dance not only upon our Advent wreath but within each of our hearts as well. Hope is the flower that blooms from the ground of faith. And so, with joy, we keep the tradition of ages past as we encircle our Advent wreath with love and prayerful expectation. May this Advent season bring us a new birth of hope in the ancient promises of God. Amen.

A Prayer for Lighting Advent Candles (Taken from Creative Communications for the Parish)

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

In keeping with Church practices and Tradition, we recommend you attend the Advent Penance Service in the church on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. At this time students, parents and parishioners will be given the opportunity to prepare for and go to Confession (the Sacrament of Penance). Regular Confession for the Parish community are scheduled on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is love; the radiance of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ.

The Faculty and Staff of St. John of God Parish Community wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year!

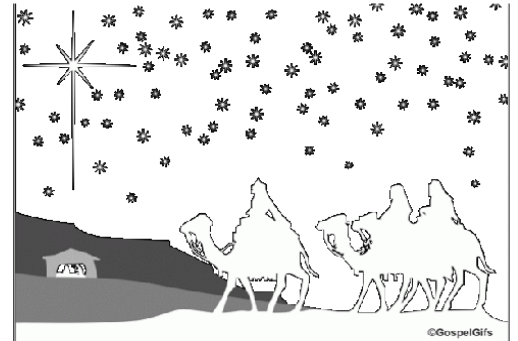
This year Christmas vacation will begin on Monday, December 19, 2011. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2011.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

St. John of God School will host the annual Christmas Program on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. **ALL STUDENTS IN PRE-K TO GRADE 8 ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.** Parents must send a note to the homeroom teacher if your child is unable to attend for *any* reason. Dress is modest semi-formal ("Sunday Best"). No jeans, no tennis shoes, no shorts, no play clothes, no flip flops, etc.

The Christmas Program is a great time to get your last minute service hours in as there is stage set up and clean up after. Please contact the school office if you would like to help!



VIP SEATING & PARKING

Would you like a good seat and good parking space for the Christmas Program? Raffle tickets will be sold at \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 or 30 tickets for \$20.00, beginning Thursday, December 1st and ending Tuesday, December 13th. All proceeds from this raffle will be given to our teachers and staff as a special "Thank You" for their awesome work and dedication. Please see the attached flyer in this newsletter or logon to sjoschool.com.

**VIP
SEATING**

AND



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY LITURGY

Everyone is invited to attend St. John of God School Children's Liturgy on Friday, December 23, at 5:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the young hearts of St. John of God School's Religion Committee and Choir under the direction of Mrs. Lisa Derleth and Miss Ana Maria Guzman.

HONOR ROLL: 1ST QUARTER



St. John of God School would like to recognize the Honor Roll students for the 1st Quarter.
Congratulations on your outstanding achievement!

Grade 4

Caterina Almeida
Andrea Bailey
Charlie Du
Zoe Gray
Harrison Vinas

Grade 5

Dianne Berroya
Jessica Bui
Patrick O'Brien
Glenn Reyes
Laura Sarmiento
Miranda Trejo
Jeanine Viola

Grade 6

Amanda Almeida
Samantha Barrios
Jennae De Guzman
Alexis Fabricio
Bella Gil-Sandoval
Skye Jimenez
Trigg Mancera
Andrew Martinez
Matthew Rodriguez
Philip Tafoya

Grade 7

Daniel Hall
David Muñoz
Rebecca Rodriguez
Isabel Sanchez
Patrick Vinas

Grade 8

Danielle Enriquez
Daniel Guevarra
Dana Manalo
Cristina Sarmiento
Joshua Viola



HANDWRITING AWARD



The following students earned the Handwriting Award for the month of October. Way to go!

Pre-K

Sofia Rangel

Kindergarten

Emily Phan

Grade 1

Noah Haydon

Grade 2

Loreinice Zilabbo

Grade 3

Max Fernandez

Grade 4

Andrea Bailey

Grade 5

Thomas Toledo

Grade 6

Trigg Mancera

Grade 7

Denisse Alvarado

Grade 8

Andrea Pastores

A.C.E. AWARD



Congratulations to the following students for winning the A.C.E. Award for the month of October. Keep up the good work!

