

Dear Parents,

Our work in the atrium continues as we enter the liturgical season of Advent. The first week of Advent begins on December 1st and continues up to the Vigil Mass on December 24th. The Holy Spirit is the teacher in the Atrium as the children prepare their hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Level I (Preschool and Kindergarten)

-Advent Celebration... We want to nurture within the students a sense of deep expectation for the celebration of Our Lord's birth at Christmas. We want to celebrate throughout the year of the Divine mysteries of Christ's birth, life, death, and Resurrection in such a way that the entire year becomes a year of the Lord's grace.

-Messianic Prophecies... The Prophets are those who listened to God and spoke God's clues to the people so they could recognize and enjoy God's Gift when it came. Jesus is the greatest Gift of God.

-Geography... These works prepare the children to enter more fully into the mystery of the Incarnation by introducing the country, regions, and cities of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection: the land of Israel. This shows Jesus as a real person in a particular place, in a particular time in history and this is all part of God's plan.

-Infancy Narratives... Through scripture, we proclaim the events preceding and leading up to the birth of Christ. God's plan unfolds with the children through the use of 3D manipulatives that show the Annunciation, the Visitation, and the Birth of Christ.

Level II (Grades 1-3)

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-Infancy Narratives... We continue to contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation, where we left off in level II, through the use of scripture.

Level III (Grades 4-5)

-Mystery of Faith with Intercessions... At the core of the Christian Faith is the conviction that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. Eucharist proclaims these three moments of our faith- Acts 1:11. This mystery is manifest in Eucharist.

-Call/Vocation of the Prophets... We look at four stories of prophetic call in the Old Testament. God is looking for collaborators to bring about the plan of God. The prophet is servant of the Lord who listens

and speaks God's word to people. God calls diversity of people in many different ways. Often the prophet may not feel ready/worthy- God makes them ready.

-Gifts... To display for students the three main moments of the History of the Kingdom of God in its three main moments: Creation, Redemption, and Parousia.

-Propers... The Mass is comprised of many moments, some of which remain the same every week and some of which change according to the season of Feast (proper to season). Students explore how the Mass is both timeless and celebrated in time.

I invite all parents to visit the Atrium if they wish. If possible, I ask that you set up a time with me, this will give me time to prepare the children for the observation- something that is important to their sense of order and the order of the Atrium. If you have any questions at any time, please stop by and visit or call me at **701 822-3237**: Dione Bohl CGS Coordinator

St. Therese, Church of the Little Flower
Level I, II, III Catechists



*Prepare ye
the Way of
the Lord*

Luke 3:4

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