

**7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE****CONFIRMATION NEWSLETTER****HAPPY NEW YEAR & HAPPY ADVENT!**

Here we are in Advent, that beautiful time in our Church when we begin our new year and eagerly prepare for Christmas! This is a time of joyful anticipation! There are also some incredibly rich feast days, like the Immaculate Conception of Mary, (which is a Holy Day of Obligation) on Dec. 8 and also the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to really celebrate these feast days! Mass Times for these days are:

- Immaculate Conception Dec. 7 Vigil Mass at 7 pm
- Immaculate Conception Dec. 8 at 8:30 am
- O.L.O.G. Dec. 12 at 8:30 am

Also, during Advent there are extra times to go to Reconciliation. Especially during this time of preparation, let's draw closer to Jesus and get rid of all that heavy baggage that we carry that gets in the way of our relationship with Him.

Reconciliation times are:

- Penance Service (with a lot of priests) on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7 pm
- Friday, Dec. 18, 7-9 pm
- Saturdays, 9-10 am
- Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm

**EPIPHANY MASS**

Our Epiphany Mass for the PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be on January 2 at the 5 pm Mass. If you are in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and would like to be readers, greeters, singers, or Mary and Joseph for the Gospel, your help would be greatly appreciated! What a great way to participate in the Christmas season and be a wonderful example to the younger children! Contact Miss Turchi at 659-8556/hturchi@strobertschool.com.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you so much for your donations during our Thanksgiving Service Drive for the Flushing Christian Outreach Center. They were so grateful!

**SERVICE & FAITH CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES**

The following opportunities are coming up:

**FAITH CREDITS:**

- \* Thursday, Dec. 3 is a Holy Hour for Vocations @ 7 pm (1 credit).
- \* Wed., Dec. 9 @ 6:45 pm is a Healing Mass and anointing service (1 credit for both Mass & anointing service).
- \* Wed., December 16 is 30 minutes of Praise & Worship @ 7:15 pm (after the 6:45 pm Mass) in the church (1 credit).

**SERVICE CREDITS:**

- \* St. John Vianney Angel's Outreach Ministry needs help with its Children's Christmas Party on Sat., Dec. 19, 12 pm -3pm in St. John Vianney's Gym (2319 Bagley St., Flint). Let the Religious Ed Office know so they can inform St. John Vianney [659-8556/hturchi@strobertschool.net](mailto:659-8556/hturchi@strobertschool.net). This is a really fun service opportunity and a great help to the children of our Flint community! (1 credit).
- \* Decorating for the Children's Christmas Party at St. John Vianney will be Sat., Dec. 12, 12 pm - 2pm (1 credit).
- \* Remember to check your Confirmation Handbook for required service work.

**"AT THIS CHRISTMAS  
WHEN CHRIST COMES, WILL HE  
FIND A WARM HEART?  
MARK THE SEASON OF ADVENT  
BY LOVING AND SERVING OTHERS  
WITH GOD'S OWN LOVE AND  
CONCERN."**

*~BL. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA*