PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

St. Catherine of Siena Newsletter December 4, 2018

WEEKLY REFLECTION!

We are entering this advent season, which is a spiritual preparation for the coming of Our Lord. We are also celebrating The Immaculate Conception this week. Mary is the first disciple of Christ. God chose Her to be the new Eve. A woman free from sin. She was called to be the Mother of Jesus! She was willing to say yes, but it did not come without hardships. She had to give birth under harsh circumstances, was forced to flee from her home in fear of her child's life, and knew her Son would suffer from persecution. It was for-seen Her heart would be pierced. Mary understood a mother's love and pain for their child. During the Wedding of Cana, Mary says, "Do whatever He tells you." She is still calling us to do whatever He tells us. Take some time this Advent to contemplate what Jesus, Our Lord, is asking of you.

Important Items

- December 4: Toy Drive & Christmas program
- December 6: Band Concert at SMCC
- December 8: School & Parish Honor Your Mother Procession & Holy Day of obligation
- December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Skit & Haiti Sale
- December 15: Junior High Service Project with Mary's Ministry's
- December 18: School & Parish Posada's

Curriculum

- Classes are designing art work to send to Seminarian's.
- St. Nicolas' Feast Day is the 6th. Grades K-5 will gather to watch a brief movie about his life and his generosity.
- This months Virtue in Practice is Generosity. This advent season, go out of your way to model generosity as a family.

Saints of the Week:

December 3: St. Francis Xavier
"It is impossible to find a saint who did not take the two P's seriously: prayer and penance."

December 6: St. Nicholas *We are called to look deeper at our approach to material goods and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need.*

December 7: St. Ambrose
"It is better thing to save souls for the Lord than to save treasures. He who sent forth His apostles without gold had not need of gold to form His Church. The Church possesses gold, not to hoard, but to scatter abroad and come to the aid of the unfortunate."

December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Pius IX proclaimed: "The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."