Pre – K

Patrick Almeida
Omar Barquero
Oscar Gomez
Christian Gonzalez
Nathann Gutierrez
Sofia Rangel
Amelia Reyes
Jacquelyn Reyes
Nathan Sandoval

Grade 3

Kassidy Alabanza
Jasmine Bui
Justin Enriquez
Max Fernandez
Mia Jimenez
Jacqueline Lopez
Melissa Manalo
Izabela Mancera
Amaya Mendoza
Jacob Viola

Grade 7

Sebastian Anaya
William Bautista
Dana Berroya
Daniel Hall
Alexis Hipolito
David Muñoz

Kindergarten

Sophia Cazares
Michael Davalos
Liliana Fuentes
Eric Lopez
Janis Lopez
Natalie Ruiz

Grade 4

Caterina Almeida
Andrea Bailey
Niki Bautista
Charlie Du
Jaime Hurtado
Alexandra Muñoz
William Park
Jillian Pascual
Simone Sandoval

Ashley Ponce
Josephine Riese
Rebecca Rodriguez
Analyssa Swanson
Alyssa Vieyra
Patrick Vinas

Grade 1

Joshua Alabanza
Monique Cardona
Anaisa Castillo
Keana Espina
Jonathan Garcia
Adrian Linares
Santiago Luna
Roj Manalo
Alyssa Reyes
Jasmine Reyes
Ricardo Rodriguez

Grade 5

Dianne Berroya
Jessica Bui
Christian Garcia
Brandon Gutierrez
Sebastian Jimenez
Christian Luna
Patrick O'Brien
Glenn Reyes
Laura Sarmiento
Christopher Swanson
Jeanine Viola

Grade 2

Joseph Bautista
Juanandres Camacho
Juandiego Camacho
Juliana Diaz
Sarah Gutierrez
Paris Hipolito
Ashley Obeso
Jason Pascual
Elizabeth Preciado
Joan Viola
Loreinice Zilabbo

Grade 6

Jennae De Guzman
Beda Regalado
Nina Rhodes
Philip Tafoya

Grade 8

Sandy Alvarado
Matthew Borlongan
Clarissa Evangelista
Daniel Guevarra
Sabrina Lizarraga
Dana Manalo
Cristina Sarmiento
Arielle Toledo
Joshua Viola
Annalise Wintz



ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Sports for the Brain!

The St. John of God School Academic Decathlon Team has been hard at work preparing for the Jr. High competition, under the direction of teacher, Ms. Ana Maria Guzman and parent, Mrs. Shawn Vega-Muñoz. We would like to thank all of our team parents for their support, too. If you have not ordered your decathlon shirt or turned in your contact information sheet, please contact the school office.

The Decathlon will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2011, at the L.A. Sports Arena. *Good luck students!*

Daniel Guevarra, Gr. 8
Kimberly Hernandez, Gr. 8
Dana Manalo, Gr. 8
Cristina Sarmiento, Gr. 8
Joshua Viola, Gr. 8
Annalise Wintz, Gr. 8

Sebastian Anaya, Gr. 7
William Bautista, Gr. 7
David Munoz, Gr. 7
Rebecca Rodriguez, Gr. 7
Isabel Sanchez, Gr. 7

Jennae De Guzman, Gr. 6
Alexis Fabricio, Gr. 6
Andrew Martinez, Gr. 6
Philip Tafoya, Gr. 6

Please support the tamale fundraiser the Decathlon team is advertising. You can pre-order tamales for the Christmas Holiday. Please use the form attached in this newsletter.



SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN INSTRUCTION

The Archdiocese requires that all Catholic Schools instruct their students using an approved Safeguard the Children Program. This year, instruction will take place the week of December 5 through December 12, 2011. More information will follow.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

It is safe to say that if you did not make it to the Christmas Boutique, you must have been home alone because the majority of our SJOG families and our parish community were walking through the large hall to shop from the large array of vendors. Pancakes, sausage and eggs were flowing in the morning. Baked potatoes, with all the toppings, sold out. And grilled hot dogs... "oh so yummy" for lunch. Baked goods galore, home made by our SJOG families were donated and very popular. Raffle prizes were abundant and winners of each prize were greeted by our very own Student Council elves! We raised \$2,330.00 at this community building event and are so grateful to Mrs. Lourdes Chavez and her dedicated committee of SJOG parents who planned, set up, decorated, and solicited the community for donations to alleviate most expenses.

