



OMPH School Scene

Preparing Our Children for Advent

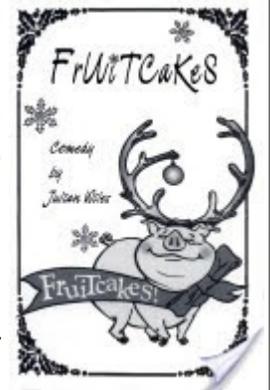


As we enter the season of Advent, we begin to prepare for the birth of our Lord. This four week journey provides us with opportunities to reach out to others. Our theme for the Advent season is "Jesus – God's Greatest Gift to Us Through Mary". The children are learning that one simple action can affect another person's life. When Mary said yes to God's plan, her life and our lives were changed forever. Her love and devotion to her newborn son radiated for all the world to see. Mary's life was spent helping Jesus fulfill his destiny, to give up his life so we may all share in the Kingdom of Heaven. During Advent, our children experience various signs and symbols that remind us of this season of waiting. Our students learn about Jesus' ancestors and the events leading to his birth. Each day an ornament of Jesus' ancestry is placed on the Jesse Tree as it tells the continuing story. Every Monday afternoon at 1:00 pm, our children participate in the Advent Wreath ceremony in church. St. Nicholas will visit the school children in their classes on his feast day, December 6th. He will share the story of his own journey and later leave a special treat in the children's shoes. As the Advent season nears the end, the third grade will perform "Little Tiny Miracle," a special program depicting the Nativity, at the close of our school Mass on December 22nd. The school community invites you to share in any of our Advent activities!

OMPH School Presents:

Fruitcakes

The OMPH School 8th grade class, along with members of the school choir and siblings of our 8th grade students, will present their annual Christmas



Play on December 5th and 6th in the Bernardine Center. *Fruitcakes*, written by Julian Wiles, will be directed by Music Teacher, Mrs. Rineer. The OMPH School ORFF group, under the guidance of Mrs. Gochnauer, will also perform prior to the play. Show times are 1:00 pm on December 5th and 6:30 pm on December 6th, and all are welcome to attend! A free will offering will be accepted at the door, with proceeds benefitting the OMPH School Music Department. Join us for some holiday warmth and Christmas cheer!

MCA Dress Down Day

One of our students' favorite fundraisers allows them to contribute financially to the Missionary Childhood Association and earn a dress down pass. But it's not just any dress down day, it's an OMPH School Spirit Day! On November 15th, our halls were filled with students showing their school spirit in OMPH sweatshirts, t-shirts, and wearing the OMPH blue and white! Thank you to all who contributed!



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