

Holy Rosary Saints

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Dec. 16, 2019

December Virtue - Gratitude

To Live, Love, and Learn with Jesus Christ as our Model

Mark Your Calendar

- Dec. 16

Music

- Dec. 18

Sing a Song of Christmas Program, 6:30 pm

- Dec. 19

Choir, 3:00 pm

- Dec. 20

Mass, 8:30 am

Faith Family Ornament Exchange, 9:30 am

Min. Day, 12:00 pm dismissal

- Dec. 23-Jan. 3, Christmas Holiday
- Jan. 6, 2020, Classes resume

Christmas Parade Float

We had a beautiful float that exemplified the many wonderful attributes of Holy Rosary School, thank you to all those students and



families who participated in this community event. A grand thank you goes out to Kari and Deron Cordero for their leadership and generosity with their talent and supplies.



Also, thank you to Bob and Nancy Johnson who were able to host the build at BJ Heat-



ing, the Torres family who were able to get the truck and trailer, and Juan Zaragoza, HR Parishioner and truck driver from Access Transport., The theme of our float was, "Let His Word Unwrap the Magic of Christmas."

Annual Christmas Program: "Sing a Song of Christmas"

Students of HRS have been very busy rehearsing in music class in preparation for the Annual Christmas Program! It is always a joy to see the students perform, and we hope you can join us as TK-8th grades present "Sing a Song of Christmas," a musical celebration of Christ's birth! There will be lots of music, an audience sing along and a reception afterwards! The program will begin at 6:30 pm on Wed., Dec. 18, and will be in the Parish Community Center. Students will gather in their classrooms, please have them there by 6:00 pm. Christmas/Sunday best dress attire is appropriate.

6th Annual Crab Feed Jan. 11, 2020



CRAB FEED

You will be treated to an all you can eat beef, chicken and crab dinner at our 'More than Just A Crab Feed!' Doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$50/person and are available in the school office or at the Corner Drug Co., 602 Main St., Woodland. A special thank you goes out to the Pitto Family for their leadership and efforts with this fundraiser. This event has sold out the past couple of years, make sure you get your tickets early! All proceeds from this event will be used to fund tuition assistance



Activities in the Classrooms

3/4—This week in religion students learned about Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe. They followed it up with a guided drawing of Our Lady of Guadalupe which is in the hallway for all to see. We



also talked about the meaning of Christmas and each student made a Christmas wish star that tells of an activity they would like to do with someone or for



someone this Christmas season. Our art docent, Mrs. Cobb came in on Wednesday and helped students make Christmas trees with rolled paper. In social studies 4th graders each received a specific explorer to find more information on, and will share with each other on Monday. 3rd graders learned about primary and secondary sources used to tell about history. On Thursdays students participated in a reconciliation prayer service and then each were able to participate in confession after.

TK/K—As an extension of our study of transportation, the students had a lot of fun learning about ramps, angles, and friction during Science Friday. Em-



ploying toy cars, they were able to discover how the angle of a ramp increased or decreased the speed of the traveling car. They also experienced

how ramps covered with foil, grip lining, and sandpaper changed the speed, as well. They had the opportunity to make predictions in their Science Journals about which surface would allow for the fastest and slowest travel. The students soon got very creative

in building different types of ramps with various blocks in the classroom. While one group worked with the cars, another group played with a new challenging manipulative game, setting up a chain reaction with tracks, bridges, balls, and other parts. It was really impressive as to how well they assembled this and with their ability to work together. We definitely have some budding engineers in our class! Each group switched so that everyone was able to do both stations. Students also

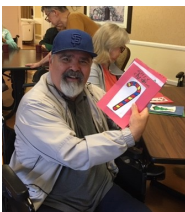
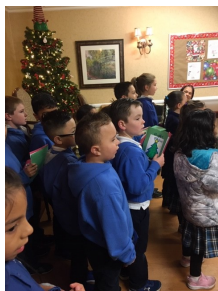


completed a time-consuming handprint art project based on the book, 'Christmas in the Manger' by Nola Buck. This book describes the role of each of the animals surrounding Christ at his birth. In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, they reviewed the book, 'The Lady of Guadalupe' by Tomie dePaola which gives a great insight into her celebration. We had fun making addition problems with Christmas-themed pencils, although the students preferred using them as drumsticks instead of for counting! Next week Christmas will be our topic!



5/6—Students learned more about the Virtue Gratitude by making posters that defined the word along with pictures to represent it. They also worked on Advent reflections and prepared for confession. Students also finished up their class novel and will begin to work on an end of a novel project that will be completed in class. They will also be comparing and contrasting it to the movie, 'The Mighty,' based off of the novel.

1/2—Students took a walking field trip to The Cottonwood Rehab Facility as part of their Community Service Project



and also to bring smiles, joy and love to all the people their. Students

sang their three songs from Music class, plus Jingle Bells, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. Many residents were singing and clapping along with the music. After the singing, students presented homemade Christmas cards to the residents as they sipped their coffee in the community room, Christmas trees and lights twinkling in the background. Our visit was short and sweet, and we had some discussion and reflection when we returned to class. We had discussed "Works of Mercy" in our last Religion lesson, so students made some connections. Students worked on the 4-C's (cooperation, conflict, competition, compromise). Their goal and task: was to build a structure out of blocks, tens and ones manipulatives, and wood cubes. Their teamwork was amazing, as they diligently worked under a timeline to create buildings. When they finished we did a walk around to see each others work. A discussion followed about cooperation and compromise and how that applied to what we just learned.



7/8—Students continue learning about the true meaning of Advent. Algebra I students have been solving inequalities. Pre-Algebra students have been adding and subtracting inequalities. In history, stu-



dents will continue to study about China, specifically the Mongols. Students will finish reading, 'A Christmas Carol' this week and will learn about plant and animal populations in science.

Third Week in Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent has traditionally been called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for rejoice. The scripture selections for this past Sunday reflected the theme of rejoicing, calling us to "rejoice heartily in the Lord." Henri Nouwen wrote of joy as an internal orientation that is not dependent on external circumstances, whether they are good or bad. Joy is rooted in the sense of unconditional love—love that comes from God and is experienced in those around us. Joy requires confidence and trust that this love is real, reliable and never ending. Reflecting more deeply on the scriptures for the Third Sunday of Advent, we see Isaiah's confidence at work as he describes his sense of purpose: to bring glad tidings to the poor, heal the brokenhearted and bring release to prisoners. This confidence is rooted in his relationship with God, in what he calls, "the joy of my soul." Similarly, John the Baptist knows his place in relationship to Jesus, he says: "I am not the Messiah ... I am a voice in the desert crying out: Make straight the way of the Lord!" Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to live from a sense of joy because God's love for them has been expressed in Christ Jesus. This week of Advent is less about seeing Christmas near at hand, and more about renewing our sense of purpose and our unique place in the unfolding process of bringing about God's reign. The work continues and we have a part to play. (Adapted from Catholic Health Association of US).

In the near future...

Christmas Program in Parish CC, Dec. 18

Christmas Holiday, Dec. 23– Jan. 3, 2020

Crab Feed, Jan. 11, 2020

Auction Planning Meeting, Jan. 21, 2020

Diocese Religion Competition, 5/6, Jan. 23, 2020

Family Mass/ Open House, Jan. 26, 2020

Catholic Schools Week, Jan 26-31, 2020

Fleur de Lis Dinner & Auction, March 28, 2020