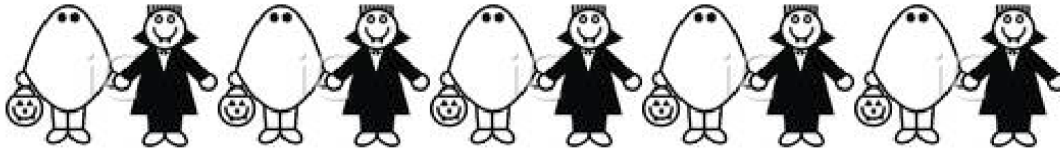
This will become an annual event to repeat every November prior to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. If you missed out as a vendor this year or know of someone who would like to participate as a vendor, please contact the school office.



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

and the winners are...

Thank you to our wonderful room parents, under the direction of Mrs. Angela Barquero, for organizing and running the Halloween Carnival. Congratulations to our Halloween contest winners!



Class Halloween Costume Contest Winners:

Pre-Kindergarten: Whole Class

Kindergarten: Emily Phan & Eric Lopez

Grade 1: Mitzi Duarte & Anthony Sanchez

Grade 2: Mia Rodriguez & Anthony De la Torre

Grade 3: Jasmine Bui & Aaron Lopez

Grade 4: Madison Sanchez & Harrison Vinas

Grade 5: Miranda Trejo & Christian Luna

Grade 6: Amanda Almeida & Philip Tafoya

Grade 7: Isabella Luna & Patrick Vinas

Grade 8: Sandy Alvarado & Daniel Guevarra

Halloween Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners:

Janis & Jacqueline Lopez Family:

Sophia Gonzalez & Kevin Salanguit Family:

Arianna Reyes Family:

Sandy & Denisse Alvarado Family:

Omar & Raquel Barquero Family:

Diego Herrera Family:

Armando & Frida Arreola Family:

Jonathan Garcia Family:

Kindergarten & Grade 3

Pre – K & Grade 7

Grade 3

Grade 8 & 7

Pre – K & Grade 2

Grade 7

Grade 1 & 5

Grade 1



Mummy Wrap Winner:

Mrs. Gomez: Grade 5 and her Student Council team, Joshua Viola, Annalise Wintz and Joshua Sales.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

WOO HOO!

Thank you to Mrs. Sandoval and her parent volunteers for helping to make our book fair **successful**. The school was awarded \$1,600.00 in new books and technology for our library and computer lab. The Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled to come to St. John of God School for Catholic School's Week, January 29 – February 3, 2012. Watch for the volunteer sign-up sheet that will be going home next month.

SUMMER READING BOOK FAIR

We are pleased to present a third school book fair to be held in May. The school will purchase many of the mandatory summer reading books so that parents can purchase them through the school. Please read the future newsletters for more information.

Christmas Christmas Christmas Christmas

Make your Scrip List and check it twice!

Hello Parents, just a friendly reminder that our 1st Scrip quota is coming to an end. If you have not reached your 1st scrip quota....good news...there's still time! Here are a few tips on how to help you reach your quota. (If you already have, thank you.) We sincerely appreciate your faithfulness to our Scrip Program. Scrip Deadline has been moved to December 16, so you can shop all the way up until our last day of school, before Christmas Vacation.

All the elves were hard at work in Santa's workshop...All but one that is...The one who forgot to buy scrip! Don't let this be you on Christmas...Plan ahead! We have many great choices for retailers, online shopping, and restaurants. There's something for everyone! Home Depot and Lowe's have a great selection of Christmas trees and ornaments to decorate your trees. If you are traveling for the holidays, American Airlines is available in denominations of \$100.00 & \$200.00. Our Scrip program fits every budget, so make sure to take full advantage of all that we have to offer.

