



The Leprechaun Post is the Notre Dame Parish School student newspaper produced monthly and published in the parish bulletins. The paper is written by the 7th and 8th graders.

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Our Thankful Hearts

Students and teachers at Notre Dame are thankful for many things! Students are thankful for parents that make hard choices and sacrifices to send them to Catholic school. Students are thankful for teachers that work with them and help them learn. They are thankful to be in a school where they are free to practice their religion and follow Jesus. They are happy to have friends and families that love and support them. Notre Dame students are thankful for Father Ed and the things he teaches them in Mass and when he visits the classrooms. Everyone at Notre Dame is thankful for the people who donate their money and time to help our school succeed and thrive!

#Thankful

All Saints' Day, November 1, 2016

On November 1, 2016, the day after Halloween, Notre Dame students attended an all-school Mass for All Saints' Day, which is a holy day of obligation. The 8th graders proclaimed the readings and led the prayers. Our remembrance of the saints fits in perfectly with Thanksgiving, as we are thankful for their examples and intercession on our behalf.

All Saints' Day



They will receive blessings from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation. Psalm 24:5

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Here at Notre Dame, many in our parish and school are very blessed and have enough to eat during the Holidays. It is important, especially this time of year, to take time to consider the poor who go hungry. Notre Dame students are participating in the Parish food drive during November. There are collection bins on every floor of the school and in the Early Learning Center. The third graders have been making and hanging posters all over the school to advertise the food drive. Also, the third graders have been helping Mrs. Molis with afternoon prayer and announcements to encourage students to support the food drive. All of the collected food will help local charities: St. Anthony of Padua and Father Ed Judy's house.



Kindergarten helps collect food at the ELC

Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 23

Every year, the school students and staff celebrate an all-school liturgy on the day before Thanksgiving. Then everyone has the afternoon off to spend time with their families. This year, the third grade will present the Mass. They are working hard to memorize readings, prayers, and songs to share. Also, our Mass this year will be honoring first responders. Please join the students and families at 9:15am in the church on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.



Veterans' Day: November 11, 2016

The thanksgiving theme of the month is the perfect time to remember all of those who serve our country. Because of their service, we have the freedom to attend a Catholic school and practice our religion. We have free speech and so much more. Many classes did projects to commemorate the day. Kindergarten made flags, and the third grade wrote letters to veterans. On Monday, November 14, 2016, the Notre Dame Knights of Columbus dressed in their finest regalia and shared a Flag Ceremony with the students. The ceremony included the 4th graders who helped hold flags and do readings about the history of our country's most visible symbol. At the end, all of the students joined the Knights in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The school choir led the assembly in the National Anthem.



4th graders and the Knights of Columbus

Advent at Notre Dame

The Church's liturgical year begins anew on November 27, 2016, which is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season of anticipation and preparation leading to celebration of Christmas. Advent lasts for four Sundays, each represented by a candle on the advent wreath. There are three purple candles which symbolize prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The rose colored candle represents rejoicing and is used on the third Sunday of Advent, showing that Christmas is close. To learn more about Advent and to explore some of the devotions and traditions of the season, please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) online at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/>



During Advent, Notre Dame School celebrates in many ways. Every classroom has an Advent wreath and there are special prayers and activities throughout the time. We are also introducing a new student weekly mass as the Church's liturgical year begins. Beginning on Friday, December 2, 2016, students attend weekly Mass on Fridays at 1:50pm with Father Ed. The classes will take turns proclaiming the readings, leading songs, and presenting the gifts. All are welcome to join these liturgies.

Mark Your Calendar for these Advent Celebrations

Thursday, December 1 at 6pm - Advent Program in the Church

Join the 2nd, 4th, and 6th graders as they decorate a Jesse tree and take us on a journey through our Church's history. We prepare for Christmas by singing traditional and original songs, and proclaiming scripture readings.

Thursday, December 8 at 9:15am - All School Liturgy in the Church

Celebrate Mass with us for the holy day of obligation, the Feast of The Immaculate Conception.

Friday, December 9 at 2pm: Las Posadas in the Church

Led by the 8th graders, students and staff reenact the journey of Mary and Joseph that led to our Savior's birth in a manger. With readings and responses in Spanish and English, this is a beautiful connection to our Latino families.

Thursday, December 15 at 6pm - Early Learning Center Christmas Program in the Family Center

What better way to prepare your heart for Christmas than listening to preschool, prekindergarten, and kindergarten students lifting their voices in song? Hear traditional Christmas songs and some new original songs. See all of the children dressed in their holiday best. Stay for cookies and punch after the program.

Staying Healthy this Winter



With the changing weather, we will see more and more of our students and families catching colds, stomach bugs, and the flu. There are many things we can do to keep ourselves and our families healthy! Hand washing, eating well, and getting enough sleep can all help keep our bodies healthy! Remember, if you do get sick, be sure to take care of yourself, and visit your doctor if needed!

New Lego Robotics Club Needs your help!

Notre Dame is starting up a Lego Robotics club! If you have any Legos you are able to donate, please bring them to the school office or to Mr. Higgins' classroom. Thanks!

