

## FALCON NEWS

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Dear St. Joseph Families,

Cold weather and early sunsets tend to lead us to burrow in our house and retreat from the busyness of the world. You could even say that online shopping has encouraged such behavior. If we are created in the image and likeness of God, as Genesis states, we are created beings that desire community. God himself states that "It is not good for man to be alone." While it is slightly out of context, it is still the desire of our hearts to live in community as our God, the Trinity does so.

Instead of retreating to the sofa under a blanket for the next three weeks, take a look at the newsletter and prayerfully consider the many options to celebrate this season with the St. Joseph School and Church community-even in the Diocese of Shreveport! Remember, there are actually 4 Weeks of this faith-filled journey of Advent that lead us to the Love of Christ found at Christmas, and each week is itself a gift- Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Take a moment and peruse the newsletter and see how you can plug in. There literally is something for everyone! Need a night out to shop and run errands? Take 3 opportunities to do so while your children receive faith-based instruction at Nativity Nights! Need a fun night out with other SJS moms? Take a look at Tuesday Night's PTO event! Want your kid to have the most amazing Christmas experience? Pancakes with Santa is one of the best traditions at SJS! Love gumbo or looking to show off your culinary skills? Look no further than the upcoming St. Nick's feast! Want to support vocations and have a great time? The annual Priests vs Seminarians basketball game is right around the corner! DON'T FORGET! NIGHT 2 of the Parish Mission is TONIGHT at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Let us celebrate the season and journey of Advent together! St. Joseph, pray for us.



HOPE: IST WEEK OF ADVENT

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

TUE, 12/2- 3:05-4:415 LCP TUTORING 5:30 PTO MOM'S NIGHT OUT!

WED, 12/3 8:!5 K3-8<sup>™</sup> SCHOOL MASS

THU, 12/4 3:05-4:15 LCP TUTORING

FRI, 12/5 SPIRIT SHIRT DAY 5PM-8PM NATIVITY NIGHTS

SAT, 12/6 8AM-11AM PANCAKES WITH SANTA IN GYM!

MON, 12/8 8:15 MASS OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

SAT, 12/13 11AM PRIESTS V SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME (LOYOLA GYM)

THU, 12/18 8:30 AM SJS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!

FRI, 12/19 ½ DAY POLAR EXPRESS DAY DISMISSAL AT NOON

TUE, 1/6/26 RETURN FROM CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A FALCON!

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## SINCERITY

**ALSO CALLED:** 

Genuineness

#### **DEFINITION:**

Trustfulness in words and actions; honesty and enthusiasm towards otherss

#### **PRAYER:**

Dear Jesus, please give me the grace to be honest in all my words and actions. When someone is speaking, give me the patience to listen attentively.

#### **LOOKS LIKE:**

Talking to others and letting them get to know you

#### **SOUNDS LIKE:**

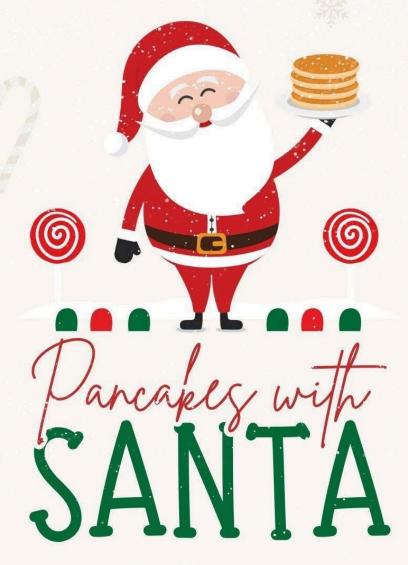
Let me be honest with you...
This is what I like...



#### ST. PETER CLAVER

There was an active slave trade in Latin America when Peter arrived there from Spain in 1610. Calling himself the "slave of slaves," Peter would meet each slave ship as it arrived so he could provide the slaves with food and medicine. He expressed his sincere love by trying to help each person with his immediate needs and then telling him or her about the love of Jesus. Peter strove to help all retain their human dignity. His sincerity melted the slaves' hearts, and many were converted to Christianity.

St. Joseph Catholic School Presents



Saturday, December 6th

8 am - 11 am SJS Gym

\$10 per person, children 2 & under free Includes breakfast, Santa pictures, & lots of fun activities

Christmas pajamas encouraged!

givebutter.com/pancakeswithsanta25





The National Elementary Honor Society is hosting a

for Catholic Charities of North Louisiana

What to Donate?