34 Gifts \$10.00 & Under

AMC Single Ticket \$9.50	Carrows \$10.00	Jack in the Box \$10.00
Arby's \$10.00	Chipotle \$10.00	Jamba Juice \$10.00
B. Dalton Books \$10.00	Chuck E. Cheese \$10.00	Kentucky Fried Chicken \$5.00
Barnes & Nobles \$10.00	Coco's \$10.00	Panera Bread \$10.00
Baskin Robbins \$2.00	Cold Stone \$10.00	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	Del Taco \$10.00	Pinkberry \$10.00
Boston Market \$10.00	Denny's \$10.00	Pizza Hut \$10.00
Bubba Gump Shrimp Co \$10.00	Domino's Pizza \$10.00	Quiznos \$10.00
Burger King \$10.00	Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	Regal Single Ticket \$9.50
California Pizza Kitchen \$10.00	El Pollo Loco \$10.00	Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory \$10.00
Carl's Jr. \$10.00	Honey Baked Ham \$10.00	Starbucks \$10.00
		Wendy's \$10.00

Reminders

- Last day to order Scrip in time for Christmas is Dec. 12. All orders placed by Dec. 12, will be filled on Dec. 16. Shop early!
- Honey Baked Ham is now available in denominations of \$10.00 & \$25.00.
- Jo-Ann Fabrics is now selling Scrip in denominations of \$10.00 & \$25.00.
- We are still in need of Scrip volunteers for Friday and Sunday Sales (please see attached Volunteer Sign-up sheet).

SPORTS COMMITTEE NEWS



For those Football and Volleyball players who represented **SJOG Chargers** this last season, please mark your calendars for Thursday, January 26th so you can attend our Sports Gathering! Coaches are looking forward to rewarding those athletes with trophies and special awards. As always there will be pizza and refreshments. Congratulations to the Varsity Football Team for making it all the way to "sweet sixteen" in playoffs this year. Your Charger fans are very proud of your accomplishments.

Basketball season is here! Varsity teams have been posted and players have been given contracts. REMINDER: All players must practice in their PE uniform.



GOOD NEWS FROM FRESH & EASY



This holiday season, don't forget to save your receipts when shopping for all those holiday goodies. Drop your receipts off in the school office. For every \$20.00 you spend at your Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market between the months of September 15 through December 31, we will receive \$1.00 donated to our school! Visit: www.freshandeasy.com/shopforschools



SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENT

For the school year every family is expected to donate service to the school and parish. The family goal is 20 service hours per semester. There will be no carry-overs from one semester to the next unless arrangements have been made by the principal. In lieu of service hours, a family may pay \$10.00 per hour or \$400.00 for the year.

A single parent/guardian may request a reduction in service hours to 10 per semester. This request must be made in writing to the principal normally at the beginning of the school year.

Service Hour Deadlines and Fees 2011-2012

- 1.) First semester deadline is December 10, 2011
- 2.) Second semester deadline is May 10, 2012

The designated service hour booklet must be completed and turned into the office by the deadline. If the booklet is received after the deadline a late fee of \$10.00 will be charged. A charge of \$10.00 will be made for each hour that is not completed. If the service hour booklet is lost, a fee of \$10.00 will be charged for a new booklet.

NEED A LAST MINUTE WAY TO EARN SERVICE HOURS?

Below are items on the *wish list* for the school office:

- 📄 Copy Paper: 2 reams of white=1 hour/1 ream of color=1 hour
- 📄 Office Supplies (pens, pencils, highlighters, dry erase markers, note pads, sticky notes, etc.)
- 📄 Cleaning Supplies (all purpose cleaners, air fresheners, sanitizing wipes)
- 📄 Paper Plates (any size)
- 📄 Coffee and Drink Cups
- 📄 Ziploc Type Bags (quart or gallon size) & Plastic Sandwich Bags
- 📄 Plastic Cutlery (forks, spoons, knives)
- 📄 Napkins
- 📄 Table Covers (plastic or cloth – round or large rectangular)
- ☕ Coffee
- ☕ Creamer

Below are items on the wish list for our physical education program and school family days:

