

# Eagle's Nest News

## St. Joseph Catholic School

We are a Christ-centered community dedicated to empowering students to learn, serve, lead and succeed.



**December 2, 2019**

### ***School Hours:***

**Monday - Thursday  
7:50 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**Friday  
7:50 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

***School Mass* every Friday at 8:15 A.M.  
followed by Adoration. Please join us!**

***Extended care* available at 6:30 every  
school morning and until 6:00 P.M.  
every school day**

### ***School Office Hours:***

**Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 3:30  
Friday 7:30 - 1:00**

***School Phone:* 747-3060**

**215 S. Craycroft Rd. Tucson 85711**

### ***School website:***

<https://saintjosephstucson.weebly.com/>

Dear St. Joseph Families,

Advent, which begins the Church's liturgical year, began Sunday. Advent encompasses the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the celebration of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

One way we celebrate Advent is by putting up an Advent Wreath and lighting candles each week. Each classroom has an Advent wreath and Advent calendar. We have an Advent wreath in the church. We will have felt candles on the pillars in the courtyard.

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

I have a very open door policy! Please never hesitate to call, email, or come to my office. I have a strong commitment to Catholic education and the importance of Catholic schools. I am committed to creating a community of faith, compassion, respect, and collaboration.

Peace and joy,

**Mrs. Van Loan, Principal**

## Mark your calendar:

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Join us for Mass at 8:15 followed by Adoration – white Mass shirt

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - Safe Environment Education Session 10 AM – see details below

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – School spelling bee – classroom teachers will let you know the details of their classroom competitions leading up to the 11<sup>th</sup>. More details for the school spelling bee coming soon!

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> – Parish Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration – see details below

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Program in the church – 6 PM – watch for details

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Mass – wear white shirt - 12:30 dismissal **NO ESD** – Christmas break begins

Third grade is sponsoring a used toy and stuffed animal drive for the holidays. We are asking for donations of lightly used toys, games, and stuffed animals to go to the Diocese of Nogales, Mexico. We cannot accept new things, just lightly used. We will have a box outside the third grade room, one in the office, one by Kindergarten, and one by the junior high rooms to drop off your donations. If you have any large empty boxes to donate, please send them to school as soon as possible. **The toy drive will end on December 6th.** Please help us send lots of toys to children in Mexico and help make their Christmas a little brighter!



**St. Joseph Catholic Parish**  
215 S. Craycroft Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85711

SCHEDULE | HORARIO

**December 3-10, 2019**  
7:00pm **Novena**  
In the Parish Church/ En la Iglesia

**December 11, 2019**  
11:00pm **Vigil Mass / Misa Vigilia**

**December 12, 2019**  
6:00pm **Procession begins /  
Empleza la Procesión**  
Todd M Harris (formerly Golf Links Park)  
2400 S. Craycroft Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85711

8:00pm (Approximately) **Mass / Misa**  
In the Parish Church / En la Iglesia

**ANNUAL PROCESSION  
IN HONOR OF**  
*Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
**DECEMBER 12, 2019**

GRAN PROCESIÓN ANUAL EN HONOR DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

A traditional painting of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, wearing a blue mantle with white stars and a white robe with gold trim. She is shown in a prayerful pose with her hands clasped.

**Advent Prayer**

4, 3, 2, 1... Count the weeks  
til Jesus comes.

Each week we add another light.  
Our hope for Jesus growing bright.  
We pray, we share, we do our part...  
to welcome Jesus to our heart!

A hand-drawn illustration featuring four lit candles numbered 1 through 4, arranged around a central heart. The candles are decorated with greenery and small flowers. The heart is also decorated with greenery and a small bow.

A Safe Environment Education Training session has been scheduled for **Saturday December 7th at 10:00 am to 12 noon** in the St. Francis Room. This is an opportunity for those who have not been able to attend during the week. **Keep in mind that you need this training in order to volunteer or work in any capacity with our church and school.** It is important that you see this as a priority and adjust your schedules to meet this requirement. St. Joseph Parish (church & school) is dedicated to keeping our children, young people, vulnerable and the elderly safe.

If you have any questions please contact Eileen Kuns by calling the Parish Office.

**LOST AND FOUND** – Please check the coat rack outside the office for lost items. Please put your child's name on all items.