



"Welcome to the Table"

January 2012

Happy New Year! Thank you to all of our families that helped out through December as well as the sweet gifts that my little friends showered me with! It was all very much appreciated and I want our families to know how much their love and support mean to me.

Our Faith Formation classes came together with OLA School to put on our annual Christmas Eve Pageant at our 4pm and 6pm Mass. This has become a combined pageant, casting children from both programs. It provided an opportunity for all of our children to get to know each other better and bring us closer to our goal of being one parish community. Our students and parents volunteered their time to give us all the gift of an especially beautiful evening. Thank you to all of my actors, actresses and spotters!

The BIG NEWS: The church is currently being remodeled. We will have Mass in our Parish Hall starting on Jan. 15th until Easter. Although this will be inconvenient for many, the results will be beautiful and well-worth the wait! Please be patient and strive to bring your children to Mass-remember it is not the building that creates the spiritual community but the coming together to share in the Eucharist which is the central focus of our faith.

We now turn our focus to a new year and the excitement of sacrament activities! Please keep our 2nd and 8th graders in your prayers as they begin their journey.

Do not forget to make an appointment to see Fr. Brendan if your child is scheduled to receive a sacrament this year.

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Classes resume Sunday, Jan. 8th
- ❖ No Class on Jan. 15th in honor of MLK, Jr. holiday
- ❖ Final Parent Meeting for 1st Reconciliation, Thurs., Jan. 12th, at 7pm in St. John's Hall
- ❖ 1st Reconciliation Celebration, Jan. 19th & Jan. 26th @ 7pm (location to be determined)
- ❖ Family Mass for our 6th grade on Sun., Jan. 22nd at our 9:30am Mass
- ❖ OLA Open House on Sunday, Jan. 29th after 9:30am Mass if you are interested in attending school at OLA, this is a great opportunity to visit!

Why do Catholics do that?

Why do we genuflect in church?

In medieval Europe, one demonstrated respect for a king or noble by going down on one knee. Building on that tradition, we bend on the right knee to show reverence for the Lord in the Eucharist when it is on the altar, in the tabernacle, or in the monstrance. We also genuflect before the cross Good Friday through the Easter vigil. Note: While the right knee is reserved for Jesus, we genuflect on the left knee before the pope, cardinals or bishops.





JANUARY 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No Class	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Classes resume 2 nd graders to church after class-12:45 pu	9	10	11	12 1 st Reconciliation Parent Mtg., 7pm, SJH	13	14
15 No class Family Mass-6 th grade at 9:30am	16 MLK, Jr.	17	18	19 1 st Reconciliation Celebration, 7pm, last names A-L	20	21
22 Class	23	24	25	26 1 st Reconciliation Celebration, 7pm, M-Z	27	28
29 No Class OLA Open House	30	31	1	2	3	4