- 📄 Clip Boards
- 📄 Whistles
- 📄 Nerf Footballs (standard size)
- 📄 Nerf round balls (large and small sizes)
- 📄 Large plastic bats
- 📄 Plastic baseballs
- 📄 Hula Hoops
- 📄 Individual jump ropes

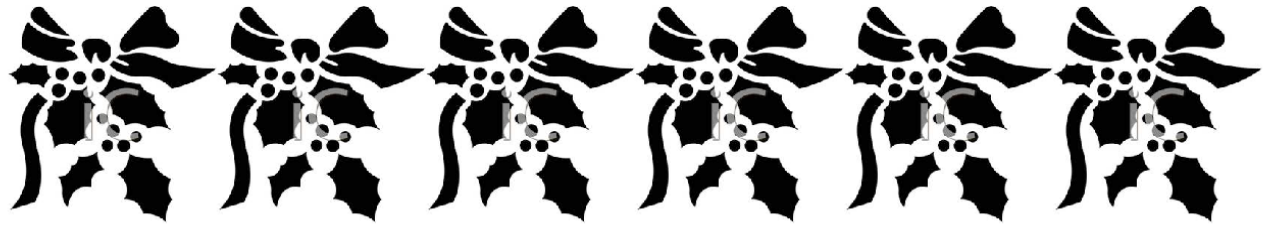
1 Service Hour will be given for every \$10.00 spent, unless otherwise noted. Receipt(s) must be shown when submitting donations or hours will be given based on the discretion of the school office staff.

SERVICE HOURS DEADLINE DECEMBER 10TH!

REMINDER FROM THE PASTORAL CENTER

Thank you so much to all our families who regularly make financial donations to our church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

A/B Tuition Plan: November 27, 2011, was the last day to put your envelope in the Church collection to qualify for Plan A. ***No exceptions will be made.***



**St. John of God School's Annual
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Will be held on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please be sure to attend, and feel free to bring your family and friends so they too can enjoy the Christmas Play and music performed by our wonderful children.

Once again we are offering a chance to win
V.I.P. SEATING & PARKING!

Each of our fifteen lucky raffle winners will receive a ticket good for **six preferred seats**, and **one reserved parking space** nearby!

Most importantly, all the proceeds from this raffle will be given to our teachers and staff as a special "Thank You" for their awesome work and dedication.

Please give generously☺.

Raffle tickets are sold at **\$1.00 each**, **6 for \$5.00** or **30 tickets for \$20.00**.

Just fill out the order form below, detach and submit it with the proper amount of money by **8:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2011.**

(Drawing will be held during school hours.)

**V.I.P. Seating/Parking Raffle Ticket Order Form
(PLEASE PRINT)**

Student Name (oldest/only): _____ Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

Raffle Ticket Quantity: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
(\$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 30 for \$20.00)

(I do not wish to participate in the raffle but would still like to give a Christmas "Thank you" gift of \$ _____ to the teachers and staff.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL

ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM

TAMALE FUNDRAISER



Order your Christmas Tamales!

Our Academic Decathlon team is raising money selling tamales.
All tamale orders need to be pre-ordered by the **deadline** of:

Monday, December 5, 2011: 8:00 a.m.

They will be ready for pick up on

Friday, December 9, @ 2:45 p.m. in the Small Hall.

**St. John of God School is not responsible for orders not picked up on the delivery date/time.*

Thank you for your support.



SJOG Academic Decathlon Christmas Tamale Fundraiser

Child's Name: _____ Grade _____

Pork _____ dozen x \$16.00 = _____

Cheese _____ dozen x \$16.00 = _____

Chicken _____ dozen x \$16.00 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

SCRIP VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Please indicate the days and time you are available.

Friday Afternoon Sales

____ Friday - December 2, from 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm

____ Friday - December 9, from 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm

____ Friday - December 16, from 11:45 pm to 12:30 pm

Sunday After All Morning Masses

____ Sunday - December 4, from 7:15 am to 12:30 pm

____ Sunday - December 11, from 7:15 am to 12:30 pm

____ Sunday - January 8, from 7:15 am to 12:30 pm

If you can not work from 7:15 am to 12:30 pm but can work a few hours please indicate the date and time here and fill out the information below.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Your child's name and grade _____

Please fill out this form and return it to the school office.