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St. Boniface Church



### Dates to Remember

**Nov. 24-Dec 8 TOY JOY Collection**  
**Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Mass**  
**Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Mass**  
**Nov. 30 First Sun. of Advent**  
**Dec. 4 Christmas Musical**  
**Dec. 6 St. Nicholas Day**  
**Dec. 7 Caroling for Guatemala**  
**Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception**  
**Dec. 9 Band Concert**  
**Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Dec. 19 Christmas Break begins**  
**Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Mass**  
**Jan. 1 Feast of Mother of God**  
**Jan. 4 Feast of Epiphany**  
**Jan. 5 School Resumes**  
**Jan. 16 End of Quarter**



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# St. Boniface Faith Formation Parent Connection

## Letter to Parents

Greetings to All,

On Sun. Nov. 30, we begin the season of Advent. Advent is a time of anticipation. We anticipate and long for the coming of Jesus Christ as our loving Lord. We anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth, when he came into the world as our Lord and Savior. We anticipate the coming of Jesus in our walk of faith everyday.

Throughout Advent, take time to gather your family for prayer and to help others, especially those who have less. Today, many families are struggling with just the basic needs of everyday life. Contribute generously to the Coat Collection, TOYJOY, St. Vincent de Paul, & the Giving Tree this Advent season.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Peaceful New Year.

Yours in Christ,

### ADVENT PRAYER

Place an Advent Wreath or just a single candle on a table and light it each night during Advent and pray the following prayer together.

Lord our God,

We praise you for your son, Jesus. He is Emmanuel, the hope of all people, the Savior of every nation.

Let your light shine upon us and everyone.

May this light be a sign of Christ's promise. AMEN

### Advent Service Projects

- T.O.Y J.O.Y Collection**  
New or Slightly Used Toys  
Now thru Mon., Dec. 8
- Coat Collection**  
Now thru Nov. 30
- Nickel and Dime Collection**
- Giving Tree**
- 5th Grade Class**

**Faith Formation  
Fall Activities**

St. Vincent DePaul  
Grandparent Day  
Catechetical Sunday  
Guardian Angel  
Living Rosary  
Pro-Life Mass  
All Saints Day  
Rite of Enrollment  
Thanksgiving Mass



Fr. Jim visited the class on his day-off to answer questions. The class enjoyed the visit and appreciate him taking the time to be with them.

Mrs. Lampe will be calling Parents & Grandparents for assistance in her 20th annual painting of wooden nativity objects beginning after Thanksgiving.

Call

**Thanksgiving Food  
Collection November. 27  
At  
Thanksgiving Day Mass-9:00AM**



### Web- Cites

- www.faithfirst.com
- www.domestic-church.com
- www.catholic-mom.com
- www.Myfriendmagazine.com
- www.plfaum.com
- www.catholicculture.org
- www.sermons4kids.com
- www.findinggod.org

### 52 Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith” By Jim Campbell Loyola Press

Parents,  
Need ideas to share your Faith with your children.  
Check out this book. It covers various topics.  
Holidays, Media School, Relationship, Family  
Social Concerns, Morality, Church & Faith, etc.

Excerpts- **#44 Celebrating Christmas Well**  
Faith Theme- Jesus birth teaches us about humility  
And finding God in unexpected places.

Teachable Moments- Family Traditions, TV programs  
Starting the Conversation-  
Helping to Connect—Bible Reading suggestions  
What the Church says about the topic. & Prayer Moment

### Advent Home Activities

- Make an Advent wreath (see blessing page 1)
- Make or purchase an Advent Calendar (See back page)
- Contribute to the T.O.Y. J.O.Y. & Nickel & Dime Collection
- Celebrate St. Nicholas Day—Dec. 6 (put shoes or a stockings out the night before and place a small gift or candy in them.)
- Celebrate the Eucharist together Sat-4:00 PM, Sun.- 9:00AM.
- Display a Jesse Tree ( see me or go to web-cites.)
- Use the Bible by discussing the Questions of the Week
- Set up a nativity set and move the figures around the house as they travel on their journey to Bethlehem during Advent.
- Participate in the activities that are taking place during the FF school year. ( See Dates to Remember)
- Children Grades K-8 may participate in the Christmas Eve 4:00 Mass in various roles ( forms are out).
- Give generously to the special collections: TOY JOY, COAT COLLECION, GIVING TREE, ST. VINCENT de PAUL, ETC.



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**  
from  
**St. Boniface FF Staff**

### Youth Ministry News

**Winter Activities for Jr. High**  
Caroling—Sunday, Dec. 7 6-8PM  
Feb. 1— Souperbowl Collection

**Winter Activities for Sr. High**  
**Meeting—Sunday, Nov. 23**  
Discuss Ski trip for Feb. 7-8  
Must attend meeting to go.

Feb. 1—Blessing of Drivers  
March 28-29—Youth Convention