

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 15, 2011

Rejoice in the Lord Always; Again I say, Rejoice!

During this 3rd week of Advent, we are reminding the children that true JOY comes from this formula: **J**esus **O**thers **Y**ourself. Rather than thinking about what WE want to GET for Christmas, let us think about **Jesus**: It is HIS Birthday, not ours! Let's pray, read the Bible, and follow Jesus' example of love and service. Then, let us think about **Others**: What can we do for our parents, for our military, for the poor? Lastly, think about **Yourself**. How can we be better people?

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in Church, Grades PK-5 will sing wonderful, inspiring, and joyful Christmas Songs for us. We thank Mrs. Oosterbaan and the homeroom teachers for all of the practicing and perfecting so our little ones will SHINE. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. HALL AND TO THE 8TH GRADERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ONLINE "STOCK MARKET GAME." The students learned important life skills and had fun learning to invest their "money." The winning team members are: Joseph Chmura, Zena Omorogbe, and Katie Serba.

Thank You to all parents and grandparents who helped make yesterday's 5th Grade Ethnic Feast such a DELICIOUS success! **Mrs. Villa** and her class will have many great memories of this day. Unfortunately, our SCALES will also remember this feast!

Cell Phone Policy: Unfortunately, we have had some students abusing the fact that we allow cell phones to be brought to school IN BOOKBAGS for emergency use AFTER school hours. I understand some parents want their children to contact them by phone on the way home from school, or from after-school activities; however, phones have been used on the playground, on the stairwells, and even during some classes. If we see or hear a phone during school time or on school grounds, the phone will be confiscated. Students are NOT to whip out their phones on the school steps, sidewalks, or parking lot the minute they are dismissed. We are happy to make emergency phone calls when necessary. Once the students are OFF THE SCHOOL PROPERTY, the responsibility is with the parents.

Church Decorating will take place this Sunday, December 18, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to help, and Confirmation Hours are available to 8th grade students.

BEGGARS PIZZA: Monday, December 19 – We will receive 20%

