



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

# *Weekly Memo | November 28, 2017*



*Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.*

Pope Francis

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

## *November 28: Giving Tuesday*

Black Friday and Cyber Monday are over- now it's Giving Tuesday! An anonymous donor will match all gifts up to \$4,000 between now and December 31st. Please consider making an end of year contribution to the Ignatius Fund! <https://secure.etransfer.com/EFT/custom/StRaphael/donation/donation1.cfm?d2org=StRaphaelCS&d2tool=donate>

## *December 1: Holiday Gift Bag Outreach*

If you took home a gift bag for our Holiday Outreach service project, please return filled bags to the office by this Friday.

## *December 15: 4s & 5s Christmas Program*

The Owls, Dolphins, Eagles, Pandas, and Otters will perform Christmas music for families at 11:30am in the Church. Hope you can join us!

## *December 20: No Extended Day or Lunch Bunch*

ALL Preschool students will dismiss at noon on this last day before Christmas break.

## *December 21 - January 3: Preschool Closed for Christmas*

The Preschool will be closed 12/21 - 1/3 for Christmas break.

*Dear Parents,*

*Advent begins on Sunday! Much of the next few weeks will be spent preparing our hearts, minds, and homes for our Savior's birthday. During Music classes and in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, children will sing and learn all about the first Christmas. You will surely hear about it at home and see the preparations in the classrooms. There are many opportunities this month to enrich your own faith. You could attend the Advent Family Festival this weekend, participate in an Advent Reconciliation service at St. Raphael or another parish, or help those less fortunate by donating food to Catholic Parish Outreach. Holiday planning and events can be hectic and stressful, so it's important to take time to focus on the true spirit of Christmas.*

*As Pope Francis said, "May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women."*

*Many blessings,  
Molly DeAngelo*



# Preschool News and Announcements



## **Christmas Story Time for Prospective Students**

As we gear up for next school year's registration in January, we are offering free Creative Movement and Music classes in November and December for prospective students. We have also scheduled a Christmas Story Time with a book and craft with Ms. Sarah and singing with Ms. Susan for December 13th at 10:15am. Younger siblings of current students who will be preschool aged next year are welcome to attend. If you have a friend or neighbor who is looking for a preschool, please have them call or email Ms. Sarah (919-865-5725 or [srapp@saintraphael.org](mailto:srapp@saintraphael.org)) to schedule a visit! You will be entered in a raffle to win a St. Raphael Preschool sweatshirt.

## **Searching for a Grandparent Gift?**

Are you having a tough time thinking of a Christmas gift for your child's grandparents? Consider a donation to the Ignatius Fund in their honor! They will receive a letter informing them of the donation and will be listed in the 2017-18 Ignatius Fund Year in Review next fall. A current Preschool parent suggested this creative idea, so we wanted to pass it on to other families who might be interested!

## Ignatius Fund Update

Thank you to all who have already contributed to the Ignatius Fund! By making a tax deductible donation, you are directly impacting the lives of St. Raphael Catholic School and Preschool students and faculty while pledging your support to Catholic education. Learn more about the Ignatius Fund and donate on-line through our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/ignatius-fund/>

**Goal:** \$80,000 with 100% participation

**Raised to date:** \$20,487

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## News from Around our Parish



### Boy Scout Troop 314 Christmas Tree Sale

The beautiful Christmas tree in the Preschool entrance was donated by Boy Scout Troop 314, which is sponsored by our parish. The troop is having their annual Christmas tree sale, with all proceeds from the sales of their fresh cut Fraser Fir trees and wreaths benefiting Boy Scout activities. This weekend they are open for business from 9am until 9pm on Friday, 12/1 and Saturday, 12/2, and again on Sunday, 12/3 from 9am until 6pm. Santa will be in attendance on Saturday from noon until 6pm and on Sunday from noon until 3pm!

Please Join us!

*Saint Raphael's*  
*Annual*  
**Advent Family Festival**

Saturday, December 2

9:30-11:30 in Ignatius Hall

Sign your family up today! Visit:  
<https://goo.gl/zpoNAh>



Please register for this wonderful opportunity of faith and fellowship by November 30. Space is limited. A **\$10 fee per family** is requested to cover the cost of supplies and to reserve your spot. [Questions or concerns? Please e-mail adventfamilyfestival@gmail.com](mailto:adventfamilyfestival@gmail.com) for more information.

**Activities Include:**

  
**New!**  
**TODDLER AREA!**



**for Older Kids!**



Join the *Burich Family*  
and *Knights of*  
*Columbus* for Athletic  
Activities on *SRCS*  
*Field!*



Take a family pic  
with *St. Nick!*

Create a Family  
Advent Wreath!



Make Christmas  
Cards for our  
troops!