Diapers (any size) and Baby Wipes Where to Donate?

Box at each carpool or to Mrs. Farrington and Ms. Gootee

BY DECEMBER 12

# NATIVITY

#### 5:00 - 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, DEC. 5<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY, DEC. 12<sup>TH</sup>

FRIDAY, DEC. 19<sup>TH</sup>



**GAMES** 

CRAFTS ·

FOOD FAITH



### **REGISTERING NOW!**

Register early to be guaranteed a shirt

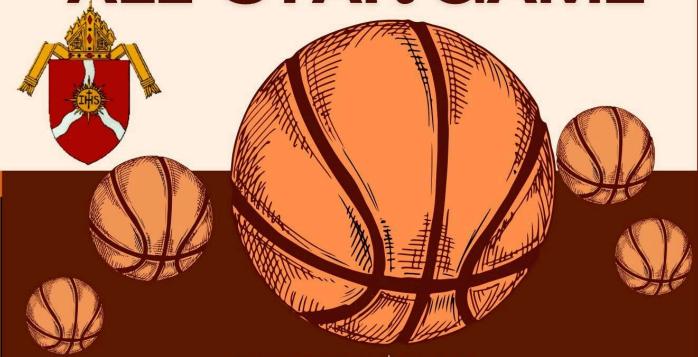
GAMES, ACTIVITIES, AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS TO ENJOY WHILE ENGAGING IN THE TRUE MEANING OF THE SEASON

Open to children kindergarten through 5th grade

Registration and more info at www.stjosephchurch.net







**TICKETS \$5.00** 

**FREE FOR CHILDREN 12 & UNDER** 

## DECEMBER 13TH

Tip-off 11 am Loyola College Prep Gym

All funds raised support our seminarians!

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Have a Roux? We need you!

SIGN UP TO COMPETE IN THE ST. NICK'S FEAST GUMBO COOK-OFF PRIZES AWARDED!

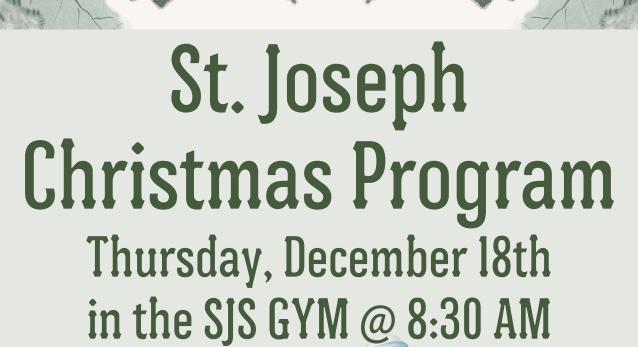
Saturday, December 13th 5:00 - 8:00 pm

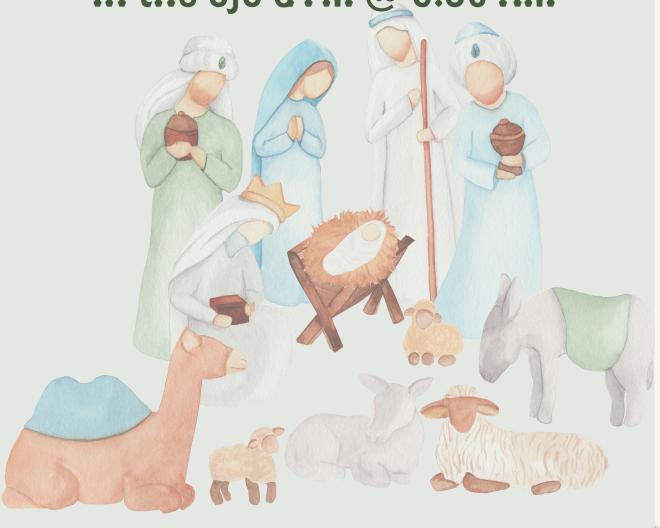


Join us for St. Nick's Feast with St. Nick, a live nativity, pony rides, train ride, inflatables, gumbo and more!

Details at stjosephchurch.net or scan the QR code







\*\*<u>ALL GRADES</u> SHOULD WEAR CHRISTMAS BEST
(JEANS OKAY/NO TACKY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS OR
GRAPHIC TEES) <u>FOLLOW HANDBOOK GUIDELINES</u>\*\*